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“Cast all your cares upon Him; for He cares for you.” (1 Peter 5:7)

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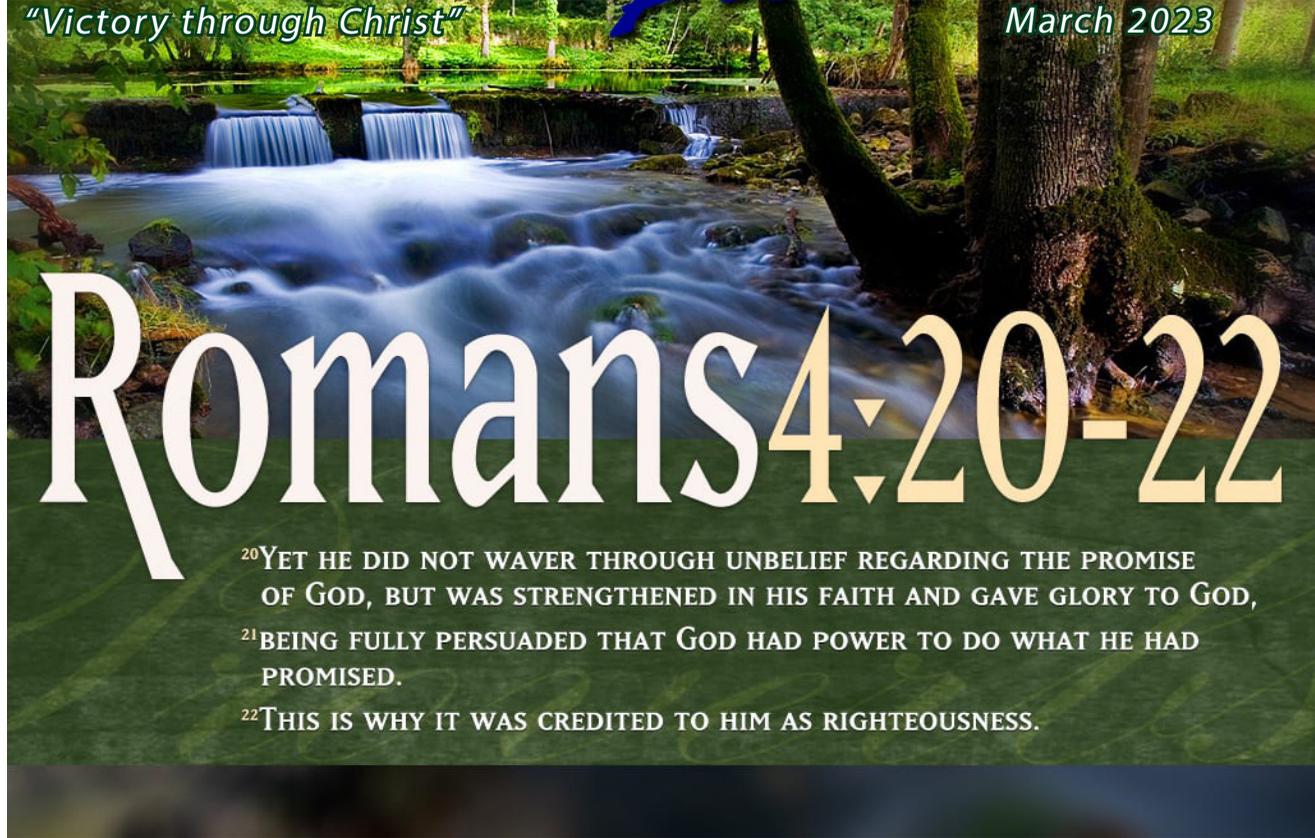
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Romans 4:20-22

²⁰YET HE DID NOT WAVER THROUGH UNBELIEF REGARDING THE PROMISE OF GOD, BUT WAS STRENGTHENED IN HIS FAITH AND GAVE GLORY TO GOD,
²¹BEING FULLY PERSUADED THAT GOD HAD POWER TO DO WHAT HE HAD PROMISED.
²²THIS IS WHY IT WAS CREDITED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS.

“PROTECT YOUR THOUGHTS”

Thank you so much for your prayers for the men and staff of Open Door. God Bless you for your continued support for Open Door Ministries. It’s hard to believe that it’s already March. I hope to continue explaining the five principles that we teach the men at Open Door, which I believe will bless you also. *(Continued Inside)*

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David's Desk



Here they are:

- Live by the Scriptures
- Praise God Always
- Protect Your Thoughts
- Cultivate the Right Relationships
- Submit to Authority

I will pick up where we left off with **"Protect Your Thoughts."** I have been reading and study-

ing Genesis. Genesis is a book of beginnings; the beginning of the heavens and the earth. But it also records the fall of Adam and Eve, and how sin entered our world in the garden of Eden. Eve was deceived by the serpent, and took of the forbidden fruit. Eve told the serpent that God said they could eat of the fruit from any of the trees in the garden, except for the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God said we must not touch it, or eat it, or we will surely die. But what did the serpent do? He questioned God's Word and said, **"Did God really say you must not eat from the fruit from the tree?"** He wanted to get Eve just for a second to question God. He formed in Eve's mind a thought that God had been holding out on them. This one of many reasons we must guard and protect our thoughts. Satan is a liar. Jesus tells us all we need to know about Satan the tempter in John 8:44 (NLT): **"For you are the children of your father the devil, and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies."**

We counter Satan's lies that he shoots into our minds with God's Word. If it was good enough for Jesus, it is surely good enough for us. At the end of Matthew 3, Jesus is baptized by John the Baptist. Remember, this is where God said that this is my beloved son, and in Him I am well pleased. Then in Chapter 4, Jesus goes into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil when for 40 days and 40 nights he fasted and became very hungry. And what happens is that the tempter comes

and tells Jesus to turn stones into bread if He is hungry. But what does Jesus do? Jesus says, **"Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God"**. Paul tells us to take every thought captive and line it up with God's word, and to be obedient to it.

It is very important in this day and time that we live to protect and guard our thoughts. We need to be careful what we let our eyes see and we need to be careful with what we listen to on tv and the radio. We must guard the gate to our minds. And the only way to do that is spending time in God's Word.

May God bless you and your family!

Pastor David Chestnutt - ODM Executive Director

Psalm 23



My Name is Micah Dupree and this is my story. I'd like to first start out by saying, God is an AWE-SOME God and I am very thankful that He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to die for my sins. I'm only 22 years old, but have finally decided to trust Him. I was living a devilish lifestyle and was well on the road to destruction.

At the age of 12, I found myself in addiction to marijuana and pain killers. I remember getting sick the first time, but somehow, liking it. I went through about 85 percocets in a week. I found myself becoming immune to them, taking about 2 to 5 at a time. I would pass out and take more. Once I found myself out of them, I turned to alcohol with the neighborhood friends. They were older and able to buy it for me. Of course, I was doing this all undercover while hiding my addiction from my parents. My parents were separated so when I was 16, I was made to leave my mom's house because I was disrespectful and would not go to school. I didn't think I was good enough for anyone and just a "nobody".

I moved in with my father and continued the addiction of alcohol and smoking weed. Of course, I was still disrespectful. I remember my father telling me, "Son, if you're not going to go get your education, you're going to go to work". So, there I started my life working as a cook for Bo Jangles. When I was old enough, I started a career in HVAC work. When I started making money and the smoking and drinking got worse. I started using IV drugs like methamphetamines, cocaine, pills, and heroin. At this point I didn't care if I lived anymore. I would blame God for everything that was happening in my life.

I soon met my lovely fiance. We had 3 children, 2 girls and a boy. I continued to use and lost my first child from not being the father I should have been in my selfish, immaturity. At that point, the use became worse. I started drinking from the time I woke up until I got off work. I was mentally abusing the people trying to help me get better, especially my fiance. I was constantly in and out of jail. I became just a "broken record". I would still blame God for everything that was going on in my life. I was digging a grave while getting closer and closer to hell.

About 2 months ago, I was locked up for domestic violence. While I was in jail, there was an older gentleman that asked me how I old I was and why I was locked up. I told him and he asked me if I knew Jesus. I said that I have heard of him but not personally as my Lord. He said, "Well son, I would like to pray for you". I don't know why God sent that man to me, but I do now. After I spent 10 days in jail, I bonded out and that same day I

went to the store and one beer and something told me not to do it. I cracked it open and dumped it out. I called Mr. Roby at Open Door, immediately, knowing it was time to really change my life for good.

I started my 30 day journey at Open Door with the help of Pastor Dave, Mr. Roby, Mr. Donnie, Mr. Joe, Johnny, and Greg. Most importantly I started it with God!. Since I've trusted God, I have been sober, very happy, and excited to go to church. I get down on my knees and pray. It feels so amazing to tell others about the goodness of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. I feel no more depression nor anger. I just feel amazing and finally fear no one but God. I'm very thankful He has taken all my pain away. I am now ready to walk Him forever.

Daily Needs List

Stove, 12 Passenger Van, Bleach, Dish Detergent, Laundry Detergent (preferably pods), Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Hand Sanitizer, Spray Disinfectant, CLR Cleaner, Furniture Polish, Murphy's Oil Soap, Latex Gloves, Ink Pens, Loose-Leaf Notebook Paper, Standard & Legal Copy Paper, 1" 3-Hole Hard Back Binders, Stamps, Envelopes, AA & AAA Batteries, Bibles (preferably NLT), Compact Disc Recordable (CD-R), Area Rugs, Yard Rakes, Wheel Barrel, Work Gloves, 39 and 13 Gallon Trash Bags, Milk, Sugar, Salad Dressings, Mayo, Mustard/Ketchup, Salt/Pepper, Washable Cups, Aluminum Foil, Zip-Lock Storage Bags (Quart and Gallon), Coffee, Wal-Mart Gift Cards, and/or Food Lion Gift Cards

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