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In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.
Psalms 56

A Message from the Publisher

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The end of last year and throughout this current year we have faced the loss and transition of immediate family members and close friends. With those event it has consumed a large amount of time and focus away from our publication. This is not an excuse however, we are restructuring to ensure we are able to meet this assignment that has been placed in our capable hands. So that will not be a void of time.

Continue to pray for this publication that we can continue to be of good service to God's people.



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Understanding the Whys

Dr. C.A. Dangerfield II

Denial of access and knowledge that is where hidden skeletons of history that will always reveal many uncovered truths that were meant to be erased, in order not to show and enlighten to actual events and details. This would further unmask denied facts that will actually provide clarity to current situations and circumstances completely changing the narrative as we have been led to believe.

The details demonstrate continual patterns of behavior when not initially dealt with, creates generational curses which has been provided access to weaken the foundational principles of family structure until identified and corrected at its very root.

How can this be you may ask? This tactic has been deployed against family, governments and nations for centuries and a majority of time goes unchecked and halted but continues to wreak havoc on generations. It's quite simple the application of divide and conquer. Eliminating the one side of a story with a convincing narrative from one perspective creating an opportunity to overshadow all of the facts that would show things in a different light as well as how they truly were. Creating a situation where others become complacent to the generated story and strategies depicted. Therefore, validating and masking a lie that eventually becomes difficult to keep up with.

So, the truth becomes a hidden skeleton of facts hopefully to be completely forgotten. But one day a sliver of truth emerges and details which were overlooked draw out questions for clarity and understanding of an event uncovering initial evidence that would have brought truth to the surface earlier.

Now the manipulated facts start to be uncovered and so much deception and distractions that were applied don't make commonsense. So now the curiosity about the actual events re-emerges bringing forth more questions regarding the initial narrative which was given. Because now someone is paying attention to the details which provides the complete facts of the story. Within the uncovered facts light is shown on the tactical patterns which has created a generational curse and unwarranted scares and pain in many directions.

Unfortunately, this goes on daily robbing time and relationships until it is repaired. Then the actual healing process can take place, and other vital information can be obtained. Remember always there are three sides to every story yours, theirs and truth representing God's and He will always prevail. We may think we got away with something. But God sees, hears and He remembers. Two scriptures to look up and read, Luke 12:3 and Ecclesiastes 12:14. Then to understand everything Isaiah 55:11

“So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.”

We are in the Season of Accountability, Truth will now speak to imagined power, because all power belongs to God. He's repairing the breach.

The Silent Erosion.

Dr. C.A. Dangerfield II

The silent erosion of the family and that which God intended for strength. If we would just take the opportunity to get into God's Word especially the book of Proverbs and gain some comprehension of the wisdom that is provided. You would actually challenge yourself on how you navigate through various interactions in life when God's instructions are right there.

Let me just point out one key area. The Lord teaches about unity being a strength in life and even in our prayer lives. "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5:16 KJV However, the enemy deploys the tactic very effectively of divide and conquer by eliminating effective communication. Instituting deception as a means of control which stirs unnecessarily strife because we don't apply God's principles effectively because we have become some emotionally challenged and blinded to truth that is literally in front of us.

Therefore, we are also robbed of time and eventually truth does emerge to the top. What ones could have been a fruitful relationship has been delayed and many blessings robbed, halted or destroyed. Because one's ability to effectively hear and see has literally been hijacked. Years and decades have passed. We have to learn to focus on scriptures, the promises of God and truly trust His Word. In order to that we must study with diligence and determination. Silencing the stereotypes of mankind when he is not quoting the Word of God.

If you were to hear or read this passage of scripture found in Jeremiah 29:11 what would be your takeaway. "For I know the thoughts I think towards you saith the Lord thoughts of peace and not of evil to give you an expected end." Think on that for a moment does it sound as though God's intent is to infect anything negative upon. Where has our trust gone. How actually strong is our relationship with Him. Is it just an acquaintance where it becomes, I know of Him, but I don't actually and truly know Him. I only communicate whenever I want or need something. Because everyone and everything around me gets all my attention.

So, with that the understanding and knowledge of His Word is a benefit of our relationship with Him because it teaches us how to communicate and feel His presence after all He did give us life. Then we wouldn't possess such a nonchalant relationship. Our relationship and understanding of "Thy Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our pathways" would be more noticeable within our atmosphere and daily life. We would then stay closer and not get caught up with the things of this world.

All of this that I'm stating and sharing is to allow us, myself included to keep a consistent assessment on our relationship with God and realize when we allow distractions to grab our focus. Remember that He stated He would never leave us or forsake us. It is we who have turned our head and attention towards something that doesn't measure up.

There is a shift towards healing within the atmosphere, and we all have to put in the effort to gain the benefits that come with it. Study Hebrews 12th chapter and gain the understanding of God's love for us. Be blessed in the mighty name of Jesus (Yeshua). Stand on His Word.

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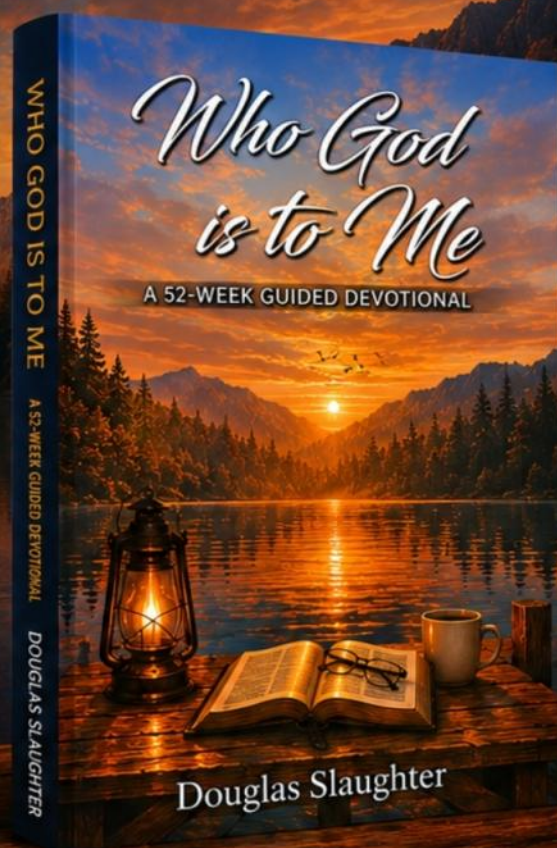
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The Season of Accountability

Galatians 6:4-5

by Pastor, Diane Harvell

“But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. For every man shall bear his own burden.”

Accountability is the willingness to take responsibility for our words, our actions, our decisions, and the consequences that follow them. It means being honest with ourselves, with others, and, most importantly, with God. Accountability requires us to look beyond making excuses, blaming others, or pretending that our actions have no consequences. Instead, it challenges us to acknowledge when we are wrong, learn from our mistakes, make the necessary corrections, and strive to do better.

As Christians, accountability is not simply a principle of good character; it is a biblical responsibility. God calls us to live with integrity, honesty, humility, and a willingness to accept correction. We cannot grow spiritually if we are unwilling to examine our own behavior. We cannot expect to build healthy relationships if we refuse to acknowledge how our words and actions affect others. Likewise, we cannot expect to become the people God has called us to be if we continually avoid responsibility for our choices.

It is easy to point fingers at others when something goes wrong. It is easy to explain why someone else is responsible for our failures or shortcomings. However, spiritual maturity requires us to examine our own hearts before criticizing the hearts of others.

Jesus teaches us this principle in Matthew 7:3-5, where He speaks about recognizing the beam in our own eye before attempting to remove the mote from our brother's eye. In other words, before we focus on the faults of others, we must be willing to examine ourselves. This does not mean that we should ignore wrongdoing or remain silent when something is wrong. Rather, it means that we should approach others with humility, recognizing that we, too, need God's grace, correction, and direction.

I believe, one of the most important aspects of accountability is understanding that we are accountable to God. People may not always see what we do, hear what we say, or understand the motives behind our decisions, but God sees all of it. He knows our hearts, our intentions, and the choices we make when no one else is watching.

Accountability before God calls us to live honestly, treat people fairly, keep our promises, and walk in obedience to His Word. When we fall short, we should not run away from God in shame or attempt to justify our behavior. Instead, we should come before Him with a repentant heart, asking for forgiveness, wisdom, and the strength to change.

First John 1:9 says, **“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”**

God's willingness to forgive does not eliminate our responsibility to acknowledge our wrongdoing. Rather, His forgiveness gives us the opportunity to repent, receive His grace, and begin again. True repentance involves more than saying we are sorry; it includes a sincere desire to turn away from wrongdoing and pursue what is right.

Accountability also plays an essential role in our relationships with family, friends, coworkers, church members, and the communities in which we live. Every relationship requires some degree of responsibility. Our words can encourage or discourage. Our actions can build trust or destroy it. Our decisions can bring peace or create unnecessary conflict.

When we hurt someone, accountability requires us to acknowledge the harm we have caused rather than dismissing the person's feelings. It means offering a sincere apology without adding excuses that shift the blame. It means being willing to make things right whenever possible and demonstrating through our future behavior that we are committed to doing better.

For example, saying, "I'm sorry you feel that way," may avoid acknowledging personal responsibility. A more accountable response would be, "I recognize that my words hurt you. I was wrong to speak that way, and I sincerely apologize. I will work on responding differently in the future. "There is a difference between feeling sorry because we have been caught and feeling genuine remorse because we recognize that we have done something wrong.

Accountability calls for the latter. When someone says that I have offended them, I have learned to say, "I am sorry I hurt or offended you," rather than, **"IF I OFFENDED YOU...."** The latter holds no accountability at all. Therefore, my presentation may come across as cold or insensitive.

Ephesians 4:25 says, **"Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another."** Honesty is essential to accountability. We cannot build lasting trust on dishonesty, manipulation, or half-truths. When we accept responsibility for our behavior, we demonstrate respect for others and a commitment to maintaining relationships built on truth.

To me, the most important, role of accountability must also be practiced with **love**. It should not become a weapon used to shame, embarrass, control, or condemn others. Godly accountability seeks correction, restoration, and growth. It allows us to speak the truth while maintaining compassion and respect. Galatians 6:1 says: **"Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted."**

This Scripture reminds us that when someone makes a mistake, our goal should be **restoration rather than humiliation**. We must remember that we are all capable of making poor decisions and that we all need grace. Correcting someone with humility allows us to address wrongdoing without forgetting our own need for God's mercy.

And finally, when we take accountability seriously, we **honor God**, strengthen our relationships, build trust, and create opportunities for a lasting change. We may not be able to change yesterday's decisions, but with God's help, we can take responsibility today and make wiser choices tomorrow.

II Corinthians 13:14, **"May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you (us) all."**

Amen!

As people, we have this funny belief system that we work with. If we have done something and seen the results with our own eyes, we acknowledge that we believe it is good, or it doesn't work, or it won't work. For many years, our beliefs have been based on our parents' beliefs, our grandparents' beliefs, or the beliefs of those with whom we have had a relationship, etc. For many of us, we acknowledge a God in whom we have no relationship. We walk on stories and testimonies of other people. Don't get me wrong, it's a good thing to embrace the testimony of others concerning God, because what they are saying is that, because of faith, they have seen what God can do.

St. Luke 8:25 — ²⁵*And he said unto them, Where is your faith? And they being afraid wondered, saying one to another, What manner of man is this! for he commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey him.*”

It's A Faith Thing

Apostle Ella Alexander

Let us find out where we stand according to the Word of God. The question that Jesus asked was, “Where is your faith?” We see that the people couldn't give him an answer. They talked amongst themselves concerning Jesus, but they never gave him a response because they didn't know where their faith was. People must understand that faith doesn't work due to the physical things we can see and touch. Have you noticed or even taken heed to the spirit of sickness? We can't see cancer. The doctors have to go inside the body and perform all sorts of tests and use all sorts of instruments that will give an image of something that they have identified as cancer. We can't see AIDS. We can't see diabetes or heart disease. All of those sicknesses take place in the spirit realm. It is not until we believe in the spirit that it takes place within the body. The spirit of the sickness is within a place that the natural eye can't see alone. Just as those spirits find a place to take root, so should our faith. Without a proper understanding of faith, we are lost. The Word tells us in Hebrews 11:1 that “*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*” Not last year. Not last month or last week. Not even yesterday. It says now faith. This present moment. Faith is Present and ready to be used. Do we see faith? NO. Do we see the wind? No. Have any of us ever been to the center of the earth? NO. Now some people believe in aliens and life on other planets. Well all I can say to them is: if there be any aliens amongst us, let us give them the Word of God that they may be saved. Hallelujah. Praise God.

Faith according to the Word of God, in which we are to believe says, “*NOW Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*” I know that we all have seen the commercials on TV that show a person who is on a diet and they have the before and after pictures. Well, faith is like that. Faith is the substance, which is before the evidence of the picture, which is the result. It is the beginning picture. The evidence of faith comes after the substance. It is the result of the things that we had hoped for.

So, where is your faith today? We can stand in front of many people and say that we believe, but God, who sees all, will tell us about our faith in Him.

As we see in the scripture above, Jesus asks another question concerning faith. He says, *How is it that ye have no faith?* But the first question He asked them was, *“Why are ye so fearful?”* Fear will cause us not to believe. Remember, God allowed us to understand fear as a paralyzing spirit and a lie. Fear was the reason they didn’t believe. What happened to their faith? I know we can all look back on our lives and see the many times we lost faith. We can say, What happened to my faith back then? Why didn’t I believe God? When it comes to God it will always be a faith thing.

Is Faith hard to get? No, because the scripture tells us that God has given every man a measure of faith. Now, what we do with that faith is up to us. We can build it, or we can allow the world to kill it.

The reason I stress faith is that when it comes to Christ everything has to do with faith. His parables dealt with faith. To believe that He is the Christ, the Son of the living God, requires faith. To believe that Jesus sent us a Helper, it takes faith. The Holy Spirit is revealed when we believe. So IT’S A FAITH THING.

Our new life in Christ is based on faith, and everything that manifests from our new life is because of faith. Our understanding of the Word of God, the revealing of the love of God, our healing is because of faith. The many blessings that we receive and our prayer life is because of Faith in Christ.

Although many of us claim to have faith...God says differently in Deuteronomy 32:20 — *“And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end shall be: for they are a very froward generation, children in whom is no faith.”*

Now God says that there is NO FAITH in these children. None. What happened to their faith? More personally put, what happened to your faith? Ask yourself, am I one of the faithless children of God? Am I one who speaks one thing, but doesn’t believe in the other? Am I one of the children who believes that there is a God, yet believes that when we die, we are going to come back in the form of a dog, cat, monkey, giraffe, or bird? Am I one of those children? Am I One that doesn’t believe in the very God that created us in His image and after His likeness? Am I one who doubts the power of God or the Heaven in which He resides because I have not seen with my own eyes? Am I one of those who believes that just because a person has been on drugs for the majority of their life, there is no hope for them? There are so many things in our lives that we place before God, in whom we say we believe.

When we come to the realization and understand that we are having a problem believing in God, we need to go to Him, because He has the answer to why we can’t believe in certain things pertaining to Him.

Matthew 13:58—*“And he did not many mighty works there because of their **unbelief**.”*

The Word of God plainly says that Jesus didn't do many mighty works in the place where He was because of the people's unbelief. They refused to believe. We can't afford not to believe in Jesus or the very works that He has done, is doing, is going to do in the lives of His people. It is too costly for us not to believe. We want to be able to see the MIGHTY works of God, but have not seen yet. He has demonstrated some of His power in our lives, but we are far from seeing the mighty works of God; especially if we don't believe.

When we fail to believe God, we have to pray and repent for our unbelief. Mark 9:24 - *"And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine **unbelief**."*

That man knew deep in his heart that he believed, but something was keeping him from believing completely. A whole-hearted belief was not there. So he said, Lord, I believe. He acknowledges Jesus as his Lord and confessed his belief, but he also knew that his faith wasn't yet whole-hearted.

Now, as believers, we have to correct the problem when the Holy Spirit reveals it to us. If someone comes to you and gives you a testimony about God working in their life, but because of their past life, you can't find it in your heart to believe them, you need to go to God and say God, I believe that you are able, but help my unbelief. So many times, we choose not to believe because of who the person is, or how the person may live. An unsaved person can come to church one Sunday and just because he didn't go up for the altar call and give his life to God doesn't mean that he didn't do it on his way home. God could have spoken to him. How do we know that God did not lead him to the scriptures we so faithfully give to an unbeliever? You know the famous two scriptures. Romans 10:9,10 *"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth **confession is made** unto salvation."* God can lead him into His word Himself. The sinner can confess to God without a pastor needing to be there. So if he comes to church the next Sunday and testifies to giving his life to the Lord, we should rejoice and allow God to do the rest, because it's a faith thing.

For every bit of unbelief that is within us, know that there is a remedy. God has all the bases covered concerning our walk and belief in Him. People love to quote Romans 10:9-10, but they need to back that car up one block and see what is before blocks 9 and 10. Romans 10:8 says, *But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;*" What the scripture is saying is that there is enough faith residing on the inside of us because of the Word of God, which gives life. It is enough to force out any unbelief. As long as we have heard the preached or taught word of God, if we have received it, then it is in our mouth and in our heart, the Word of Faith.

There are different kinds of faith and the Bible speaks of little faith in Matthew 6:30—*"Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?"* Some of us only have

enough faith to believe that God exists, but we can't believe that God will take care of us. He will provide food, clothes, shelter, protection and plus give us favor with people. He is a provider, but we must have faith to believe that He will provide. Little faith. All we need is a little faith to believe that God is able.

Another kind of faith that is mentioned in the scriptures is STRONG Faith. Romans 4:20- "*He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God.*" This scripture refers to the faith of Abraham and the promise that God made to him. So in spite how old Abraham and Sarah were and we all know that now when we get a certain age our womb is no longer able to bear a child. Am I right women? I know that ya'll agreeing with me. But the scripture before that says that Abraham was not weak in faith. He believed the very promise of God. He took God at his word and didn't waver.

We must stay in the word so that we can go from no faith to little faith. If that little faith is weak, we have to build ourselves up in our most holy FAITH. What we read in the Word of God, we must believe. Amen.

There is more to faith. God is the Increaser when come to our faith. The word of God tells us that we can have great faith. The gospel of Matthew 8 starting at the 8th verse going down to the 10th verse.

⁸The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. ⁹For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. ¹⁰When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

Look at the faith of the centurion. He said, Jesus, you don't have to come in. I have enough faith to believe that if You spoke the Word, my servant shall be healed. He didn't say that he might be or perhaps he would be, he said, he shall be healed just by Jesus speaking. The centurion understood that there was life as well as power in the very words that Jesus spoke. He had faith. Not a little amount, but Jesus said it was great faith. Out of all of the people in Israel, no one came close to the amount of faith that this centurion had in Jesus. I have to keep saying it that you may be encouraged.... It's A Faith Thing.

The Last thing I would like for us to look at is Mustard Seed Faith.

Matthew 17:20—*And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of **mustard seed**, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.*

If anyone has ever seen the size of the mustard seed, they know that this particular seed is extremely small. A mustard seed generally take three to ten days to grow, if it is placed under

the proper conditions. So when we relate faith to the mustard seed, our faith must be planted in the Word of God and promises of God. We already know that the Word of God is powerful, because God spoke and the world came into existence. The Heavens, the stars, the plants, animals, trees, you name it. He spoke and there was life. He spoke and darkness had to flee. He spoke and the demons trembled.

We have to have faith as a grain of mustard seed. The reason we want mustard seed faith is because the days in which the seed grows holds great significance. Faith as a grain of a mustard seed is packed with dynamite! How else are we able to say to this mountain “be thou removed and cast into the sea” and it happens. It is because of faith.

We don't want to be living in Christ year in and year out and still be standing or resting in weak faith. Weak Faith will tell you that you are saved today and because God didn't do something for you the following day, you are not a child of God. Weak faith will have you second guessing your salvation in Christ Jesus. Strong faith will assure you of your salvation. Mustard Seed faith will keep you in Christ and nothing will be able to make you doubt. We go from faith to faith in this life in Christ. That means we grow. Not only is our faith activated, but it is developing to become more stable than when we first started out. Faith takes us from life to death and from death to True Life in Christ. It takes us from the grave into the very presence of God in Heaven.

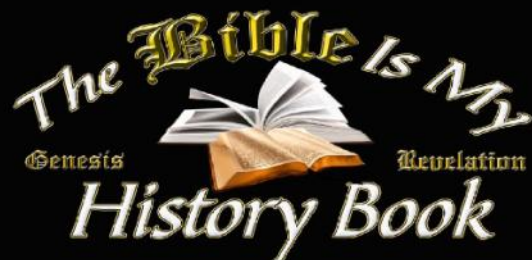
Every day and every night we lay down and we know that we are going to sleep. We also know that we are going to wake up. When we wake up in the morning, we know that we are going to be able to move our limbs, we are going to get out of the bed. We also know that the floor is going to hold us. We get in the shower already knowing that the water is not going to shift and burn us. We get out the shower and dry off, dress ourselves, grab something to eat and head out the door. Stay with me now....Some of us take the elevator and others take the stairs, we get in the elevator believing that we are going to get to the first floor safely. We walk to the edge of the stairs believing that the stairs will not giveaway under our feet. Once we get outside, we believe that we are going to cross the street without any trouble. We get on the bus, in the car or on the train, by faith. The reason I say by faith is because we never question whether or not something else is going to happen outside of what we already believe.

Our faith at work: We look for work, get a job, and agree to work for this person or company for two to three weeks before we even get our first check. When the time comes, they give us a piece of paper stating we are supposed to get paid a certain amount. We take the piece of paper called a check to the bank or the cashier and believe that we are going to get some more paper that is called money. They give us these green pieces of paper and we go to stores believing that we are able to spend the money and get items for it. Not once thinking if the money is real or not. All of that is done by faith. So when it comes to God telling us to believe His word, we should not have a problem. We operate in faith every day. We have enough faith to take us from God may do it for me to God will do it for me. Until we reach the point that we know that God has already done it for me.

My sisters and brothers, remember it is a faith thing. We walk by faith, we live by faith, and we shall reign in Christ by faith, but first we must activate and utilize the gift of faith that God has given to us. Don't go and bury it. Use it for God's glory. I am reminding everyone that God has not called us unto a life of defeat, but of Victory where the Just live by faith.



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— Pastor Mark Dudley

“It always seems impossible until it is done.” — Nelson Mandela

“Impossible is a word to be found only in the dictionary of fools.” — Napoleon Bonaparte

“The only way to discover the limits of the possible is to go beyond them into the impossible.”
— Arthur C. Clarke

Tom Cruise, Daymond John, Richard Branson, and Dustin Hoffman are great men who have achieved success and earned millions of dollars. The one thing they all have in common is that each has been diagnosed with dyslexia, a learning disability. In their biographies, they shared stories of being bullied in school and being called shameful, disrespectful words by classmates and others. That didn't stop them from pursuing their life goals and dreams; now, they are admired by millions of people around the world. They did what others considered impossible for them.

I have been a reader of *Success* magazine; each issue highlights not only the accomplishments of business owners but also outlines the obstacles they overcame. Their stories are a source of encouragement and inspiration for millions of subscribers.

In Matthew 14:24–28, the disciples were on a boat during a great storm. In the distance, they saw Jesus Christ walking on the water. Peter, seeing who it was, asked, “Lord, if it be You, bid me to come.” Jesus answered, “Come.” All Bible teachers know that Peter stepped out and walked on the water until he took his eyes off Jesus; however, the exciting thing is that Peter was willing to get out of the boat and do what looked impossible.

The walk of faith is not for the fearful and hesitant; it is for those who are willing to leave the cubicle of comfort and sameness and go, as James T. Kirk said, “where no man has gone before.” Whenever God gives us an assignment, He's not looking at our bank accounts or the obstacles involved; He's looking at our willingness and obedience to trust Him against all odds. He is well aware of our past mistakes and failures, as well as our present circumstances. He desires for us to believe that He is for us and with us; no matter what it is, His grace will empower us to go forward in faith.

I encourage everyone to take the big leap and believe God for the best in your life.

THE BIG PLUNGE

Pastor Mark Dudley

We all climbed up the steps, excited about getting into the water. Everyone else had done it, and we had watched and applauded, but now it was our turn. The person in front of us leaped and dove into the water with the greatest of ease. It looked easy as we stared down at them while they swam to the surface.

Now, it was our turn. We stepped slowly to the point of either jumping or backing off. Staring down at the water and judging the distance from where we stood, fear suddenly gripped us. Others behind us wondered what was going on. We froze in thought and decided that we couldn't do it; others agreed, so we turned around and made our way back down the steps.

This childhood memory brings relevance to the purpose of this book. How many of us have watched the television program *Biography*? It details the lives of many people we remember and admire. Most came from dysfunctional families and were raised in struggling neighborhoods; some did not have the educational opportunities we have today. What was the turning point that made a notable change in their lives? They took the plunge.

It's easy and exciting to sit down and write a list of daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly goals. We encourage everyone to do so, as even the Word of God tells us in Habakkuk 2:2: "Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it." But things don't change simply because we write them down. This is proven by the number of people who make New Year's resolutions, only to forget most of them within six months.

Life coach and mentor Jim Rohn made this observation: "If you want things to get better, you have to get better. If you want things to change, you have to change." How many of us, as born-again believers who love the Lord with all our hearts, want the promises of God to be manifested in our lives? We pray, study the Word, make affirmations, post them on our refrigerator doors, and quote them morning, noon, and night. But day after day, month after month, and year after year, we remain in the same position—wondering why nothing is changing, getting the same results, and feeling trapped in a cycle of the "same old, same old."

Art and Susan Carreon were once in this state. Both had jobs in the corporate world, and the demands kept them from attending activities with their three daughters. Their combined yearly income was \$16,000; today, they are making \$1,062,135 monthly. Why? They went beyond saying, "I'm sick and tired of being sick and tired." They took a step off the diving board and plunged into something that changed their lives, and now they're helping others.

If we are going to move into the next season of our walk with the Lord, we must be willing to go to the next level of faith. That means acting on the Word and "walking the walk." As James T. Kirk said, we must "go where no man has gone before," knowing that the Lord is with us and will guide us along the way.

What will you do when the storms come?

Apostle Arthur L. Young

What will you do when the storms come? This seems like a simple enough question to answer, doesn't it? However, there are times in life, when the simplest of answers become the most difficult to give or accept.

In the Gospels, Jesus came by night walking on water, and when the disciples saw Him, they reasoned they had seen a ghost. The simplest of answers would have been to faithfully believe that Jesus was who He said He was and that nothing was impossible for Him to accomplish. However, because our faith at times does not align with our hearts and natural eyes, it becomes difficult to believe the very faith we profess.

The reasoning is simple: we have allowed the "inner man," Satan, or worldly understanding to cloud our spiritual outlook. This brings forth the ultimate question: Do we really have faith and trust in God, or are we just going through the motions?

This article isn't meant to question anyone's faith, but rather to show or remind us that we can all have a faith crisis. Biblically, even the greatest champions of faith had moments of struggle, but they overcame their personal feelings and refocused on the character of God. The greatest thing about our risen Savior is that He does not hold those moments against us; instead, He sends loving reminders through the Holy Spirit, either directly or through others.

Therefore, never relinquish hope, and don't get so hard on yourself that you quit. Keep pressing forward. Even if you stall for a moment, He is right there to walk with you and push you forward.

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DOING THE IMPOSSIBLE

— Apostle Arthur L. Young

When we look at the history of the life of a believer, we see and, hopefully, understand many miracles. This is true whether you begin in the Old Testament with Moses crossing the Red Sea on dry land (Exodus 14:15–22) or Joshua commanding the sun to stand still (Joshua 10:12–14). We see it further in the Gospels where Jesus fed 5,000 men (besides women and children) with two fish and five loaves, later collecting 12 baskets of fragments (Matthew 14:16–21), and when Jesus walked on the water during the storm (Matthew 14:22–29).

Focusing on the account of walking on water: when we, like Peter, keep our eyes on Yeshua the Christ, we remain above the water. Although problems persist, we are empowered to rise and remain above them. In this context, the water represents the problems of the world, where we are only temporary residents. Admittedly, as I write this article, I am reminded of this very valuable insight myself.

Everyone at times has experienced fear, just as Peter did. Whether due to frustration or complaining, we have all temporarily lost sight of Christ. Would you rather rise above the situation you are in, or be complacent and whine or wallow in your mess?

As our faith is tested, it must be increased. If we must take action, we should do so in love and authority. Imagine any situation you are going through—think of it as water, hunger, or financial lack—then affirm to yourself that you are more than a conqueror by faith, not just by speaking it. Faith requires action, not inaction. This is how we make the impossible possible for unbelievers and believers alike. Giving that testimony and bringing glory to the Father is how we praise and honor Him.

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STEP IN THE NAME OF JESUS

Apostle Ella J. Alexander

A special word for those who are single

2 CORINTHIANS 5:7

“For we walk by faith, not by sight”.

For some single people they find it a bit challenging to step out in faith. Why is that so? They have to learn to not go by what they can naturally see and go by what they can't see. Many have said that they have no one to help them or that they are all by themselves. Well, that is not a bad thing to be by yourself and neither is not having a natural person there to help as well. There are so many single people who are at the edge of either failure, death, or greatness and all they have to do is take a step. Which step they take next is crucial. There many who need to step out of depression, suicide, poverty, sickness, and lack of faith just to name some. While some are trapped in the statement, “It is easily said than done” and therefore they don't take any steps. They remain standing in that same spot. Often times we can't see where we are going, but we have to be determined to move from where we are. We must be willing to take a step of faith. It starts with a made up mind and fearless heart. Could you imagine someone taking you to the edge of a cliff and say, “Take a step” and you know that there is nothing for you to put your foot on? That would be very difficult. Now let us look at it in the spirit or emotionally. We still can't see where we are going, but we need to move. We need to get out of that bad relationship. We need to get out of debt. We need to change jobs. We need to go back to school. We need to start that business. In order to do any of those things, we need to take a step of faith in the name of Jesus away from the dry place. I don't tell people is easily said than done. I have to take steps, even if they are small. Let me tell you that every little step that you take count. Sometimes leaving behind what is familiar is uncomfortable, but it must be done. I have to remind you that you are never alone. Today is that day for you to Step in the name of Jesus. Step into your destiny. Step into your peace. Step into your newness. Remember the Word of God says that old things are passed away and behold, all things are become new (2 Corinthians 5:17). Take the step in becoming new. The past is the past. A new person emerges from the ashes and steps away from what tried to bury them in hurt, despair, anger, etc. Don't be that old person. You, as a single person, have the power and ability to STEP IN THE NAME OF JESUS.

KEEPING YOUR EYES ON JESUS!

Apostle Samuel Hunt
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In Matthew 14:22-33

We have the account of Jesus telling His disciples to go ahead of Him to the other side of the Sea of Galilee in a boat. The disciples were confronted by a windstorm, and the ship was being tossed around. Jesus came to them walking on the water. They were terrified, crying out, "It's a ghost!" Jesus comforted them by saying, "It is I; be of good courage." Peter replied, "Lord, if it is You, tell me to come to You." At Jesus' command to come, Peter got out of the ship and walked on the water toward Jesus.

However, Peter took his eyes off Jesus and looked at the boisterous wind. Sinking, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately stretched out His hand, caught him, and said, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" They got back into the ship, and the wind stopped. Those in the boat worshiped Jesus and said, "You truly are the Son of God!"

From this account, we can learn that as long as we keep our eyes on Jesus, we are able to walk on the water of life's storms—no matter how hard the wind blows, the lightning flashes, or the thunder sounds. If we were to look back over our lives and see places where we began to sink, we would find that it was then that we took our eyes off Jesus. But as soon as we refocused and cried out to Him, He was right there.

So, if you're facing life's storms through financial strain, physical difficulty, family and friends, mental health challenges, or emotional problems, and you feel like you're sinking, it's time for you to refocus. Put your eyes back on Jesus and watch Him rescue you, just like He did Peter.

A Condition of the Heart

Prophetess Annie Hunt
New Things International Ministries

When looking at Matthew 14, we often focus on the miracle of the water becoming like a sidewalk, but the real story isn't about the surface of the Sea of Galilee. It is actually about the internal condition of the soul. In our ministry and our daily lives, we are constantly invited to step out of the "boat" of our comfort zones. However, as Peter discovered, staying afloat has less to do with our leg strength and everything to do with our spiritual sight.

Before Peter stepped over the side of the boat, he asked a question. Matthew 14:28 (KJV) says, "Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water." Jesus didn't give him a plan or a safety harness to strap on; He gave him a single word: "Come." In ministry, we often want "perfect conditions" before we take a step of faith. We have a tendency to wait for the budget to be right, the volunteers to be trained, or the storm to die down. But Peter walked on a single word, not on a weather report. If God has told you to come, the water beneath your feet is going to be solid. Spiritual health begins with recognizing that His Word is a more stable foundation than our circumstances.

Scripture shows that Peter actually did it! He walked on the water for a few glorious moments. But then, Peter's focus shifted. Matthew 14:30 (KJV) states, "But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me." Peter didn't sink because the waves got bigger; he sank because his focus got smaller. He shifted his gaze from the Master to the wind and gave the storm a glance that lasted too long. When we prioritize our spiritual health, we are practicing the discipline of the "fixed gaze"—focusing on God. The world will always be boisterous. There will always be a new crisis in ministry, a tension in the family, or a global shift that feels overwhelming. If we gaze at the storm and only glance at Christ, we will sink every time.

There is an important detail in this story that we often overlook. When Peter first began to sink and cried out to the Lord, Jesus immediately reached out His hand and caught him. Jesus didn't wait for Peter to drown a little bit just to teach him a lesson. He didn't make him swim back to the boat as a punishment for his lack of faith. He was right there waiting and reached out the instant Peter called out to Him.

If you feel like you are sinking today and the water of your responsibilities is rising above your head, remember that your vertical relationship with Christ determines your horizontal stability. Sinking isn't the end of the story; it's an invitation to feel the hand of the One True God.

To stay above the waves in your life and ministry, remember these three things: 1. Listen for the word telling you to "Come." Don't step out of the boat just because you're bored or impulsive. Wait for His Word. Activity without His command is just walking into the water. 2. Manage your gaze. If you spend four hours on the news (the wind) and ten minutes in the

Word (the Master), your soul will naturally gravitate toward fear. 3. Shorten your prayer response time. When Peter felt himself slipping, he didn't try to tread water for an hour before asking for help. He cried out immediately. Don't wait until you're underwater to ask for a hand.

This miracle ended with Jesus and Peter walking back to the boat together. The storm didn't actually stop until they were both back inside. True spiritual health isn't about living a life without storms; it's about the quiet confidence that comes from knowing that the One who created the water is walking right beside you on top of it.

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THAT THING CALLED FAITH

Apostle Ella J. Alexander

Romans 8:38-39

“For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

You may ask what does Romans 8:38-39 has to do with Faith? Well, let me share with you what God has given to me. In the word of God it plainly states these very words, “according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.” He has blessed us with faith. Yes we can go further and quote the scripture that says faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God. However, knowing how we get faith and understanding the blessing of having faith is two different things. This thing called faith is as powerful as the spoken word of God. Faith creates and faith can destroy. Faith can produce positive things and faith in the wrong thing can bring about destruction. But we are not going to focus on putting our faith in the wrong thing. We will focus on the blessing of that thing called faith.

In the above scripture Paul is telling us that he is now persuaded that nothing shall separate him, from the love of God. He doesn’t keep it on himself but includes everyone in it by saying ‘US’. God has given us that measure of faith for a reason. It was not to be careless about it, nor use it for any and everything, but it was to draw us closer to the God who created it and us.

That thing called Faith says that once I am planted, I am planted and cannot be moved. Just as Peter openly declared that Jesus was the Christ as he sat before him, Faith tells us that God is the source of our strength. Faith will make the loudest statement in the earth about not being swayed from the truth which is Christ Jesus. Faith not only makes the loudest statement but faith has the ability to move mountains. It has the ability to bring us into worshipping the Father. When we activate that blessing called faith it makes Father smile, stand up in Heaven and sticks His chest out. Why? Because Hebrews 11:6 says, *“But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek HIM.”* Our faith leads us to seek God, to inquire of God, to want more of God. Faith says there is no limit to what I can do in God pertaining to His will. Faith allows us to hear God and to speak to God.

Although we can’t smell faith or feel faith with our natural hand, Faith makes spiritual things be made manifested. . When we utilize our faith, it pleases Father. Every good and perfect gift that we receive through Christ is because of God’s love and our faith to believe that He is able. The more we believe, the more God reveals Himself. The more God reveals Himself the more blessed we are.

Now back to the verses above. Faith wipes out doubt and anchors us in the God and His word. Faith says, I know in whom I believe. I know in whom I will serve. I have a duty and I will not

quit. Faith can't be destroyed because it of the Father who is in Heaven. It can't be drowned, nor burned up. It can't be torn apart nor cut up. Faith is POWER for it is spirit and it brings forth life once we believe God and understands that God loves us with an everlasting love. He loves us with a love that can't be moved.

The blessing of that thing called faith allows us to stay with God through the thick and the thin, through the high and the low times of life. Faith opens the door for God to come in and comfort us. It is faith that pulls on God to come see about us. FAITH, how great is that five letter word whom many thought was nothing and come to find out that it was the next greatest blessing behind the love of God.

When you activate your faith in God, know that you are blessed. Your blessing is not always tangible, but it is spiritual making all things possible.

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Daily Arrows of Faith-For Uncertain Times

By Pastor Hugh J. Harmon

1 Chronicles 29:11 TLB

Yours is the mighty power and glory and victory and majesty. Everything in the heavens and earth is yours, O Lord, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as being in control of everything.

It's all God's, the earth, all that lives in the earth and all of us. We are His. We have to constantly remind ourselves of this. When you know who has ownership of you, you are less likely to fall into despair. This text in Chronicles was a word of worship and a reminder of who was in-charge. Scholars believe that this is a prayer by King David. As powerful a man as David was by the time he pens this scripture, he is still acutely aware of the fact that God is more powerful, and the one that allowed him to get to the place that he currently occupied. So many of us arrive and then we forget, or worse yet, we think that we've arrived and we act accordingly and only give ourselves the credit, while thumbing our noses at others with the insinuation that they haven't arrived because they weren't us. But it was God that made any of it possible.

Summary Thought:

In 1 Chronicles 29:11 TLB, King David offers a magnificent prayer of praise. He declares that all greatness, power, glory, victory, and majesty belong to God, acknowledging His supreme ownership over all heaven and earth. David gave lavishly from his personal wealth to build the Temple, but he points out that they are simply giving back what God already owns. The Living Bible (TLB) translation highlights this by actively emphasizing that God is in complete control of everything. Because all possessions, talents, and lives are ultimately God's, believers are called to manage their resources with humility and integrity. This perspective prevents humans from clinging too tightly to worldly wealth. Instead of reveling in the massive fundraising success of his people, David redirects all attention and glory to the Almighty. This acts as a reminder that God's kingdom is supreme and exalted above all else.

Action Steps:

King David acknowledges God's absolute sovereignty over all greatness, power, and creation, we are called to live with radical humility, generosity, and active trust. Because everything in heaven and earth ultimately belongs to Him, our daily lives should reflect these practical, and core principles. Since God owns everything, view your time, talents, and resources not as possessions to hoard, but as gifts to manage wisely for His purposes. When you recognize that all "riches and honor" come from Him, it becomes natural to give willingly and cheerfully back to God and to help others. God is exalted as "head above all". Let go of self-reliance and the urge to take credit for your successes. Recognize that your strength comes from His hand. Make praise and adoration a daily habit, rather than just a Sunday activity, to keep your heart relationally aligned with His supreme majesty.

What are you thinking on?

Written By: Evang. Pia Brower

Think on everything that is lovely

The report of the Lord will always be goodly,

What you think is what you become

It matters what you think: look at Christ the Son,

Always stay connected to the vine

And you will see in due time,

That keeping your mind in heavenly things

Will make the battles you go through be a small thing,

No weapon formed against you will never prosper

Remember that every hour,

Cause when you think on things that are true

You will always see the Lord come through!

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus- Philippians 2:5

The Well of Living Water

By Prophetess Tanisha Thompson

You are invited to partake

drink as much as you can

drink from a well

that is filled with living water.

Everything that you may need,

by your faith you will achieve

when you drink from the well of living water.

There's no mountain that's too high

or valley that's too low,

if you reach you can get to the living water.

No matter what you're going through,

you can be restored and be made new;

when you drink from the well of living water.

If you drink it you will see that you will never be thirsty,

when you drink from the well of living water.

As you drink it you will grow in knowledge and wisdom

now you know that there is nothing like the well of living water.

God is calling you Higher

Witten By,
Tanisha Thompson

You have been knocked down, but you cannot stay there, it's time to stand up it's faith over fear. No more running away, you were built for this, the enemy wants you to believe that he has new tricks. It's time to gird up, no more standing around, for you are Free in Christ, No longer are you bound. Where the enemy once had you, you are No longer, for the Sprit of Christ is within you where you were once weak , now you are stronger. The call has been made, now it's time to go up, higher in the Lord that is what Father wants. He wants His children to grow in Him, and show His glory on the earth, you are a chosen vessel; chosen before your birth. There is more that God requires of you, so what will you do? will you stay where you are? Or go higher in Him as you walk in His truth? God is calling you Higher; you are too low it's time to fly, it's time to soar, God desires to show you things that you have never seen before. God's calling you higher; to a new place in Him, stay focused on your assignment you are needed, and God has called you for such a time as this. There is so much more that God has in store for you: you have heard the call, now the next step is up to you.



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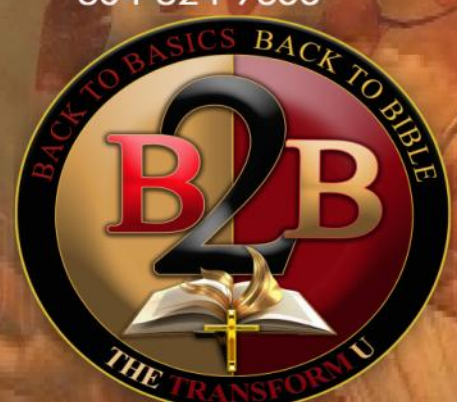


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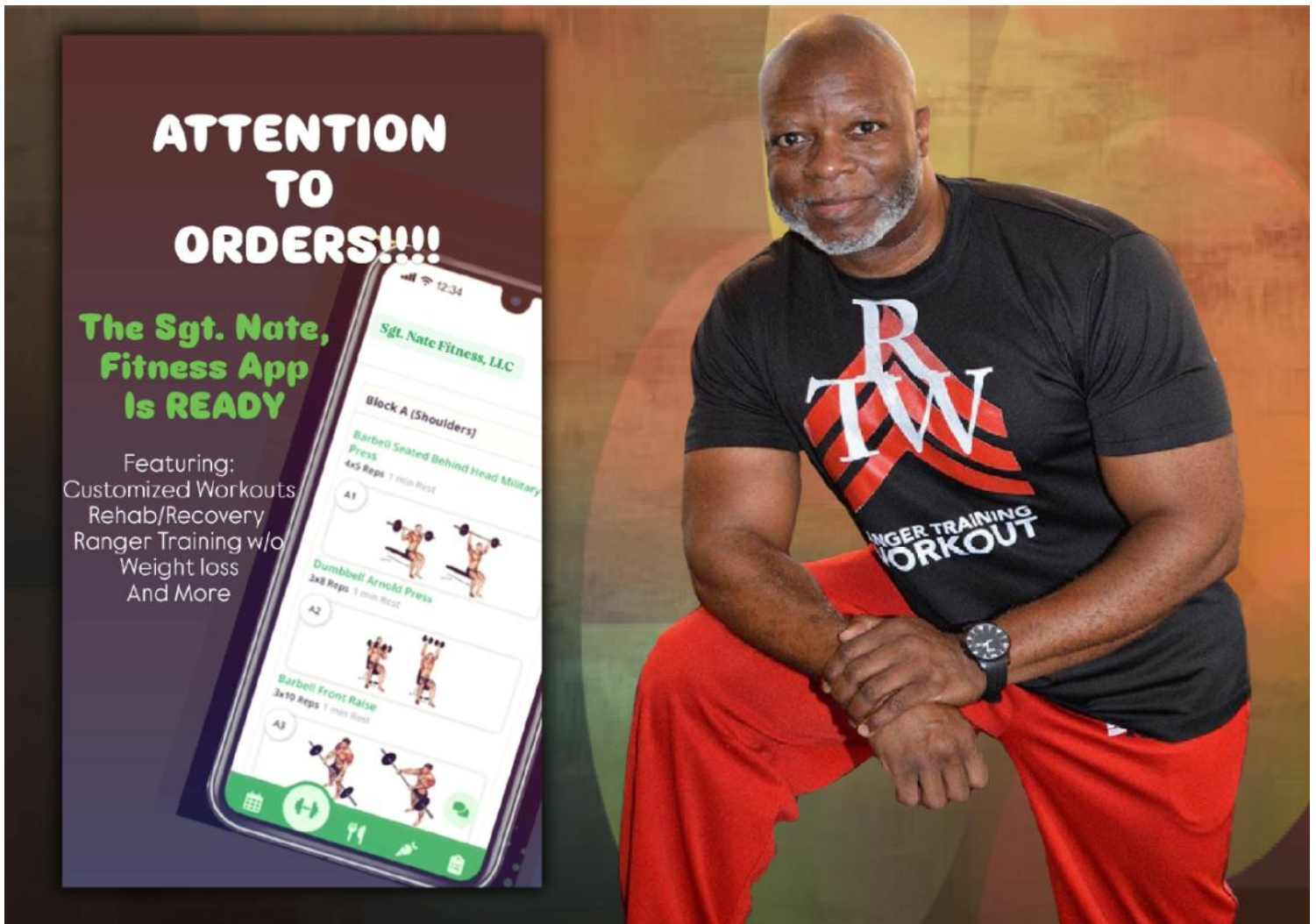
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Denying Yourself is Defying your Flesh

Dr. C. A. Dangerfield II

Denying yourself is defying your flesh especially in today's society where in spite of the atmosphere of self-aggrandizement and an air of arrogance and entitled ignorance we cannot afford to get caught up and turn a blind eye to destructive behavior. Because we are not in alignment with principles of God. The scriptures instruct us not to be conformed to this world. That includes the trends that so easily consume us and place us within gray areas stirring us towards dark paths where there are no lighted tunnels. Consuming us into activities that replace the time for studying and prayer that has kept us in alignment with the principles of God which produced the blessings and the real sustainment. Watch as well as pray, because it's a subtle attack that appears harmless. Until your caught up in a world wind of confusion and circumstances. Then the question becomes how did I get here? We didn't keep our eye on the prize, and we stopped listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit. Remain prayerful and stay conscious and don't become complacent. Be the leader towards the Father and not a follower towards the things of this world and miss your assignment and eternal reward. Remain focus on the true Kingdom of God and His righteousness by Christ Jesus. He always provides a way of escape. Pay attention to the details and signs. Don't reject the exit, away from troubled paths because there are no shortcuts without cost. Don't be the one paying the expenses, caught up for short term gains in order to just lose everything through deception brought on by distractions. Pay attention to the details it's worth stressing this point.



One of Man's Greatest Challenges

Dr. C. A. Dangerfield II

One of man's greatest challenges today is not to become complacent and to fall in line with everybody and everything. Webster's Dictionary defines Complacent as marked by satisfaction with the status quo especially when accompanied by unawareness of actual dangers or deficiencies : marked by complacency. The scriptures in Romans 12:2 "Be not conformed to this world but be ye transformed by the renewing of you mind." We must remain in alignment with principles of God rather than opinions and persuasive pursuits of man. Which can develop a void within your relationship with God. God is not concerned about popularity or political status often used as a distraction and diversionary tactic for some form of superiority. Only to come to the understanding that we have fallen away from the mark.

Political posturing, slogans and satire will and can get you caught up with unhealthy alliances because their values change like the wind and behaviors become contrary to Word of God. Oppression becomes the forefront agenda and that which the scriptures is and has been teaching us soon becomes non existent, simple because we have become self en aggrandize about ourselves.

“I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. ”
Philippians 3:14 KJV This should be our object with the proper perspective and understanding. When we study this passage of scripture we should maintain the right mindset. From the Hebrew translation “Brothers, I, for my part, do not think of myself as having yet gotten hold of it; but one thing I do: forgetting what is behind me and straining forward toward what lies ahead, I keep pursuing the goal in order to win the prize offered by God’s upward calling in the Messiah Yeshua. Therefore, as many of us as are mature, let us keep paying attention to this; and if you are differently minded about anything, God will also reveal this to you. Only let our conduct fit the level we have already reached. Brothers, join in imitating me, and pay attention to those who live according to the pattern we have set for you. For many — I have told you about them often before, and even now I say it with tears — live as enemies of the Messiah’s execution-stake. They are headed for destruction! Their god is the belly; they are proud of what they ought to be ashamed of, since they are concerned about the things of the world. But we are citizens of heaven, and it is from there that we expect a Deliverer, the Lord Yeshua the Messiah. He will change the bodies we have in this humble state and make them like his glorious body, using the power which enables him to bring everything under his control.” Philippians (Php) 3:13-21 CJB

With this in mind we should never push an agenda that creates hardship and oppression but compassion with the ability to hear as well as see gaining a clearer understanding. We are all Gods children. Therefore making something "Great again" that highlights oppression and hardship takes us completely away from the attributes of Christ and makes a mockery of His ministry and the Word of God. It ushers in arrogance and entitlement, we know these are not the attributes of God. The statement we will be left hearing is “Depart from me for I know you not ye workers of iniquity. Is that your desired final word?

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8956 Morning Glory Road
Gloucester, VA 23061

Pastors, ministers, deacons, ministry leaders,
church members, caregivers, grieving families,
and anyone who desires to better understand
how to support those experiencing loss
are invited to attend.

PRESENTED BY
DR. NELL ROBINSON
GriefShare Facilitator

HOSTED BY
PASTOR DONNA FREEMAN
Morning Glory Baptist Church

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For more information, contact Pastor Donna Freeman or visit Morning Glory Baptist Church.

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FRIDAY NIGHT - 7:30 PM

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SATURDAY 9:00 AM MORNING GLORY

BISHOP MK SMITH

9:55AM PLENARY LEADERSHIP SESSION

APOSTLE PHILIP WALKER

11:00AM BREAKOUT LEADERSHIP SESSIONS

LAITY-ELDER HELEN HOLLOWAY

LEADERSHIP- CO-PASTOR WANDA PARKER

CLERGY- BISHOP CARLTON WILLIAMS

12:00 NOON CLOSING WORSHIP

BISHOP SHERMAN BLANDON

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