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BELIEVE

(100 DAYS OF DAILY BREAD FOR GREATER WORKS)

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INTRODUCTION

"GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD"

5 "And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. 6 But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. 7 And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. 8 "Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him. 9 In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. 10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. 13 And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen." - Matthew 6:5-12

All glory to God who made the publication of this devotional manual possible. The main purpose of this manual is to help young believers in Christ (no matter your age) build a personal relationship with God. We all know that the journey of life can be very busy and loaded with many cares, but no matter what life brings to us we must always find a way of refreshing our soul and spirit just as we do find time to eat physical food no matter our schedule. Just as we all need food and water to stay alive naturally, we also need the word of God and prayers to stay alive spiritually. When the early church started growing big and strong, there was a complaint among the Hebrews by the Hellenist, because their widows

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were neglected in the daily distribution, but the Apostles of Jesus Christ did not allow that to take them away from the place of prayer and the word of God. They refused to be distracted and demanded that the multitude of the disciples choose among themselves seven men who can handle the food distribution while they give themselves continually to prayer and the ministry of the word: "6 Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. 2 Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. 3 Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy *Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business;* 4 but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word." - (Acts 6:1-4, NKJV).

In order for us as Christians to grow stronger in our walk with God, we must never neglect prayer and the word of God. Hence the need for this devotional manual to support you in your personal journey with God. It can be very challenging sometimes to build consistency in spending quality time with God daily, but this devotional manual can help you to jumpstart the process. In the study of psychology, there is what is known as the 21/90 rule which states that it takes 21 days to make a habit and 90 days to make it a permanent lifestyle change. Therefore, to support you on this journey of faith, we have decided to put together one hundred days of inspirational writings that can help you build your spiritual muscles and grow day by day to be like Jesus. This devotional manual is not intended to replace your study of the Bible, but rather to enhance it. There are things you will find in this devotional manual that will give meaning to some of the things you will come across as you study your Bible.

So, make sure you pay attention to the writings and prayer points at the end of each day. The goal is that within the next one hundred days, you would have consumed enough bread from God to keep you going without the fear of falling or failing.

We do not have any strength of our own to navigate this journey of faith without help. Hence the need to constantly and consistently come to God for our daily bread. We will start dying the very day we are able to convince ourselves that we do not need God. Also, we will get in serious trouble if we ever think that what we received from God in the past can sustain us for a lifetime. We need God daily and that is why Jesus taught us to pray: "Give us this day our daily bread" - Matthew 6:11. No matter how much connection or money we have; no matter how educated, intelligent, or smart we think we are; we still need God daily.

Remember to take this season of your life very seriously. Do not be an unserious Christian who lacks the discipline it takes to stay rooted in a true devotion to God. Instead of playing around and wasting your precious time in mediocrity, PLEASE make up your mind to spend quality time with God daily for the rest of your life. Do not be a believer who only reacts after things have happened, rather be a proactive Christian who does not just GET READY, but one who STAYS READY, and LIVE READY.

God bless you!

Temitope James David



WHAT IS IN YOUR HAND?

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: EXODUS 4:1-2, NKJV

"I Then Moses answered and said, "But suppose they will not believe me or listen to my voice; suppose they say, 'The Lord has not appeared to you.'" 2 So the Lord said to him, "What is that in your hand?" He said, "A rod."

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

It is going to be a season of great exploits for us in the kingdom of God in Jesus' name. For the next few days, we shall be examining various written accounts of men and women in the scriptures who yielded their lives to do great exploits for God. We will also explore scriptures that outline Biblical principles and instructions on how to do exploits in God's kingdom. Today we are starting the journey with the question that the Lord asked Moses: "What is in your hand?" God did not send anyone into this world without something to do for Him, and He has equipped each one of us adequately for the purpose we are created to fulfill on earth. In each person's hand is A ROD that is very distinct from that of any other person. The problem is that many are either busy admiring other peoples' rods while despising their own (Spirit of contempt) or comparing their rod with that of others (spirit of foolishness), contending with the rods of others (spirit of witchcraft), or have no clue what their rod is (spirit of ignorance).

Just like Moses, our rods are often hidden in those things we are already doing, things we are passionate about, or in our hunger for God. God did not carve or invent a golden rod for Moses. He used what was already in his hand. It was the same rod he had been carrying about for almost forty years of living with Jethro. God placed a demand on the rod of Moses, and it became the rod of God (Exodus 4:20). God first worked on Moses and his rod in the wilderness before announcing him to his generation. Will you

let Him work on you too?

Some people want to travel the world preaching while they have ignored the rod of intercession that the Lord gave them. People judge by popularity but God judges by faithfulness. Many are hungry for glamor and success, but God is looking for fulfillment of His will. The question to you now is: "Do you know your rod, and what have you done with it?"

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for this brand new day, in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, help me to discover and embrace my rod, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, empower my rod to become Your rod, in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, my rod will not be exchanged by the evil one, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, I refuse to be foolish or careless with my rod, in Jesus' name.

DAY 2

THE ROD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: EXODUS 4:1-20, NKJV

19 Now the Lord said to Moses in Midian, "Go, return to Egypt; for all the men who sought your life are dead." 20 Then Moses took his wife and his sons and set them on a donkey, and he returned to the land of Egypt. And Moses took the rod of God in his hand."



LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

As we continue our journey it is very imperative that we pay close attention to the life of this man called Moses. He is indeed a very good example of how God takes hold of ordinary people and uses them to do extraordinary exploits. Just like you and I, Moses had some challenges in his life before he encountered God. He was a murderer, a fugitive from Pharaoh, a refugee in Midian, and he had to depend on his father-in-law for survival. As a matter of fact, his marriage was even like an "arranged marriage" or free gift from Jethro - no dowry. We did not see where Moses prayed to God for guidance in marriage. At 80 years of age when God appeared to him, he was still tending his father-in-law's flock. Wow! Does that mean he never had his own flock even after living in Midian for almost 40 years? It was like Moses was doomed for failure just as many of us do think of ourselves until God showed up. It was like his dream of saving his people had been dashed. He seems to have retired to fate and just followed the usual flow until God showed up; just as He is going to show up for you and I in this season.

In answering the call of God, the major challenge that Moses presented to God was acceptance: "But suppose they will not believe me or listen to my voice; suppose they say, 'The Lord has not appeared to you.'" (Exodus 4:1). Isn't this the same challenge many are facing today? There is nobody that does not want to be believed or accepted. There is no one in business that does not want to be patronized. Likewise in ministry, no one wants to preach, sing, or minister to empty chairs. Everyone wants to move in power and authority, but few are paying attention to their Rod. What you are looking for is in your Rod. Can you see it? Yes! Your acceptance and relevance is in doing and maximizing what God has called you to do. Not in competing with others or trying to discredit them. Spend time with God on His mountain in Horeb so that He can showcase you in Egypt. Are you ready?

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for not giving up on me, in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, help me not to miss critical and divine signals of life, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, give me a life changing encounter that will turn me to a sign and wonder, in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, give me the seeing eye, hearing ears, and understanding heart, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, I will not die without fulfilling my calling, in Jesus' name.

DAY 3

CALLED AND EQUIPPED FOR KINGDOM SERVICE

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: EXODUS 35:30-35; NKJV

"30 And Moses said to the children of Israel, "See, the Lord has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; 31 and He has filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom and understanding, in knowledge and all manner of workmanship, 32 to design artistic works, to work in gold and silver and bronze, 33 in cutting jewels for setting, in carving wood, and to work in all manner of artistic workmanship. 34 "And He has put in his heart the ability to teach, in him and Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan. 35 He has filled them with skill to do all manner of work of the engraver and the designer and the tapestry maker, in blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine linen, and of the weaver—those who do every work and those who design artistic works."



LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

DIVINE EMPOWERMENT FOR KINGDOM EXPLOITS is indeed an empowerment that can only be done by God! In Exodus 3 & 4, Moses was called by God to take up an assignment that intimidated him. Moses gave several excuses to avoid it, but God would not take 'no' for an answer. When God appoints you for a task, no excuses are acceptable. You were designed for what you've been created to design. Own it and hone it!

Fast forward from Exodus 3 & 4 to Exodus 35, time has taken its course and Moses had become competent in his calling and assignment, to the extent that He was able to hear God for others who needed to come into their own divine calling. You cannot give what you do not have. Please take this seriously so that those groaning and waiting for your manifestation can birth their own destinies as well.

Whom God calls, He equips and qualifies. Bezalel was filled with the Spirit of God, in wisdom and understanding, in knowledge and all manner of workmanship to create all that was needed for the sanctuary. Beloved, what are you filled with? You will produce after the order of what you're filled with.

Take a pause from reading and take this prayer bullet and declaration quickly, using Isaiah 11:2:

Henceforth, the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon me, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord, to become everything that I have been designed to do, in Jesus' name. Hallelujah! One of the proofs that you're truly gifted is when you can teach and replicate yourself in several other people. God did not stop at merely filling Bezalel with gifts, He gave Him the ability to teach others too. Aholiab and others enjoyed the same grace.

There's an idiomatic expression from a classic legend called the Pied Piper of Hamelin that says, "he who pays the Piper calls the tune", meaning the person who pays for something dictates how things should be done. Every assignment, calling and gifting are for service in the kingdom, and are subject to God's command-

ment. This is why we need the Holy Spirit's help not to be carried away by the profit, fame and glory that the gifts may bring. We also have in Galatians 5:22-23, the fruit of the spirit to help us crucify the desires of our flesh, so we can daily walk in the Spirit for the preservation and sanctity of our calling and gifts.

God is not a Debtor nor a slave driver. He knows that the laborer is worthy of his wages (1 Timothy 5:18). In Exodus 39:42-43, we see how the children of Israel accomplished everything that God had commanded them to do. Moses, the one through whom the commission started, supervised and examined the work and confirmed that it had been done as God had commanded and he blessed them. It goes without saying that there is a reward for everything that God has called us to do. It will always end in blessing for us, in Jesus' name!

Let's Pray!

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for calling me by name and for all Your unending investments in my life, in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, help me not to waste Your investments in my life. May my life continually produce the honorable dividends that You are worthy of, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, help me to live by what I have been designed for and not be given to distractions, in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, rid me of every excuse that is hindering me from fulfilling my calling, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, though I may not look like it presently, give me the seeing eyes, hearing ears, and understanding heart to catch Your vision for my life and future, in Jesus' name.



DIVINE COMMISSIONING FOR KINGDOM EXPLOITS

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: JOSHUA 1:1-9, NKJV

"I After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, it came to pass that the Lord spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying: 2 "Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them—the children of Israel. 3 Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses. 4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your territory. 5 No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. 6 Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. 7 Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. 8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

Joshua was called by God to succeed Moses and lead the Israelites into the promised land - Canaan. The call of Joshua was very distinct and without any ambiguity. Before such a huge responsibility was placed on Joshua, God had watched him and saw some qualities of a good leader in him. Here are some of those good qualities

that made Joshua stand out among others:

- 1. Joshua demonstrated unwavering faithfulness and obedience to God throughout his life. He served as Moses' assistant and faithfully followed God's instructions.
- 2. Joshua displayed good military leadership during the war against the Amalekites. Joshua led the Israelite army to victory (Exodus 17:9-14).
- 3. Joshua exhibited deep trust in God's promises. When Moses sent him as one of the twelve spies to survey the land of Canaan, he and Caleb were the only two who expressed faith that God would deliver the land to the Israelites (Numbers 13-14). Joshua's unwavering trust in God's faithfulness was vital for leading the people into the Promised Land.
- 4. Joshua had a hunger for God and would stay in the tabernacle even when Moses had returned to the camp (Exodus 33:11). This intimacy with God was very vital and contributed to his ability to hear and discern God's voice.

Before we can be commissioned for great exploits and monumental assignments, God expects us to stay ready at all times in the business of His Kingdom. Our faithfulness, obedience, leadership skills, trust in God's promises, intimacy with God and our readiness for divine appointment will surely be tested by God before we can be approved for service. Are we hungry enough in our pursuit of God for Him to consider us as vessels ready for the next move of the Holy Spirit in this corrupt and crooked generation?

Let's think deeply about the expectations of God for kingdom service and ask ourselves if we measure up to the standard God desires from us. If not, there is still time to draw nearer to God, and seek His help for grace to live a life of great exploits in His kingdom.

Let's Pray!



PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for Your faithfulness to Your promises and for providing leaders to guide Your people continuously in the ministry in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, help me to trust in Your promises, and have unwavering faith in Your word in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, give me a heart of obedience and Spirit of wisdom. Help me to diligently follow Your commandments and instructions for my calling in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, create in me a desire and hunger to study and meditate on Your word day and night, that I may find wisdom and guidance in Your teachings in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, I pray for success in the work and tasks You have assigned to me in Jesus' name.

DAY 5

UNDERSTANDING MYSTERIES FOR KINGDOM EXPLOITS

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: MATTHEW 13:10-17, NKJV

"10 And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?" 11 He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. 12 For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. 13 Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.

14 And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: 'Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, and seeing you will see and not perceive; 15 For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them.' 16 But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear; 17 for assuredly, I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it."

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

In today's scripture, the disciples came to Jesus and asked why He speaks to the crowd in parables. Jesus replied, "it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given". Glory be to God!

Although Jesus has made provisions for all we need for divine exploits, we will not be able to access those things if we cannot see, hear, or understand those things in the spirit. The Bible says, "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17); and profitability only comes when what we hear is mixed with faith in us according to Hebrew 4:2. So, there is a multitude of churchgoers who go to church everyday but nothing is changing in their lives because they are spiritually blind, deaf, and dull of understanding. This is how true children of God are separated from ordinary church goers.

Jesus spoke in parables that the multitude could not understand thereby leaving them the same; but His disciples had the advantage of having the parables explained to them when alone with Jesus. The disciples took ownership of their own spiritual learning and growth by constantly asking Jesus to tell them the meanings of His parables.

Divine empowerment for kingdom exploits has a lot to do with our understanding of the Persons and principles of God. Knowing and embracing those things that have been freely given to us by



God (1 Cor. 2:12).

Brethren, our ears hear many things, but there is a deeper kind of hearing that results in spiritual understanding, which we can find in our consistent dwelling in the secret place of the Most High. Our intimacy with God, passion for His word, and being receptive to His voice. This shows our preparedness to be an ambassador in these end times (2 Cor 4:3-6). While others feel confused because the god of this age has blinded them, God's children are launching out in His grace, power and understanding because we know and have had an encounter with the Master, Jesus Christ. We are not only having an appearance of godliness, but we carry the power therein because we understand the mysteries of the kingdom. When we know, His true power will manifest, and then we can go all the way for Jesus.

Since our election is sure by His grace, we need to put into practice what He has deposited in each of us for Kingdom exploits. We have gained spiritual insight of what God desires of us His children for kingdom exploits. May we go forward and not lose sight of Him in Jesus name!

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for separating me and my family for your purpose in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, may I not be confused in my Christian journey, in Jesus' name
- 3. Oh LORD, I see, I hear, and I understand the mysteries of the Kingdom in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, my spirit, soul, and body are awake to the spiritual mandates for divine exploits in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, as Your word says, many are called, but few are chosen, I and my family are included among the chosen few in Jesus' name.

DAY 6

PURIFIED FOR KINGDOM EXPLOITS

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: ISAIAH 6:1-10 NKJV

"I In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. 2 Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!" 4 And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. 5 So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The Lord of hosts." 6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. 7 And he touched my mouth with it, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; Your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged." 8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me." 9 And He said, "Go, and tell this people: 'Keep on hearing, but do not understand; Keep on seeing, but do not perceive.' 10 "Make the heart of this people dull, And their ears heavy, And shut their eyes; Lest they see with their eyes, And hear with their ears, And understand with their heart, And return and be healed."

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

Everyone must come to that point in their lives where they examine where they stand according to their calling and current state. Is this where God wants me to be? Am I being effective in the kingdom work or have reached an invisible ceiling? When you are doing this kind of introspection, you should allow the Holy Spirit minister to you; to bring change and to move you to the next level. Are you ready for your next level in the kingdom work or are you

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comfortable where you are?

In the previous chapters, Isaiah prophesied to the people; was being useful in doing God's work. In this current passage things changed. It took the dying of a king for Isaiah to have a great encounter and come to the realization that he had not reached the high calling. You must press towards the high calling because that is where you will see a greater degree of the hand of God (Philippians 3:12-14). Stopping or being content at your current position is not wise. You shouldn't be like those individuals who glorify the only vision they received from God and have plateaued, lacking deeper yearning for more of God. The man of God, Isaiah, didn't stop at the level he was and knew his status or state is hindering him. By confessing he was purified and chosen for greater exploits.

You must allow the Holy Spirit to expose the hindrances in your life to you, confess them and be purified. In your purification, more anointing and grace will be given to you. You need to be prepared and stay ready because the harvest is ripe, and the laborers are few. (Matthew 9:37-38) God is waiting and watching to see how long it will take you to start pursuing after righteousness. Each day that goes by without you fulfilling your God-given assignment on earth is another day recorded against your name and you will give account of it before God. I don't know what your excuse will be before God if you fail in this life, but you can be sure that it will never be good enough to excuse you from eternal pain and regret. It's not too late now to make amends and cry out to God for divine empowerment for your new level. Stop giving excuses and start exercising your spiritual authority for the kingdom's exploits. It's your time and turn.

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

1. Oh LORD, thank You for what you have done in and through my life and thank You for what You will do in the coming days, in Jesus' name.

- 2. Oh LORD, thank You for finding me worthy through the blood of Jesus Christ to come boldly before your throne, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, cleanse and purify my life from anything causing me to be attracted to worldliness, in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, bless me as I walk and live a godly life through the Holy Spirit, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, find me worthy and useful for Your glory in these latter days, in Jesus' name.

DAY 7

CONSECRATED FOR KINGDOM EXPLOITS

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: NUMBERS 8:5-11, NKJV

5 Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: 6 "Take the Levites from among the children of Israel and cleanse them ceremonially. 7 Thus you shall do to them to cleanse them: Sprinkle water of purification on them, and let them shave all their body, and let them wash their clothes, and so make themselves clean. 8 Then let them take a young bull with its grain offering of fine flour mixed with oil, and you shall take another young bull as a sin offering. 9 And you shall bring the Levites before the tabernacle of meeting, and you shall gather together the whole congregation of the children of Israel. 10 So you shall bring the Levites before the Lord, and the children of Israel shall lay their hands on the Levites; 11 and Aaron shall offer the Levites before the Lord like a wave offering from the children of Israel, that they may perform the work of the Lord."



LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

In the text that we are studying, the Bible gave us a clear detail of how the Levites were consecrated unto the Lord. They were separated from their brethren and consecrated by God to serve the Priests. In doing the Lord's work, we must understand that not everyone is called to lead. Some are called to support "The Lead". However, not leading does not excuse those individuals from being consecrated nor does it reduce their value or the significance of their exploits. In Romans 12:1, Apostle Paul tells us of the importance of being consecrated unto the Lord. He called it our reasonable service. Please note that this call for consecration is a general call for all believers and not just those who are spearheading the work of the Kingdom. God cannot do anything with anyone who is not consecrated or living a consecrated lifestyle. God does not put His spirit or stamp of approval on unholy men or women. Those who bear the vessels of the Lord must be clean (Isaiah 52:11). Apostle Paul understood this. He made it clear to us in 1 Corinthians 2:14, "But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned". God will only pour into vessels that are Holy. Thereby turning them into vessels of honor. If there is no outpour from God, there is no empowerment for kingdom exploits. May the grace to commit to a lifestyle of consecration rest upon us in Jesus' name!

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for this season of divine empowerment for Kingdom exploits in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, let Your call on my life cause me to stand out among many in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, let my life be purified, sanctified and acceptable unto You in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, help me to know my consecration and give me the

grace to faithfully observe it in Jesus' name.

5. Oh LORD, cleanse me of anything that wants to corrupt my walk with You in Jesus' name.

DAY 8

A FAMILY COMMITTED TO SERVING GOD

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: JOSHUA 24:14-15, NKJV

14 "Now therefore, fear the Lord, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the Lord! 15 And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

Christian families in this generation need to make up their minds and decide who they would follow. In this scripture, Joshua is a prime example of a determined follower of God who was prepared to give his entire family into the service of God; nobody was permitted to be left behind in his household. Joshua took the children of Israel down memory lane, reminding them of how their ancestors were delivered from serving idols. However, despite God's love for the children of Israel, they always broke His heart by never being consistent in serving Him; being very forgetful, and easily distracted as they followed other gods. Joshua reminded them of how God brought Abraham from his idol-worshiping family to

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know Him. Likewise, many today are being delivered from idolatrous lives. Terah never served God, but Abraham served God, and he served Him correctly. Abraham stayed focused and became known as the father of faith because of his track record of faithfulness. As Christians, have we decided to follow God correctly in this generation, or we are indecisive? To leave a Godly inheritance for our children, families, and extended family by them seeing God in us and through us. Like in the days of Noah, families are being swamped up with worldliness. It is time to be serious about our commitment to serving God and carrying our children and families like Joshua. What is our decision? Have we decided to follow Jesus with our families and no turning back? The Psalmist said, "My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise". 57:7

Many believers in this generation are deliberately perverting the truth. Most are men-pleasers and not God-pleasers. This generation thwarts the truth and confuses the coming generations, just like Joshua's dispensation.

But Joshua stood and said if everyone found following the true God tough, he has made his own choice and that he and his house will only serve the living God. Joshua 24:15 Have we decided that our family, too, will serve the Lord Jesus? The world is going upside down, but as Christian families, we must hold our stand and ensure our children are in the boat also with Jesus. Rev. 3:16 "So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth." A family reluctant to take God's side will lose their children to the world. Let's arise and live a life of Christ for our world to see.

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for feeding us daily with fresh and consistent heavenly word, in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, my family and I claim our identity in You; we refuse to align ourselves with worldly identity, in Jesus' name.

- 3. Oh LORD, as for me and my house, we will serve You till the end of our lives: till You return, my lineage will forever stay strong in You in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, In this perverse generation, may my family carry You correctly: may we not be a disappointment to Your name and Your kingdom in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, make my family exemplary for the world to see. May people see Christ in us and through us in Jesus's name.

DAY 9

TEARING DOWN EVIL FAMILY ALTARS

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: JUDGES 6:25-32, NKJV

"25 Now it came to pass the same night that the Lord said to him, "Take your father's young bull, the second bull of seven years old, and tear down the altar of Baal that your father has, and cut down the wooden image that is beside it; 26 and build an altar to the Lord your God on top of this rock in the proper arrangement, and take the second bull and offer a burnt sacrifice with the wood of the image which you shall cut down." 27 So Gideon took ten men from among his servants and did as the Lord had said to him. But because he feared his father's household and the men of the city too much to do it by day, he did it by night. 28 And when the men of the city arose early in the morning, there was the altar of Baal, torn down; and the wooden image that was beside it was cut down, and the second bull was being offered on the altar which had been built. 29 So they said to one another, "Who has done this thing?" And when they had inquired and asked, they said,

"Gideon the son of Joash has done this thing." 30 Then the men of the city said to Joash, "Bring out your son, that he may die, because he has torn down the altar of Baal, and because he has cut down the wooden image that was beside it." 31 But Joash said to all who stood against him, "Would you plead for Baal? Would you save him? Let the one who would plead for him be put to death by morning! If he is a god, let him plead for himself, because his altar has been torn down!" 32 Therefore on that day he called him Jerubbaal, saying, "Let Baal plead against him, because he has torn down his altar."

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

Gideon, empowered by God, tore down his father's altar and destroyed the idol that stood beside it. But what was a descendant of Israel doing with an altar to sacrifice to Baal in their home? But shouldn't his father know better than this? Baal was one of the most notoriously worshiped gods by the pagans. Gideon's actions were risky, seeing that he did it in the middle of the night and once it was discovered, he faced death threats. Nonetheless, Gideon had done as God commanded him, passed a test of faithfulness to his new relationship with God, and opened an avenue for God to work mightily through him on behalf of the Israelites.

Cain and Abel (Genesis 4:3-4) presented sacrifices unto God upon an altar; then Noah (Genesis 8:20) erected an altar after arriving on dry land to give honor to God who kept His promise; thereafter many altars were raised to make sacrificial offerings to God by Abram (Genesis 12:7), Isaac (Genesis 26:24-25), Jacob (Genesis 35:3), Gideon (Judges 6:24) and others. Because we acknowledge that Godly altars exist, we cannot ignore the use of evil altars. In 1 Kings 16:31-32, Ahab (of Ahab & Jezebel) erected evil altars. These altars were erected to service and honor wickedness and enter evil covenants, which no doubt sponsored the behaviors of the Israelites in Judges 6:1. Throughout various places in the bible we see the appearance of Baal worship, before and after Gideon tearing it down, but it still is significant that God commanded him to do this.

God warns of evil in Exodus 34:12-16... "12 Take heed to your-self, lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land where you are going, lest it be a snare in your midst. 13 But you shall destroy their altars, break their sacred pillars, and cut down their wooden images..." Make no mistake, the presence of evil altars, whether set up by a long-dead or presently-living family member are a continual snare or trap in the family; they seek to keep lives in continual destructive patterns, as we see with the Israelites who kept "doing evil" in the sight of God. Evil altars promoting poverty, stagnation, sickness, ruin and the like are erected knowingly and unknowingly in families. We want God to work mightily through us and our families like Gideon, but we have to let Him take His rightful place. THIS IS VERY SERIOUS.

Let's Pray!

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for Your abiding and manifest presence in our families and homes even as we dwell in a land populated with idol worshipers.
- 2. Oh LORD, expose every evil altar erected against our families unknowingly; expose the enemy's snares and traps set to spoil our destinies, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, empower us to tear down and destroy every altar set up against our families; let there be total restoration of everything lost to evil altars, in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, give us and our children the boldness to stand up for what is right in the midst of wrongdoers; we will not turn a blind eye to evil, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, every evil covenant seeking to join with us, let it be broken; we do not agree with wickedness, in Jesus' name.



MANIFESTATION OF DIVINE VISITATION

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: GENESIS 21:1-7, NKJV

1 And the Lord visited Sarah as He had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as He had spoken. 2 For Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him. 3 And Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him—whom Sarah bore to him—Isaac. 4 Then Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. 5 Now Abraham was one hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. 6 And Sarah said, "God has made me laugh, and all who hear will laugh with me." 7 She also said, "Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? For I have borne him a son in his old age."

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

A very popular song says, "He's an on-time God, yes, He is; Ontime God, yes He is. He may not come when you want Him, but He'll be there right on time. He's an on-time God, yes, He is." If you ever want to do business with God at your time and at your own pace, then get ready for a life of pain and serious disappointment. God is not an idol or a man-made god that can be tossed here and there by the wants and desires of mortal men. God is not on the payroll or staff list of any organization; hence He couldn't be hired or fired, neither can He be obligated to follow the timeline of human limitations. God lives outside of time, and He cannot be boxed in or locked up in our mortal schedules. He is God all by Himself, and He is God all alone.

So, as you think and pray about the promises of God for your life and family, it is very expedient that you reflect on the many attributes of God and come to terms with His Will and Ways. Everything God does is strategic and intentional. He has everything mapped out and working according to His plan and purpose. Nothing catches our God by surprise.

Yes, it is true that waiting can be very painful sometimes. How can mortality do business with immortality without the fear of time? The flesh will often ask why, when, where, what, and how, but only God has all the answers. It is unwise to want to use our humanity to calculate His divinity. If God does not put a time on something, any attempt to make such a thing happen is a waste of time and can be very catastrophic.

Abraham and Sarah wanted their own biological children; God promised Abraham a child through Sarah; but a lot happened before Isaac was born. Their lack of understanding of divine timing brought about the birth of Ishmael which the whole world is still suffering from today. They wanted to help God, but the result is still affecting the nations thousands of years after. At the set time, God visited them, and Isaac was born; and from that singular birth came the redemption of mankind. Jesus Christ came through that divine visitation and the whole world now have the hope of eternity in Heaven.

So, do not be in a hurry when it comes to the promises of God. God is able to do what He says He will do. He does not need your help to be God. Wait patiently for His divine visitation and you will be glad you did. Worrying is an unwise use of time. Trust God and hold firmly to His promises. He will show up at the set time and your life will never remain the same again. Is there a promise you are still waiting for God to perfect in your life? Let your faith come alive and give no room to fear. He will visit you today and you will laugh like Abraham and Sarah did.

Let's Pray!

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for Your divine plan and purpose for my life and family in this season, in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, visit me as You have said and do for me as You have spoken, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, let every hanging promise over my life and family make a sudden and safe landing in our lives today, in Jesus' name.

- 4. Oh LORD, let divine laughter bring a permanent end to years of tears in our lives, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, do the impossible and unthinkable as You visit me with Your power today, in Jesus' name.

MANIFESTATION OF DIVINE BOLDNESS

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: ACTS 4:1-13 NKJV

"5 And it came to pass, on the next day, that their rulers, elders, and scribes, 6 as well as Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the family of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem. 7 And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, "By what power or by what name have you done this?" 8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders of Israel: 9 If we this day are judged for a good deed done to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well, 10 let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. 11 This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.' 12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." 13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus."

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

This verse comes to mind in Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In

all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths." It informs us to trust God, to lean not on flesh, and to acknowledge God always; and in doing so one's path is directed. When one knows what and where they are going, they tend to exude confidence in what they are doing. I am not sure if you know this song, I get backing by Victoria Orenze. There is a joyous feeling one has when God is your backing; and one has a humbled attitude because of who is leading the way - God. This is what we see with these men of God - Peter and John. They were divinely helped and at the same time divine boldness was upon them.

They were so bold that in the midst of religious leaders and scholars they talked about Jesus; and even before they were arrested for questioning, five thousand men were already saved by their message. Glory!!! This is evidence that these men truly walked with Jesus. They were producing after Jesus Christ results; what He did, they did as well - Hallelujah! We also must produce like Him, that is the reason we are empowered by the Holy Spirit. We are empowered to be bold to speak of the words, works, and person of Jesus with boldness which yields great results. Where have you lacked the boldness to speak or stand for Jesus? Today, we receive divine boldness to stand up for Jesus, and become bold and unashamed soldiers, in Jesus' name.

Let's Pray!

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for giving us the grace to know, and to experience Your greatness, in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, help and empower us more and more to be a revealer of Your greatness to men, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, we receive boldness today and graduate to another level of power, revelation, and strength, in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, help us to trust, put our hope, and fix our gaze more on You, knowing You have our back, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, help us to not look back but to move and look forward in the fulfillment of Your plans, in Jesus' name.



HOLY SPIRIT SPONSORED MANIFESTATIONS

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: ACTS 6:8-15, NKJV

"8 And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. 9 Then there arose some from what is called the Synagogue of the Freedmen (Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and those from Cilicia and Asia), disputing with Stephen. 10 And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spoke. 11 Then they secretly induced men to say, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God." 12 And they stirred up the people, the elders, and the scribes; and they came upon him, seized him, and brought him to the council. 13 They also set up false witnesses who said, "This man does not cease to speak blasphemous words against this holy place and the law; 14 for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and change the customs which Moses delivered to us." 15 And all who sat in the council, looking steadfastly at him, saw his face as the face of an angel."

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

From yesterday's lesson, we learned that Stephen was the first of the seven men chosen to serve tables. Though the eligibility criteria for the choice of the seven men had been clearly stated, Luke, the writer, still saw it fit to mention that Stephen was full of faith and the Holy Spirit. Yet again, in verse 8, he was described as being full of faith and power, and that he did great wonders and signs among the people. Of the seven men of good reputation who were full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, Stephen was still distinguished. Though we are all believers and have some things in common, how are you significantly different? What sets you apart? What are you full of? What you are full of is what you will exude or discharge. Luke 6:45 says "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abun-

dance of the heart his mouth speaks."

Who says you cannot grow in the Spirit beyond the scope of your assignment? Though Stephen was assigned to serve tables, his anointing was not limited to the care or hospitality ministry alone. He knew the word, believed the word, lived the word, and touched lives by the word (1 John 1:1-3). Stephen was not a preacher, but he was a believing believer; a man who was full of faith. "And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." (Mark 16:17-18, NKV). Are these signs following you? Seriously, we must continuously audit our lives to ensure that we are exemplifying the Word that we read and profess daily. If wielded correctly, the anointing produces power and it speaks louder than carrying a title without results. Imagine, any well branded and widely acclaimed product with a viral message that does not deliver on its promise will cause anger and disappointment for the buyers. May our lives produce godly and expected results in Jesus' name.

Being anointed does not exempt you from disputes and accusations - it's part of the "package". Sometimes the anointing attracts opposition from the least expected people, especially in the church. You're most vulnerable to attacks of the enemy right after you have carried out your assignment or responsibility successfully. It doesn't matter what it is, if it poses a threat to the enemy's camp, then expect some sort of opposition. Yet, the Lord always makes a way of escape according to His will. Stephen was given a mouth and wisdom that all his adversaries were not able to contradict or resist (Luke 21:15). He had a backing that was sponsored by the Holy Spirit. Still, the accusers did not back down, they influenced people against him to say he was speaking blasphemous words. May the Lord deliver us from every unrelenting attacker, in Jesus' name. Amen.

It's quite intriguing that the people were not convinced in their hearts when they saw Stephen's face shone like the face of an

angel. You would think it would remind them of how Moses' face also shone every time he met with God. Naturally, when a person is being attacked, they would either look angry or sad. In Stephen's case, he exuded glory - a reflection of what he was full of - the Holy Spirit! Up Holy Ghost!

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh Lord, thank You for the irresistible wisdom and power of Your Holy Spirit that will be evident in us now and always, in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh Lord, let there be no room for carnality in me. Holy Spirit, fill me up afresh, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh Lord, may I not be a placeholder in destiny and in the body of Christ. Let my walk with You and my work in Your kingdom be significant and valuable in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh Lord, I decree that no weapon fashioned against me shall prosper and I condemn every tongue rising against me in judgment, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh Lord, let Your name and Your word be authorized in my mouth. Give me the mouth and wisdom that all my adversaries cannot contradict or resist, in Jesus' name.

DAY 13 OVERCOMING DOUBT

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: Mark 9:14-29, NKJV

23 Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." 24 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" 25

When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!" 26 Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead." 27 But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

Our Bible passage today is about a desperate father who needed help for his son to be free from the oppression of a demonic spirit. The boy had been under the influence of this evil spirit since child-hood according to the father (verses 21-22). There is a possibility that the father was hoping that the demon would just leave the boy alone one day by itself, but that is never true of the devil. The devil will not leave until he has destroyed his victim (John 10:10). So, instead of the boy getting better, he was getting worse. The father finally decided to get help for his son but met with disappointment from the disciples of Jesus. The case almost became a global disgrace for the man. Now the multitude knew exactly what the man had probably kept a secret for a long time. All hell's breaking loose and help seemed far away until Jesus showed up.

I don't know what you are going through and how many pastors, prophets and ministers of God that have failed you. What you thought was just going to be an easy fix has now become a community concern. People that thought all was well with you are now aware of what you have been keeping a secret for a long time. Now, the neighbors know about your wayward child; your siblings now know about the marital crisis; your medical diagnosis is now a public matter; the church members are now aware of your financial problems; and your spiritual weariness is now becoming obvious to many. I have good news for you: Jesus is in the house!!! He is more interested in your case than you could ever imagine, and all He is asking of you is to believe. Doubt disqualifies people from their miracles and makes them their own enemy. Doubt is an unwise use of time and a destroyer of faith. So, set your mind on Christ and believe God for a miracle.



Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for this first day of LORD, I BELIEVE, let it be a fruitful experience for every one of us, in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, purge my heart of any doubt and baptize me with the spirit of faith, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, let this day be the beginning of a new beginning for me and my family and Glorious Vision Worship Center, in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, take life out of anything or anyone that wants to take my life, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, show me Your mercy and favor today; put an end to every cycle of pain and shame in my life, in Jesus' name.

DAY 14

SPIRITUAL INVESTMENT IN PRAYER & FASTING

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: Mark 9:14-29, NKJV

23 Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." 24 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" 25 When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!" 26 Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead." 27 But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. 28

And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" 29 So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting."

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

Blessed be the name of the LORD for the depth of His grace and mercy towards us. To Him alone be all the glory and honor forever. Today, we are praying for the capacity to make the necessary spiritual investment needed for the next level of glory. In the preceding verses of the scriptural text posted above, the disciples could not cast out the deaf and dumb spirit that was tormenting the life of the young man. This event made a public spectacle of the disciples until Jesus showed up to bail them out of this embarrassing situation. Do you know why? Lack of spiritual investment in the place of prayer and fasting! This was Jesus' answer to them in verses 28-29 when they later asked Him privately about their inability to cast out the deaf and dumb spirit.

Brothers and sisters, Jesus was able to cast out the deaf and dumb spirit in the life of this young man because He had made the necessary spiritual investment in the place of prayer and fasting (check out Matthew 4:2; & Mark 1:35, Luke 5:16 etc.). He was able to make a withdrawal out of His many deposits of prayer and fasting over time. The ministry of Jesus flew on the wings of the word and prayer & fasting. Hence, the many signs and wonders. The disciples on the other hand had not invested themselves in prayer and fasting. Prayer and fasting are part of the spiritual investments that every child of God must consistently make. In Matthew 6, Jesus said, "when you pray" and "when you fast". He did not say "if you pray" or "if you fast". So, the need to pray and fast is a must for every believer. If done correctly according to the word of God, these are keys to building intimacy with God. It's in this place of intimacy with God that spiritual capacity to do what Jesus did is generated and conferred. You cannot enjoy certain dimensions of God without prayer and fasting. Are you hungry or thirsty for the capacity to pray and fast? The One who fills those who are hungry and thirsty for the capacity to pray and fast is in the house today!



Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for this platform; thank you for the revival and the restoration that will happen by the reason of this platform in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, I receive the grace to build spiritual capacity in the place of prayer and fasting; I will not be a weak Christian in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, let the fire of prayer and fasting be kindled in me; I receive fresh fire for consistency in the place of prayer and fasting in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, as I labor in the place of prayer and fasting, let every of my investment of time begin to speak in my calling in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, show me mercy as I build spiritual capacity in prayer and fasting; my life and prayer and fasting will not become abominations before You in Jesus' name. (Isaiah 58:1-8).

DAY 15

INTENTIONALITY IN OUR WALK WITH GOD

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: 2 Kings 6:3-8, NKJV

3 Then one said, "Please consent to go with your servants." And he answered, "I will go." 4 So he went with them. And when they came to the Jordan, they cut down trees. 5 But as one was cutting down a tree, the iron ax head fell into the water; and he cried out and said, "Alas, master! For it was borrowed." 6 So the man of God said, "Where did it fall?" And he showed him the place. So he cut off a stick, and threw it in there, and he made the iron float. 7 Therefore he said, "Pick it up for yourself." So he reached out his hand and took it.

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

Hallelujah! Glory be to God for the gift of life. As we move forward in this new phase of our walk with God, we must be specific in our request to God. It must be an intentional journey with clarity of purpose. Whatever you desire from God there must be a name to it. In our scripture for today, the sons of the prophets perceived something that should be attended to for the comfort of their master and themselves. In the pursuit of actualizing this intention, the devil tried to hinder them. In 2 Kings 6:5, the Bible says, "as one was cutting down a tree", the iron ax head fell into the water and the servant called on their master. Then the master asked: where did it fall? The servant was not babbling nor confused about where the ax head fell; he pointed to that very spot in the river. Likewise in your life, what is that situation, spiritual or physical, what is the name, where is it happening in your body or in your life or that of your family? Jesus the Almighty is available, all that He needs is for you and I to be specific about the problem we are facing. He is the great interventionist In Mark 10:51, Jesus asks the blind man, "what do you what Me to do for you". On many occasions, Jesus asked people for what they want Him to do for them. Do you know what you need? Be specific about it to Jesus.

Remember, the sons of the prophets brought Elisha with them. Who you bring on a journey with you matters. As you have come before Jesus, address that issue or challenge by its name before Him and watch it lose its power. It is time to pray. Exodus 33:14-16

Let's Pray!

- 1. Oh Lord, thank You for being the rescuer of my life and of my family in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh Lord, I destroy by the power in the blood of Jesus, every power that interrupts the completion of good things; every power



that may want to put a stop to my families upward movement, in Jesus' name.

- 3. Oh Lord, I call the challenges in my life and family by their names, and I decree them to be scattered by fire in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh Lord, I invite Your abiding presence in my journey and that of my family; may we never take steps without You in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh Lord, let the light of Your word and power continue to shine upon my path and that of my family in Jesus' name.

DAY 16

MANIFESTATION OF DIVINE SOLUTION

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: ACTS 6:1-7, NKJV

"I Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. 2 Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. 3 Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; 4 but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word." 5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, 6 whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them. 7 Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith."



LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

Growth generally often comes with its own challenge either in business, family, career, community, and even the church. The most important thing is that we must know what to do. If we make the wrong move at the time of challenge, we can easily turn a good thing into a bad thing, especially when it comes to the things of God. The enemy is always looking for loopholes or opportunities to take advantage of us for his own evil agenda. That is why we must be very careful when seeking solutions to problems, even "good problems". Example of a good problem is having more people show up for a service than the number of seats you have; more customers than the food cooked in a restaurant; more money than what you need for your family. Right? So shall it be in Jesus' name - Amen!

At this point in the book of Acts 6, with the rapid growth of the church there was a challenge in food distribution that required the apostles to provide solutions. Whatever they do at that moment can go a long way to affect the health of the church and even their own divine assignment. They knew they could not leave their primary assignment and get distracted with serving the tables. What was the solution? More workers are needed to aid with the work at hand. With the church still new and members growing rapidly, how would the leaders go about selecting workers to serve? In verse 3, the most direct and important criterias were given which are to have a good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom. These criteria can be easily seen by others. The men mentioned here exemplified these characteristics, which is why it wasn't hard to nominate them. Have you ever wondered; do you meet the criteria to be nominated? Although several people serve in the church today, can we say they all exemplify these criteria? Not meeting these criteria and yet serving show there's a problem the church needs to address. The pastor is not called to take care of everything, so we members of the church and followers of Christ have to be equipped and exemplify characteristics that are Christlike. Do you serve or desire to serve? Do you meet these criteria listed

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in verse 3? If there is any area you need to work, seek the Holy Spirit to help you.

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh Lord, thank You for giving us a template we can use in selecting workers in your vineyard, in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh Lord, help me to have a good reputation that exemplifies You, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh Lord, bestow upon me the Spirit of wisdom and understanding; Help me to continuously operate in Your wisdom, in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh Lord, may Your Spirit that dwell in me be seen by others and draw them unto You, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh Lord, help me to continually give myself to prayer and study of Your word, in Jesus' name.

DAY 17 HOPE RESTORED

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: Mark 5:21-43, NKJV

35 While He was still speaking, some came from the ruler of the synagogue's house who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" 36 As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not be afraid; only believe. 37 And He permitted no one to follow Him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James. 38 Then He came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and saw a tumult and those who wept and wailed loudly. 39 When He came in, He said to them, "Why make this commotion and weep? The

child is not dead, but sleeping." 40 And they ridiculed Him. But when He had put them all outside, He took the father and the mother of the child, and those who were with Him, and entered where the child was lying. 41 Then He took the child by the hand, and said to her, "Talitha, cumi," which is translated, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." 42 Immediately the girl arose and walked, for she was twelve years of age. And they were overcome with great amazement. 43 But He commanded them strictly that no one should know it, and said that something should be given her to eat.

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

Blessed be the name of the Lord for the gift of another day. Today, we are believing God for restoration of hope in any situation that seems hopeless in our lives. Jesus was on His way to Jairus' house to heal his daughter when the woman with the flow of blood was made well out of sheer faith. She caused a delay in Jesus' journey to Jairus' house. Jairus' daughter went from, at the point of death to death. Jairus' hope was shattered. He was told to accept his hopeless situation. Every event going on around him points to hopelessness, but little did he know that The Restorer of Hope was journeying with him. Jairus hoped in the word of Jesus, and his hope was restored (Psalm 119:114). The One who triumphs over death brought Jairus' daughter back to life to the amazement of everyone including those who ridiculed Him at first. A hopeless situation turned to a joyful celebration. Brothers and sisters, I don't know what hopeless situations you've found yourselves. Jesus, the hope of the world is in the house today. He said, "Do not be afraid; only believe."

Let's Pray!

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for being my hope in this world of trials and tribulations in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, bad news will not flow out of my house; I will not be a carrier of bad news in Jesus' name.

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- 3. Oh LORD, let Your voice override any voice of discouragement in my life; I refuse to settle for any hopeless situation in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, let the life of Christ come upon anything that is dead in my life in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, by Your power, let any hopeless situation in my life turn to great testimonies for me in Jesus' name.

DAY 18

HE WILL SHOW UP FOR YOU

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: GENESIS 21: 8-21, NKJV

14 So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water; and putting it on her shoulder, he gave it and the boy to Hagar, and sent her away. Then she departed and wandered in the Wilderness of Beersheba. 15 And the water in the skin was used up, and she placed the boy under one of the shrubs. 16 Then she went and sat down across from him at a distance of about a bowshot; for she said to herself, "Let me not see the death of the boy." So she sat opposite him, and lifted her voice and wept. 17 And God heard the voice of the lad. Then the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said to her, "What ails you, Hagar? Fear not, for God has heard the voice of the lad where he is. 18 Arise, lift up the lad and hold him with your hand, for I will make him a great nation." 19 Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. And she went and filled the skin with water, and gave the lad a drink.

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

Glory to God in the Highest! Our scripture for today focuses on

the generosity and the providence of our God. Here we see how Abram sent Hagar and her son Ishmael away and only gave them bread and a skin of water as they departed from him. While the bondwoman and her son were still on their journey they ran out of resources. This scenario exemplifies how man can only provide limited help. The woman became frustrated, tired, and hopeless. Maybe your story is similar to that of this woman, you have been going through the year with only a little despite all the help people have offered. At this later point of the year, you are getting frustrated as if there is no more hope. Just wait one minute! Pay attention to this scripture, Abram provided a jar of water (Genesis 21:14) for Hagar and her son, but the sovereign God provided a well (Genesis 21:19). The boy was crying; he and his mother were in a helpless, miserable situation. Then the big God showed up in a big way for them. The well that God provided became a generational wealth for her and her son.

Beloved brethren, it is not too late for God to show up for us and our family. He is still God of the eleventh hour (Matt 20:6). People can only provide what they have, which may not take us far, but our God is the one who brings a man into the well of blessing. In a helpless state, the lad cried out, as we may often do, and God heard his voice. Beloved, as you lift your eyes (and voice) unto the heavens may the lasting help of our provident God show up for us and our families, in Jesus' name (Psalm 121:1).

Let's Pray!

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You because You have not forgotten me or my family, in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, I come against every spirit of frustration and hopelessness; I receive the spirit of faith, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, show up big for me and my family in this season. You are the God of the eleventh hour, show up for us, in Jesus' name.

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- 4. Oh LORD, I pray for a lasting testimony and miracles over my life and my family in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, consume by Your fire whatever represents smallness and lack in my life and my family; I believe You for greatness, in Jesus' name.

DAY 19

NO MORE FRUITLESS LABOR

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: LUKE 5:1-11, NKJV

3 Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. 4 When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." 5 But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." 6 And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. 7 So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. 8 When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" 9 For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

Today, we are believing in God for an end to every fruitless labor in our lives. In the scriptural text posted above, Peter and his fellow fishermen had labored all night, but to their disappointment, they did not catch anything. All their efforts yielded nothing until Jesus came and used Peter's boat to teach the multitude, then instructed him to launch out into the deep and let down his nets for a catch. Peter, out of frustration recanted their futility to Jesus, yet, he believed the word of Christ somewhat grudgingly above his years of experience in fishing. He did not lean on his own understanding (Proverbs 3:5). Peter obeyed, and the spoken word of Jesus terminated fruitlessness in their lives. The same place where they had experienced fruitless labor became a place of overwhelming fruitfulness. The night that was going to end in disappointment for Peter and his men ended in divine appointment.

People of God, there is nothing wrong in labor. There is dignity in labor. The Bible also tells us that, "If a man does not work, he should not eat" (2 Thessalonians 3:10), but it gets frustrating when one's labor yields little or no results. This was the kind of predicament that Jesus delivered Peter and his crew from. I have good news for you today! That same Jesus is still in the business of putting an end to fruitless labor. Allow Him to step into your life today, and let His word become a guiding light for you out of any siege of fruitless labor that's been plaguing your lives. Your days of fruitless labor are over in Jesus' name!

Let's Pray!

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for Your outstretched hand of power that is mighty to save from every disappointment in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, let my life be pleasing unto You; let divine favor swallow up every disappointment in my life in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, attend to my matter today, let every yoke of fruitless labor in my life be destroyed; My seasons of fruitless labor are over in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, baptize me with the spirit of obedience; I receive the grace to hear and act on Your Word completely in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, from today, let Your overwhelming presence in my life begin to produce overwhelming results in Jesus' name.



A REWARDING FAITH

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: LUKE 7:1-10, NKJV

4 And when they came to Jesus, they begged Him earnestly, saying that the one for whom He should do this was deserving, 5 "for he loves our nation, and has built us a synagogue." 6 Then Jesus went with them. And when He was already not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to Him, saying to Him, "Lord, do not trouble Yourself, for I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof. 7 Therefore I did not even think myself worthy to come to You. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. 8 For I also am a man placed under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." 9 When Jesus heard these things, He marveled at him, and turned around and said to the crowd that followed Him, "I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!" 10 And those who were sent, returning to the house, found the servant well who had been sick.

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

Today, by the help of the Holy Ghost, we are believing God for great faith that commands divine rewards. In the scriptural text posted above, we see that, immediately after Jesus entered Capernaum, there was a need for Him. The servant of a centurion who had been favorable to God's people even in the midst of the military occupation of the Roman Empire was sick and at the point of death. He sent emissaries to Jesus to plead for His intervention. He did not deem himself or his household fit to be attended to by Jesus, yet Jesus obliged.

However, this centurion, though he was not a believer, understood what it means to have authority and how to wield it as a result of his secular position. He believed Jesus only needed to say a word and his servant would be healed. The faith of this man moved Jesus, and because there is no distance in the realm of the spirit,

the servant was healed by the time the people that he sent to Jesus returned to him. In Hebrews 11:6, the Bible says, "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."

Jesus rewarded the great faith of this man with supernatural healing. Though his servant was at the point of death, life was restored back to him. Brothers and sisters, I don't know what you are believing God for today, launch out in faith, speak and act in faith, and the One who rewards those who diligently seek Him in faith will attend to you. You will leap for joy in Jesus' name!

Let's Pray!

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for being our refuge and strength, a faithful and ever-present help in times of need in Jesus' name (Psalm 46:1).
- 2. Oh LORD, attend to my matter; let divine assurance settle every distress in my life in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, let my good works command divine attention and favor in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, increase and strengthen my faith in You; let every seed of unbelief in my life be destroyed in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, from today, by the authority in Your name, let every long-term affliction or infirmity in my life come to an abrupt end in Jesus' name.



NO MORE WEEPING!

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: Luke 7:11-17, NKJV

11 Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. 12 And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. 13 When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." 14 Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." 15 So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother.

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

It is time to stop crying and dry your tears because compassionate Jesus is at it again. The power of God is real enough to bring everything dead back to life. Here is someone who once experienced the joy of every woman. She got married, had a child whom she raised to become a man. She was once a complete woman but now she is empty as she is about to bury her only child. Why now? When she is about to enjoy the reward of her labor over this son. Who did this to her? First her husband was taken from her and now her son. Something is wrong somewhere. You are not permitted to become barren in your old age. Don't give up on that matter. God is able to deliver from death to life.

The large crowd could not help her, but all hope was not lost. Help is here! Jesus came and commanded the young man to arise, and he did. Even the dead obey Him too. What a mighty God we serve! "So, he who was dead sat up and began to speak." Her child did not just come back to life but was back to normal. He was able to sit up and was able to speak. This is not a time for you to be discouraged because of what is happening around you. Jesus is saying, "Do not weep." Restoration is coming. He is turning your

mourning into dancing.

Get Ready! Stay Ready!! Live Ready!!!

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh LORD, I thank You for the power in Your word that is able to restore, save, heal and deliver me, in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, I speak restoration to everything the enemy has taken from me. Let that which was once dead come back to life, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, turn my tears of sorrow to tears of joy; I will weep no more, in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, I receive double for my trouble. I recover all, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, You are the compassionate Jesus, visit us with Your power and glory throughout this year, in Jesus' name.

DAY 22 PEACE. BE STIU!

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: MARK 4:35-41

35 On the same day, when evening had come, He said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side." 36 Now when they had left the multitude, they took Him along in the boat as He was. And other little boats were also with Him. 37 And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling. 38 But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?" 39 Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said

to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

In life's turbulent journey, we often find ourselves navigating storms—moments of chaos, uncertainty, and unrest. Yet, just as Christ calmed the physical storm, He invites us to experience the tranquility that transcends all circumstances and issues of life. The Bible says in Psalm 107:29 that, "He calms the storm, so that its waves are still." Our Savior not only speaks peace but actively quiets the raging waters around us. During life's tempests, His calming voice always echoes an offering of solace to us His children.

Jesus invites us to find peace in the midst of life's tempests. Our faith becomes the anchor, grounding us when the winds of doubt and fear threaten to capsize our spirits. In times of chaos, let us utter those powerful words, "Peace, be still," not merely as a plea but as a declaration of trust in the One who holds the universe and our lives in His hands. As we reflect on the storms we face today—be they personal struggles, uncertainties about the future, or challenges in relationships we must embrace the assurance that with faith, we possess the ability to speak peace into the chaos. Just as Jesus questioned His disciples' faith in the storm, let us examine our own faith and strengthen it through prayer, and a deep understanding that, in every storm, there is an opportunity for divine intervention.

In closing, let us anchor our hearts in the unshakable peace that Christ provides. Embrace each day with the knowledge that, no matter the storm, we have a Savior who speaks peace and calms the storms of life. As we internalize this truth, may it elevate us to new levels of resilience, courage, and a bold faith to face all situations, in Christ Jesus. May the peace of Christ, which surpasses all understanding, guard our hearts and minds today and always, amen.

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh LORD, I thank You for the gift of permanent and lasting peace You have made available to us, in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, deliver our soul in peace from all the battles of life that are raging against us or our families, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, quiet all the storms of anxiety that may be swirling within us, replace them with the tranquility that only comes from resting in Your promises, in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, grant us the wisdom to recognize Your voice amidst life's chaos, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, speak Your perfect peace to all issues of life that we bring before You, in Jesus' name.

DAY 23

YOU ARE LOOSED!

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: LUKE 13:10-17

10 Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. 11 And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. 12 But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." 13 And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. 14 But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day." 15 The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? 16 So ought not this

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woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound—think of it—for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?" 17 And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

This woman thought that this particular sabbath day was like any other Sabbath day but little did she know that a problem of eighteen years was going to be terminated that day. A spirit of infirmity had invaded her body and kept her bent over for years. The scripture does not tell us that she was born this way, so where did this spirit come from? Thank God she did not stay home that day succumbing to her affliction. Have you given up on God? She could have used her inability to raise herself up to not walk to the synagogue. She did the needful and Jesus saw her (consistency and faith) called her to Himself. This is your time and your turn. The God of signs and wonders has been waiting for you. Jesus loosed her from that spirit of infirmity and she was made straight. 1 John 3:8, "He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil." That spirit of infirmity is one of the works of the devil, but Jesus has come to put an end to it. Today, Jesus will terminate and destroy the activities of the enemy in your life in Jesus' name! Brethren, declare today that your body, finances, business, career, marriage, children and ministry is loosed. Now, don't forget the naysayers, they will always have something to say but trust Jesus. He has an answer for them. All those that want to schedule when God can attend to your case will be put to shame for your sake. No more embargo! "YOU ARE LOOSED"

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

1. Oh LORD, I thank You for Your Word that is powerful enough

to heal and deliver me. Speak Your word into my life, in Jesus' name.

- 2. Oh LORD, break the chains that the enemy has used to afflict any area of my life, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, let every good thing in my life that has malfunctioned receive Your touch, in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, I am Your child; therefore, I begin to enjoy my inheritance as Your child, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, in the beginning it was not so, henceforth, nothing is permitted to be 'bent over' in my life and my family, in Jesus' name.

DAY 24 ANOINT MY EYES TO SEE

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: JOHN 9:1-16, NKJV

I Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. 2 And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" 3 Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. 4 I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." 6 When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. 7 And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.



LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

Yesterday, we explored the healing of a woman with a bent-over infirmity on the Sabbath. Today, we are reflecting on John 9:1-16, where we witness Jesus restoring the sight of a man born blind. Unlike this man, many have vision, but are spiritually blind, unable to grasp profound truths. This event serves as a lesson, urging us to examine our spiritual sight and ponder the divine touch that can restore it; otherwise, many in our generation will continue living unaware of the truth, grace, and salvation Jesus offers. It's crucial to recognize the prevalence of spiritual blindness. At times this blindness sets in slowly, like glaucoma, decreasing one's vision in stages. While we may not be physically blind, at times we may have been blind to God's grace. Jesus, the light of the world, aims to restore our sight and illuminate the path of righteousness. Our faith journey involves acknowledging brokenness, allowing God to work unconventionally, and trusting His guidance. Challenges are opportunities for God to reveal His glory. As we walk in obedience and faith, our spiritual eyes open, revealing the path God has prepared for us (Jeremiah 1:5). Brethren, let the light of Christ dispel any darkness in your life. Recognize that your challenges are opportunities for God's glory to shine through you. Seize each moment to do the works God has entrusted to you. As you walk in the light of Christ, you will experience the restoration of your spiritual sight and move to the next level of your journey with Him. On this day, anticipate restoration of sight and healing in various aspects of life. Jesus proclaimed in Mark 2:27, "The Sabbath was made for man," and we are meant to experience Christ's restorative power every day.

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

1. Oh LORD, we thank You for Your divine intervention in our lives, just as you restored sight to the blind man, we praise You for Your power to bring light into our spiritual darkness, in Jesus'

name.

- 2. Oh LORD, open our eyes to recognize the areas of spiritual blindness within us. Grant us the humility to acknowledge our need for Your touch of healing and the courage to seek Your touch, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, break the chains of ignorance and pride that contribute to spiritual blindness. Illuminate our minds with the truth of Your Word, dispelling any falsehood that can hinder our understanding in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, cultivate in us a hunger for Your Word and a thirst for spiritual discernment. May we diligently seek You in prayer and study, that our spiritual eyes may remain enlightened, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, equip us with spiritual insight and wisdom to discern Your will in every aspect of our lives. May our eyes be continually fixed on You, allowing Your light to guide our paths and actions, in Jesus' name.

DAY 25

JEHOYAH JIREH, THE PROVIDER

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: Matthew 17: 24-27, NKJV

24 When they had come to Capernaum, those who received the temple tax came to Peter and said, "Does your Teacher not pay the temple tax?" 25 He said, "Yes." And when he had come into the house, Jesus anticipated him, saying, "What do you think, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth take customs or taxes, from their sons or from strangers?" 26 Peter said to Him, "From strangers." Jesus said to him, "Then the sons are free. 27 Never-

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theless, lest we offend them, go to the sea, cast in a hook, and take the fish that comes up first. And when you have opened its mouth, you will find a piece of money; take that and give it to them for Me and you."

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

As we've seen, God is Jehovah Rapha (Exodus 15:26), the God who heals, repairs, and restores one's life to its rightful place. We also see Him as Jehovah Jireh, the LORD will provide in our bible passage for today. We often forget these important characteristics of God, but if we can internalize these truths – write them on the tablets of our hearts (Proverbs 3:3), we can experience God in new dimensions.

Although Peter answered the tax collector affirmatively, he still needed confirmation from Jesus, who was anticipating this and ready to astound, miraculously. Sending Peter to find money, of all things, in a one-in-a-million fish mouth reminds us of His ability to provide for our needs in unimaginable ways. There is no contention of "can He do it? We sing that He's Jireh, while struggling with whether He wants to do it for us. The one coin paid the tax for two people; The One life paid the price for all people. Jesus paid it all! If He laid down His life, to save us, why would we doubt Him. He can pay the rent, school fees, car note, grocery bill, etc. Jesus also demonstrates in the verse that, as CREATOR of ALL, money is no object to Him. As you pray this, rest faithfully in this truth: the Lord will provide.

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh LORD, You are the Creator of all things, thank You for being our ultimate provider, especially of our financial needs in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, wherever anyone is lacking financially or materially, provide a solution for them, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, I rebuke every devourer over our finances; let there

be restoration for those who suffered financial losses, in Jesus' name.

- 4. Oh LORD, let us thrive financially in a state of surplus, not being debtors, but having more than enough to be lenders, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, give us the blueprint for money-management and to be good stewards of our finances, in Jesus' name.

DAY 26 RELEASE IT TO GOD

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: 2 Kings 4:1-7, NKJV

I A certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets cried out to Elisha, saying, "Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared the Lord. And the creditor is coming to take my two sons to be his slaves." 2 So Elisha said to her, "What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?" And she said, "Your maidservant has nothing in the house but a jar of oil." 3 Then he said, "Go, borrow vessels from everywhere, from all your neighbors—empty vessels; do not gather just a few. 4 And when you have come in, you shall shut the door behind you and your sons; then pour it into all those vessels, and set aside the full ones." 5 So she went from him and shut the door behind her and her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured it out.

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

Today's scripture is another mind-blowing testimony of what our incomprehensible God can do. How can a prophet, following a man with colossal grace, die indebted to the extent that his two

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children were collateral? If he had not withheld his need from the man of God, there would have been a solution before he died. Beloved, anyone who is anxious about one thing or another must remember that our God is more than able to bear that burden if we release it to Him. He is ready to relieve us and take it off our shoulders. "Matthew 11:28 says, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

"There is a saying that a closed mouth is a closed destiny." The wife of this prophet was proactive before the creditors took her sons away. She cried unto Elisha. Even though the Bible says, "The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is the slave of the lender" (Proverbs 22:7), she refused to give her sons up to be enslaved. Elisha said to her: "What shall I do for you? He did not just command a miracle; "what the woman had in her hand was what became a blessing for her." She did not hesitate. Though it looked insignificant at first, she released it and her faith unto God. Today, we need to look inward. What are we withholding that God can breathe on and use to take us out of obscurity and/or hardship? Remember, what God demanded from Moses' was what he had in his hand, and that was his rod" (Exodus 4:2). What is your jar of oil or that rod of deliverance in your hand? Release it in faith unto God today and watch Him turn it into a ceaseless flow of grace and glory in your life. Amen!

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh LORD, I thank You for the resources, talents, and blessings You have entrusted me with, in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, grant me the courage to release what is in my hand, even when it seems meager or insufficient. Help me trust in Your ability to multiply the resources in our hand, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, open my eyes to the opportunities around me. Guide me to discern where I can make a difference by releasing my time, skills, and resources for the benefit of others, in Jesus' name.

- 4. Oh LORD, break any and every chain of fear or doubt that hinders me from releasing what I have. Replace my anxiety with faith, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, cultivate in me a heart of generosity. May I release not only material possessions but also extend kindness, compassion, and love to those in need, in Jesus' name.

DAY 27

MIDNIGHT MIRACLE

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: Luke 22:39-53, NKJV

50 And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. 51 But Jesus answered and said, "Permit even this." And He touched his ear and healed him. 52 Then Jesus said to the chief priests, captains of the temple, and the elders who had come to Him, "Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs? 53 When I was with you daily in the temple, you did not try to seize Me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness."

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

What a wonder Jesus is! In His very last hours before He was hung on the cross, Jesus was not tired of doing wonders in the lives of people. In our text above, it was the midnight hour and Jesus had just finished praying for hours when Judas, one of His disciples, brought the soldiers to arrest Him. How can the enemies still locate someone that has been praying for hours? Jesus' other disciples did not want their beloved Master to be arrested and they were willing to fight back. So, Peter cut off the ear of one of the so-called "enemies". Just picture the mess that this turned out to be in your mind. The blood that was gushing out of this young man's ear and how loud he must have screamed. Jesus was not moved



by all these. Instead, He calmed the situation down by healing the young man's ear. He put that ear back and it seems as if it never happened in the first place. Did I just hear you ask, "why is Jesus healing the young man who was part of the enemy's camp?" I am so grateful that Jesus is not like us. This young man would have bled to death if Jesus did not heal him. It was late in the midnight hour; probably the health centers are closed, and the doctors are sleeping in their homes. Jesus was already prayed up anyway, and He arrested the situation before things turned ugly.

Have you prayed about that situation? Maybe if Peter had prayed with Jesus instead of sleeping, he would not have reacted impulsively (Luke 22:45-46). Sometimes we need to kill our enemies with love. The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, and we are not fighting against flesh and blood. Before you go after that person that you consider an enemy with a physical sword, pick up the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God (Ephesians 6:17). Peter fired before he aimed, but he should have turned to Jesus who had a better way of fixing the problem. Bring that problem to Jesus, even if it is late in the midnight hour, and He will turn it around. You are next in line for a miracle.

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh LORD, I Thank You because You never fail. Thank You for always being there for me.
- 2. Oh LORD, I come before You in my midnight hour; please turn my mess into a miracle and heal my wounds, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, teach me how to act when things go wrong, in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, I receive the grace to extend Your healing love to those that have hurt me, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, touch the hearts of our political and spiritual leaders and heal our land from all manners of decadence, in Jesus' name.



DAY 28

THAT STILL SMALL VOICE

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: 1 Kings 19:10-18

11 Then He said, "Go out, and stand on the mountain before the Lord." And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; 12 and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice. 13 So it was, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. Suddenly a voice came to him, and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

In our passage for today, Elijah expected a great showing of might and power like what took place on Mt. Carmel with the prophets of Baal. He anticipated the God who "answers by fire" (1 Kings 18:24), to make a grand and loud entrance on this mountain, but instead He came in a "still small voice" (V12). The wonder of this small voice was a contrast to the roar of the wind, the rumbling of the earthquake, and the flash of the fire. If Elijah had moved with those other signs, and his expectation of how God answers, he would have missed the small voice. This very voice that spoke, not shouted or roared creation into existence (Genesis 1:1-3).

This passage encourages us to try not to paint God as predictable, patterned, and repetitive. God is reliable and dependable, but he is still unsearchable (Job 37:23) and His ways are not ours (Isaiah 55:8-9). They go beyond our expectations. God is calling out to us, but are we too busy being busy to hear Him calling out to us? When the storms of life are raging (Isaiah 46:1-3), we must be quiet, listen, and hear that still small voice. That still small voice urged Elijah on to the next leg of his journey and revealed that

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there is power, even in God's whispers. Whenever we seek to encounter God, let's position ourselves to push past distractions and hear God speaking into every of our circumstances and calling us out.

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You that You have made Yourself available to us and continue to speak to us, in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, clarify my hearing, to be attuned to Your voice; the voice of the stranger, we will not follow (John 10:5), in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, silence every distraction in the environment around us that we may hear Your voice; help us to change the atmosphere in any venue with our presence, in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, guide us into the next steps of life's journey by the sound of Your voice, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, as the nations rage, the kingdoms move, utter Your voice (Psalm 46:6-7) and put an end to this chaos, in Jesus' name.

DAY 29

O LORD, ORDER MY STEPS!

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: GENESIS 24:1-67

"12 Then he said, "O Lord God of my master Abraham, please give me success this day, and show kindness to my master Abraham. 13 Behold, here I stand by the well of water, and the daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water. 14 Now let it be that the young woman to whom I say, 'Please let down your pitcher that I may drink,' and she says, 'Drink, and I will also give your camels a drink'—let her be the one You have appointed for Your servant Isaac. And by this I will know that You have shown kindness to my master." 15 And it happened before he had finished speaking, that behold, Rebekah, who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, came out with her pitcher on her shoulder. 16 Now the young woman was very beautiful to behold, a virgin; no man had known her. And she went down to the well, filled her pitcher, and came up. 17 And the servant ran to meet her and said, "Please let me drink a little water from your pitcher." 18 So she said, "Drink, my lord." Then she quickly let her pitcher down to her hand, and gave him a drink."

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

Hallelujah! It's a new day. In our scripture for today, Genesis 24:10-22 expresses divine guidance as Abraham's servant, Eliezer, embarked on a mission to find a wife for Isaac. This passage serves as a timeless example of committing our ways to God, trusting in His guidance, and witnessing the power of prayer unfold. The servant, aware of the gravity of his task, sought God earnestly. In verse 12, he prayed for a specific sign, asking that the woman who offered him water and also watered his camels be the chosen one (Psalms 86:17). This was a bold request, revealing the servant's reliance on God's divine intervention. As the event unfolds, we witness how God orders the steps of His people. Rebekah, in perfect alignment with the servant's prayer, appeared and fulfilled the precise conditions he laid before the Lord. This is a testament to God's faithfulness in response to Eliezer's prayer. In our generation, where uncertainties abound, believers can draw strength from this servant's journey. God is willing to guide us when we seek Him with sincerity. The divine move, as exemplified in Genesis 24, teaches us the importance of specific, faith-filled prayer and the patience to await God's faithful response. In conclusion, let us be encouraged to surrender our plans and desires to God, trusting that His ways are higher than ours (Isaiah 55:8-9). The divine move

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is an invitation for believers to allow God to lead every aspect of their lives. In prayerful dependence, we find the assurance that He will order our steps, just as He did for Eliezer and Rebekah.

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh LORD, we thank You for answering our prayers thus far, acknowledging Your faithfulness and the assurance that You listen to our petitions, in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, order our steps to the right path in all of our endeavors, as You did for Eliezer and Rebekah, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, let Your favor rest upon us, as it did upon Rebekah when she generously offered water to Abraham's servant, in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, help us to keep divine appointments, like the encounter at the well, where our destinies are aligned with Your purpose, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, we send our prayers to this year and the years ahead, to deliver the nations of the world from leaders that are oppressors in Jesus' Name.

DAY 30

BRING DOWN THE WALL!

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: JOSHUA 6:1-27

"15 But it came to pass on the seventh day that they rose early, about the dawning of the day, and marched around the city seven times in the same manner. On that day only they marched around the city seven times. 16 And the seventh time it happened, when the priests blew the trumpets, that Joshua said to the people:

"Shout, for the Lord has given you the city! 17 Now the city shall be doomed by the Lord to destruction, it and all who are in it. Only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all who are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent."

"20 So the people shouted when the priests blew the trumpets. And it happened when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat."

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

There are several Sunday School songs about this incident in the Bible, but let's be honest, do you truly believe that at the sound of trumpets and shouting the wall of Jericho fell down flat? Well, you should believe it! Although this incident spoke about an actual wall that was destroyed, God has destroyed several walls after this incident - walls in our hearts. Building up a wall isn't hard to do, our flesh and sin makes it easy to do. However, the destruction of that wall requires the help of God. The flesh that built the wall often can't and wouldn't want to destroy it because of the protection and comfort it gives. To fulfill God's mandate for your life and to make heaven those walls in your heart must be destroyed. Yes, it's that serious! What is your wall called? Is it anger, trauma, trust issues, daddy issues, unforgiveness, immorality, greed, pride, gluttony, laziness, etc. (Read Galatians 5:19-21)? As you spend time in prayer, ask God to reveal the walls you have built in your life and ask Him to help you destroy them. It may not happen all in one day but just like the children of Israel didn't quit, you can't quit either. Keep surrounding that wall with praises and prayers and the destruction is imminent.

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

1. Oh LORD, thank You for there's no wall too big or too wide for You to destroy in Jesus' name.

- 2. Oh LORD, reveal to me every wall I've built in my heart and help to destroy them, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, help me to replace the comfort/protection I receive from these walls with the true comfort and protection found in You in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, help me not to be my own stumbling block to fulfill Your mandate and purpose for my life in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, let there be restoration of the fear of God in every nation in Jesus' name.

DAY 31 SAVING THE BEST FOR THE LAST

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: JOHN 2:1-11, NKJV

6 Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece. 7 Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." And they filled them up to the brim. 8 And He said to them, "Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast." And they took it. 9 When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom. 10 And he said to him, "Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the guests have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!" 11 This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.



LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

Today, we are believing in God who gives out every good and perfect gift to save the best for the last for us, even as the year is coming to an end. The presence of Jesus at the wedding in Cana gave the newlywed couple a glorious finish to their wedding reception. Unbeknownst to the couple, they had run out of wine, but Jesus gave them the best gift. He used their wedding reception as the launching pad for His many signs and wonders. Jesus turned what would have been an embarrassing situation to a moment of pure joy and celebration. He broke the common practice of saving the bad wine for the last. He simply saved the best for the last, to the amazement of the master of the ceremony. Friends, I don't know what you've experienced so far this year, or maybe you are on the verge of an embarrassing situation like this newly wed, but I have good news for you, Jesus will come through for you. You will not experience shame or disgrace! He is simply saving the best for the last for you! The glory of this latter house shall be more glorious than the former! Praise God! Just put your trust in Him and believe that He is not done with you yet. If all of the creation only took Him six days, please put a smile on your face because YOUR BEST IS YET TO COME!!!

Let's pray!

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for always showing up for me; thank You for Your unfailing grace and mercies towards me in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, I invite You into every area of my life; let Your presence forever be the difference maker for me in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, in any area of my life where I'm on the verge of disgrace or embarrassment, let there be divine intervention in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, as You have started this year with me, give me a glorious finish. Let there be a manifestation of the best that You have saved for the last for me and my family in Jesus' name.



5. Oh LORD, in all the nations of the world, let there be an outpour of new wine; pour out Your Spirit afresh in Jesus' name (Joel 2:28).

DAY 32 DESPERATE FOR A MIRACLE

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: MATTHEW 15:21-28

22 And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed." 23 But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us." 24 But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." 25 Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" 26 But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs." 27 And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." 28 Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

Many people walk around with terrible illnesses, problems, afflictions, and all manner of issues, but it's unfortunate that the moment some of them meet someone who is able to help them, they allow their pride, arrogance, emotion, feelings, or even tradition to rob them of such help. I think you will agree with me that they are not desperate enough.

In our scriptural text today, we see a woman who was desperately looking for help for her daughter. She was intentional and calcu-

lated as she approached Jesus. Though Jesus seemed not to be interested in her case at first, she broke His silence with her worship. She fell to the ground at His feet and worshipped her King. She cried out for help; her heart, head, and knee were all humbled before Christ. She reduced herself to nothing to get what she needed desperately. She demonstrated a heightened level of humility, faith, and perseverance. She kept asking until she got a response from Jesus. She got what she wanted - Jesus' attention. You may interpret Jesus' response as an insult, but she didn't. She refused to be offended at Jesus. She responded to Jesus with her heart and not her head. She allowed her faith to take delivery of the help she desperately needed and not her feelings or emotions. Her ultimate desire was her daughter's healing and she got it.

How desperate do you want God to touch you, that child of yours, your health condition, that court case, the barren womb etc.? Can you pass the divine test that will bring forth your miracle? Keep on persevering, never give up, and all shall be well in Jesus' name.

Let's Pray!

- 1. Oh LORD, I thank You for always being there for my help even when it seems that You are a million miles far away; I worship You in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, let anything and everything in my life such as pride, flesh, sin, etc. that can hinder me from receiving the help I desperately needed in destiny be destroyed now, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, baptize me with the spirit of faith and perseverance so that I will not give up, in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, speak Your word of life and healing into every situation that has defiled all intervention, and give me a lasting testimony today, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, let all demonic activities in the lives of our political leaders, and in our nations meet with Your divine judgment today, in Jesus' name.



REFRESHED BY THE ROCK

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: EXODUS 17:1-7, NKJV

17 Then all the congregation of the children of Israel set out on their journey from the Wilderness of Sin, according to the commandment of the Lord, and camped in Rephidim; but there was no water for the people to drink. 2 Therefore the people contended with Moses, and said, "Give us water, that we may drink." So Moses said to them, "Why do you contend with me? Why do you tempt the Lord?" 3 And the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses, and said, "Why is it you have brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" 4 So Moses cried out to the Lord, saying, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me!" 5 And the Lord said to Moses, "Go on before the people, and take with you some of the elders of Israel. Also take in your hand your rod with which you struck the river, and go. 6 Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink." And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7 So he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the contention of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

Glory! Hallelujah! In today's scriptural passage, we found a compelling event of thirst, desperation, and divine care. The chosen people of Israel with parched throats voiced out complaints against Moses instead of seeking the help of God. Moses, burdened with the weight of leadership and the anger of a thirsty people sought guidance from the Almighty God. In the midst of the chaos, murmuring and complaint, God gave Moses direction on what to do. He told Moses to strike the Rock in Horeb, and it unleashed a miraculous stream of water which quenched the thirst of the weary

travelers - Israelites. As believers, even in the most severe seasons of our lives, we must believe that God can and will provide refreshment from unexpected sources.

Our lives, just like the Israelites' journey, can be filled with some sort of wilderness experience such as times of trial, tribulation, lack, doubt, unmet needs etc. We must be reminded constantly that the Rock Moses struck to bring forth water is Christ Himself (1 Corinthians 10:1-4) and He is still in our midst today as the living proof of God's faithfulness to His children. The encounter in today's scripture teaches us to turn to God in our moments of despair and trust that He will transform the ordinary into the extraordinary. Also, the murmurs of the Israelites should remind us of the danger of a complaining heart. In our pursuit of a better life, we must never grumble about our circumstances, forgetting that God's plan is far greater than our momentary discomfort. Instead of complaining, let us cultivate a heart of gratitude, recognizing that even the challenges we face are opportunities for God to reveal His power. So, beloved, let us approach our challenges with the confidence that the God who brought water out of the Rock will also attend to our needs and refresh our souls even in the seemingly littlest areas of life. We should embrace each trial as an invitation for God to reveal His glory, and, like the Israelites, we will experience the joy of being refreshed by the living Rock in the wilderness of life.

Let's Pray!

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for being the source of the living water, and the One who refreshes my soul, in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, God of all comfort, comfort us with Your presence and power in times of trials and needs, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, help us not to live a life of murmuring and complaint, but trust in Your miraculous provision in the midst of our struggles and desperation, in Jesus' name.

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- 4. Oh LORD, You are the stream of living waters, bring out water from the Rock for us and quench our spiritual thirst, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, as the Rock provided a source of revival and refreshment in the wilderness, we pray for a revival of righteousness and justice in all the nations of the world, in Jesus' name.

DAY 34

GO FORWARD!

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: EXODUS 14:1-31, NKJV

13 And Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. 14 The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace." 15 And the Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward. 16 But lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it. And the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea. 17 And I indeed will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them. So I will gain honor over Pharaoh and over all his army, his chariots, and his horsemen. 18 Then the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained honor for Myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen."

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

Sometimes when we're going through what may seem like a Red Sea situation, we tend to desire the pep talk or motivational talk more than the solution itself. Hello wake up! God is saying: "go forward"! According to our Bible passage, Moses had consoled the children of Israel not to be afraid and to stand still to see the salvation of the LORD. This was good counsel for the meantime, in order to seek God's face for a solution. When you're in your Red Sea situation you cannot afford to be in panic or fear. Fear will not let you hear God correctly, and it can quickly enslave a person by getting them stuck in a rut. Hence the word of the Lord: Go forward! Go forward in the word and prayer, go forward in your service to God, go forward in your worship. Don't drop everything you've been doing for God to nurse your problems. Don't get stuck. Go forward!

Go forward because the enemy and his riders must not catch up with you. Go forward because you're about to walk on dry ground. God won't let you drown in the Red Sea. Go forward because there is a land of promise awaiting you on the other side. Beloved, do not be afraid. The days ahead are rife with some unbelievable breakthroughs and experiences. You can't afford to miss out on what God has in store for you. Go forward to possess what is yours in Jesus' name!

Let's Pray!

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You because there is always a way of escape from trouble with You, in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, show me and my household Your mercy and favor. May we always enjoy Your leading, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, may I not be stuck in the failures of past years. I receive the grace and the courage to go forward and prosper in this year and beyond, in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, henceforth, I go forward into living in Your atmosphere of miracles. May I continue to enjoy the mercy side of Your double-edged sword of deliverance in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, let Your judgment and divine replacement come upon the nations and their leaders who will not allow Your children to serve You freely, in Jesus' name.



A WAY THROUGH THE RED SEA

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: EXODUS 14:1-31, NKJV

19 And the Angel of God, who went before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud went from before them and stood behind them. 20 So it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. Thus it was a cloud and darkness to the one, and it gave light by night to the other, so that the one did not come near the other all that night. 21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided. 22 So the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea on the dry ground, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. 23 And the Egyptians pursued and went after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. 24 Now it came to pass, in the morning watch, that the Lord looked down upon the army of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and cloud, and He troubled the army of the Egyptians. 25 And He took off their chariot wheels, so that they drove them with difficulty; and the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the face of Israel, for the Lord fights for them against the Egyptians."26 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the waters may come back upon the Egyptians, on their chariots, and on their horsemen."

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

What a mighty God we serve. Who would have thought that when the Israelites were told to hold their peace that a dry highway was about to appear in the middle of the Red Sea? It sounds like something in a make-believe story book, but this was playing out right in front of the Israelites. The Angel of God and the pillar of cloud became a wall that separated the Israelites from the Egyptians. While one side was experiencing light that guided their path, the

other side was experiencing darkness. He's the same God that created light and darkness in Genesis 1:4 so He rules over both. God will not only make a way for you through that Red Sea, but He will also be your defense. No matter the situation you find yourself in, pray to God and He will make a way for you. He did not promise you that the journey would be easy, but He will never bring you this far to leave you stranded by that Red Sea. Our God is a way maker. He can make a way out of any situation such as failure, debt, abusive relationship, court cases, sickness and diseases etc. After the Lord has made a way for you and any of these problems or persons are unrelenting from following you, then they have just written their obituary like the Egyptians did. The same God that can path the Red Sea can also close it back up. Our God does not play nice with the enemy so watch them go down and never to rise again. Give the Lord a shout of praise for the Egyptians you see today, you shall see them no more. Hallelujah!!!

Let's Pray!

- 1. Oh LORD, I rejoice in You the God of my salvation. Thank you for being my way maker, in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, arise and be my defense. Let darkness be the portion of my enemies, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, let the pillar of cloud and fire surround everything and everyone connected to me, in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, my Red Sea must part today, in Jesus' name.
- 5.Oh LORD, as it ended victoriously for your children, let it be so for the nations of the world that are experiencing hardship, crisis and war, in Jesus' name.



DON'T GIVE UP. FIGHT FOR YOUR MIRACLE

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: 1 SAMUEL 1:1-28, NKJV

".. 9 So Hannah arose after they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat by the doorpost of the tabernacle of the Lord. 10 And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed to the Lord and wept in anguish. 11 Then she made a vow and said, "O Lord of hosts, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your maidservant and remember me, and not forget Your maidservant, but will give Your maidservant a male child, then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life, and no razor shall come upon his head." 12 And it happened, as she continued praying before the Lord, that Eli watched her mouth. 13 Now Hannah spoke in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard. Therefore Eli thought she was drunk. 14 So Eli said to her, "How long will you be drunk? Put your wine away from you!" 15 But Hannah answered and said, "No, my lord, I am a woman of sorrowful spirit. I have drunk neither wine nor intoxicating drink, but have poured out my soul before the Lord. 16 Do not consider your maidservant a wicked woman, for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief I have spoken until now." 17 Then Eli answered and said, "Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant your petition which you have asked of Him." 18 And she said, "Let your maidservant find favor in your sight." So the woman went her way and ate, and her face was no longer sad.

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

Beloved, on this glorious day, let the story of Hannah echo through your heart. As the calendar pages turn, and the echoes of unfulfilled aspirations linger, and you may find yourself pondering on unmet dreams and unresolved prayers. Remember Hannah's persistent hope in the face of delayed dreams of a child. It's easy to feel the weight of unmet expectations. Yet, in God's master plan, there is still a sudden miracle with divine precision that's ready to

unfold in your life. Hannah's journey mirrors the seasons of waiting, the years of barrenness, and the tears that water the seeds of hope. Don't be disheartened by the ticking clock or the seemingly elusive promises. Even in the eleventh hour, God's timing is still the best - He is always on time. Recall Hannah's joy as she cradled her son, Samuel, the embodiment of a miracle birthed from persistent prayers. Her story whispers to us across centuries, assuring that God's timing is impeccable, and His miracles are not bound by the constraints of human calendars.

As the sands of time slip through the hourglass, hold fast to the promise that it's never too late for God to intervene. Just as Hannah's cry reached the ears of the Almighty, your prayers also will be heard. The God of sudden miracles is not confined by the limitations of time; He is the author of extraordinary stories scripted in the twilight of impossibility. Brethren, live each remaining day with an expectancy rooted in faith. Your breakthrough may be just a heartbeat away. Don't give up, for in the quiet moments of persistence, miracles are being fashioned, ready to unfold as the new year dawns. In these remaining days of the year, continue to bring your desires before the Almighty. Trust that, just as God opened Hannah's womb and granted her the desires of her heart, He is also working behind the scenes in your life. Don't be disheartened by the ticking clock; instead, let it be a reminder that God's miracles are not bound by time constraints.

Let's Pray!

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for being the chief advocate of my life and family, in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, I pray for the spirit of consistency in prayer; I refuse to be discouraged, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, as Hannah's tears turned to laughter, may all my unmet expectations, aspirations, and dreams turn to testimonies, in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, at your wonders, let everyone mocking me come to

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celebrate You in my life and family, in Jesus' name.

5. Oh LORD, let all the nations of the world come to the knowledge of Christ, in Jesus' name. Psalms 9 v17.

DAY 37

THE POWER OF PLEASING GOD

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: ACTS 8:26-40, NKJV

"26 Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert. 27 So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship.

37 Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." 38 So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him. 39 Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing."

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

We thank God for the experiences and lessons gained so far. We thank God for the new revelations we have received so far. In order to see and experience this God of signs and wonders, one must be obedient to His commands and please Him in their doings. We can be amongst those who enjoy the God of signs and wonders because we fear Him, and this is well depicted in Psalm 25:14. Our passage today brings an understanding of what happens to a man who obeys the instructions of God. We are made aware

of Philip's journeys after the believers were scattered from Jerusalem due to persecution. Philip took advantage of what the enemy meant for evil and began to fulfill his own ministry. After a wonderful experience in Samaria, an angel of the Lord was sent to Him to go elsewhere, and he gladly obliged without objection. This is the setting stone to his experience of the move of God. 1 John 3:22, helps us to understand that there is a direct correlation between the answers to our prayers and our obedience to God in doing that which pleases Him. In our obedience and doing that which pleases God, we are placed in a position to see God's power. Phillip obeyed God and pleased Him by sharing the gospel with the Ethiopian Eunuch, a man who wanted to know. As a result, the atmosphere was conducive for God to perform His signs and wonders in Philip's life. Let's please God in our endeavors and watch Him do the seemingly impossible with our lives.

Let's Pray!

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You because You are the reason I live, I move and have my being, in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, thank You for there's no limitation in what You can do and are doing with my life, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, as I study and meditate on Your words may I experience and gain deeper revelations, in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, may I always be quick to listen and obey the instructions and prompting of the Holy Spirit, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, as Your gospel is preached around the world may the heart of men be open to receive it, in Jesus' name.



THE POWER IN HIS WORD

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: JOHN 4:46-54, NKJV

48 Then Jesus said to him, "Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will by no means believe." 49 The nobleman said to Him, "Sir, come down before my child dies!" 50 Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your son lives." So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way. 51 And as he was now going down, his servants met him and told him, saying, "Your son lives!" 52 Then he inquired of them the hour when he got better. And they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him." 53 So the father knew that it was at the same hour in which Jesus said to him, "Your son lives." And he himself believed, and his whole household.

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

Today, the One who honors His word above all His name will settle every yearning of our hearts through the power in His Word. In the scriptural text posted above, the nobleman had a need that only Jesus, the great Physician could meet. His son was sick and at the point of death. He came to Jesus looking for help, his nobility notwithstanding. He thought Jesus' healing power was limited to His physical appearance at his house. He also did not believe that Jesus could raise the dead. There was a limitation in his faith. This nobleman did not know the Omniscient, Omnipresent and Omnipotent nature of Jesus. A word from Jesus settled the limitation in his faith. Jesus sent a word ahead of him to his son. This nobleman ran with the word of Jesus. He believed what Jesus said concerning his son. The news of the restoration of life to his son was confirmed to him on his way home, a day after Jesus spoke. Salvation came to this man and his household through the power in the word of Jesus.

Brothers and sisters, I don't know what you are believing in God for even as this year winds down, the wonder-working power in His word is still ever potent. The Bible says, "You can trust this: Every word that God speaks is true. God is a safe place for those who go to him." (Proverbs□

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for the integrity and the manifestations of Your word in my life in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, from today, let Your word break every stronghold of unbelief in my life in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, in the new year and beyond, let the comfort of Your word settle every doubt and anxiety in my heart in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, show me mercy; let there be a performance of every word that you have spoken concerning me and my family in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, as Your word is being preached in all the nations of the world, let it become power to those who are being saved in Jesus' name.

DAY 39 THE TOUCH OF JESUS

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: MATTHEW 8:14-15, NKJV

14 NOW WHEN Jesus had come into Peter's house, He saw his wife's mother lying sick with a fever. 15 So He touched her hand, and the fever left her. And she arose and served them.



LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

In today's scriptural text, Peter was accompanied by Jesus to his house, and a member of his household who was ill got her healing immediately after Jesus touched her. Talk about Speed, Ease, and Accuracy. The woman rose up and got busy at once. Wait, think about it, what's in a touch? The question is, what's in the touch of Jesus? You can be sure if no one else had touched her, Peter's wife must have touched her mother on several occasions in a bid to make her well. If all it took to be healed was just a touch, the woman would have been healed before Jesus arrived. It was a supernatural touch with divine authority. Beloved, you don't have to have all the answers, but you must be accompanied by the One who's got all the answers. "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him" (Acts 10:38). Indeed, the company you keep determines what accompanies you. Jesus Himself was accompanied by God everywhere He went. When we walk with Jesus, we literally become a living testimony of what Psalm 23:6 says; "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." Amen

Beloved, who has been blessed or healed because you're with Jesus? Who is currently being blessed or healed by the reason of your walk with Jesus? Examine your circle of influence. Are you all the same? Do they have what you do not have and vice versa? If you are single or married reading this, pray to be a great blessing (7 times better) to your in-laws-to-be, or in-laws, as it was recorded about Ruth, in Ruth 4:15. May we carry the atmosphere of Jesus everywhere we go in Jesus' name.

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

1. Oh LORD, thank You for the gift of access and intimacy with You in Jesus' name.

- 2. Oh LORD, let the challenges and issues of my life and family become aligned and resolved in Your perfect timing in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, when I do not have the answer, let me always find myself in the company of solution bearers and those who always know what to do, in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, may my walk with You not be questioned. Let my family and everyone around me benefit from my walk with You and Your divine touch, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, by Your divine touch and end-time agenda let the nations of the world arise to serve Your purpose, in Jesus' name.

DAY 40 DOING THE IMPOSSIBLE

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: ACTS 14:8-18. NKJV

"8 And in Lystra a certain man without strength in his feet was sitting, a cripple from his mother's womb, who had never walked. 9 This man heard Paul speaking. Paul, observing him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, 10 said with a loud voice, "Stand up straight on your feet!" And he leaped and walked. 11 Now when the people saw what Paul had done, they raised their voices, saying in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!" 12 And Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. 13 Then the priest of Zeus, whose temple was in front of their city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates, intending to sacrifice with the multitudes."



LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

Glory hallelujah!!!

Oral Roberts once wrote a book title: "When you see the invisible, you can do the impossible". Do you believe it? Think about it! In our scripture today, we see the power of faith in action. Paul was able to see through the eyes of the spirit that this man had faith enough to bring his misery to an end. "17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Romans 10:17). Because he was in the atmosphere of Jesus, a lifelong disability was terminated just like that. Now if God is able to heal a man that was born crippled, is it that problem of how many weeks that He can't handle? Our God specializes in making impossibilities to become possible; only if you will believe.

In today's "Lord I Believe" fellowship, enter into this prayer session believing that God will do it. Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." (Mark 9:23). God showed up in the life of Apostle Paul and gave strength to feeble feet and the man that never walked all his life began to leap and walk. Beloved, I want you to buckle your belt and get ready to leap into your healing, deliverance, breakthrough, marriage, peace, joy and whatsoever you desire. Once the Lord has done it for you/through you, please don't forget to give God all the glory. You are not permitted to share in His glory.

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh LORD, we return all the glory and honor to You for all Your goodness and mercy we have enjoyed this year, in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, I receive the grace to walk in Your power and authority, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, let every lifelong problem and situation in my life and family end today. They will proceed no further, in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, let undeniable miracles become part of my testimonies in life, in Jesus' name.

5. Oh LORD, release the spirit of unity on all the nations of the world. Let Your peace reign in Jesus' name.

DAY 41

PROTOCOUS ARE BREAKING FOR MY SAKE

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: JOHN 5:1-15, NKJV

5 Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" 7 The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me." 8 Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." 9 And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked. And that day was the Sabbath. 10 The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed." 11 He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.'"

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

HALLELUJAH!!! Glory to God in the highest!

Though our scriptural passage today is very popular, you must be very careful not to approach it with familiarity. You must have heard many negative things about the response of the man at the pool of Bethesda to the simple question of Jesus: "Do you want to be made well?". As a matter of fact, you might still be angry with his response right now even though you were not the one that was sick.

Today, I want you to pause and take a good look at your life if you

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are truly better than this man. Is your response to Jesus all year different from that of this man? Are you sure you are not stuck in your old ways, and how you think things should be? This man was not just bound by his sickness, but the greater bondage was his mindset. Thank God for the healing of this man but Jesus is showing you and I our response to Him on many issues of our lives. There are systems and protocols that have become like the turning of the waters in our lives. So, we have legitimate excuse(s) for why we are still at the same spot spiritually, financially, maritally, academically, in career etc. While others can reason and agree with you for the FACTS at hand, Jesus is calling you to embrace the TRUTH today, because PROTOCOLS ARE BREAKING FOR YOUR SAKE.

The facts around our lives are no match for the truth of His word. We must believe God to do things in unusual and uncommon ways. Don't be stuck in how things have been for years. Get ready mind ready for something new because God is doing something new - HE IS BREAKING PROTOCOLS FOR YOUR SAKE.

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for the gift of life to see another day; take all the glory and honor, in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, I refuse to be a victim of protocols and systems in this year and the years ahead, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, let there be true transformation in my life by the renewing of my mind through Your written, spoken, and revealed word, in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, let Your truth swallow the facts as You do something new in my life today, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, let every law, decree, and ordinances in the nations of the world begin to work in the favor of my life, my family and Your church, in Jesus' name.

DAY 42

DANGER OF DISOBEDIENCE

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: JOSHUA 7:1-26, NKJV

"I But the children of Israel committed a trespass regarding the accursed things, for Achan the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the accursed things; so the anger of the Lord burned against the children of Israel. 2 Now Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is beside Beth Aven, on the east side of Bethel, and spoke to them, saying, "Go up and spy out the country." So the men went up and spied out Ai. 3 And they returned to Joshua and said to him, "Do not let all the people go up, but let about two or three thousand men go up and attack Ai. Do not weary all the people there, for the people of Ai are few." 4 So about three thousand men went up there from the people, but they fled before the men of Ai. 5 And the men of Ai struck down about thirty-six men, for they chased them from before the gate as far as Shebarim, and struck them down on the descent; therefore the hearts of the people melted and became like water."

"10 So the Lord said to Joshua: "Get up! Why do you lie thus on your face? 11 Israel has sinned, and they have also transgressed My covenant which I commanded them. For they have even taken some of the accursed things, and have both stolen and deceived; and they have also put it among their own stuff. 12 Therefore the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, but turned their backs before their enemies, because they have become doomed to destruction. Neither will I be with you anymore, unless you destroy the accursed from among you. 13 Get up, sanctify the people, and say, 'Sanctify yourselves for tomorrow, because thus says the Lord God of Israel: "There is an accursed thing in your midst, O Israel; you cannot stand before your enemies until you take away the accursed thing from among you."



LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

The Almighty God that you serve is able to do more than you can imagine. However, you can limit what He does for you in several ways. In this event of Joshua and the children of Israel, they were defeated by a small nation because of their disobedience. In Joshua 6:18-19, they were told not to take any items from Jericho after defeating them and all items were to be consecrated to the Lord. Achan chose to disobey which led to the death of thirty-six men and the soldiers being defeated. One man's selfishness and disobedience (sin) resulted in everyone paying for it. God of all possibilities, who led them through the Red Sea and helped them defeat Jericho, was ready to continue helping them but Achan's action hindered God. Let's take some time to reflect; in what way are you being disobedient to God and what is that action hindering in your life? Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal what you don't recall unto you as you come into His presence to learn at His feet.

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You that there's nothing impossible for You and for the battles You have won on my behalf in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, please have mercy on me for ways and times I have not done Your will and follow Your instructions in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, bring to my remembrance what action or behavior of mine is hindering Your move in my life in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, reveal what accursed things I have in my possession and help me to get rid of them so that I will stop blocking my blessings in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, remove all accursed things and idols in our community that are hindering Your move in our land in Jesus' name.

DAY 43

THE POWER OF GIVING

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: JOHN 6:1-15, NKJV

Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?" 6 But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do. 7 Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little." 8 One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, 9 "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?" 10 Then Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. 11 And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted. 12 So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, "Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost." 13 Therefore they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten.

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

Blessed be the name of the Lord for the gift of another glorious day amongst the living. To Him alone be all the glory forever. In the scriptural text posted above, there was a need and the young lad did not withhold his five barley loaves and two small fish, rather, he released them into the hands of Jesus. What did this young boy understand about the power of giving? What encouraged his willingness to release his own food so that others could be fed? Divine increase came upon what this young boy gave to Jesus. What he gave became active ingredients in the miracle of feeding the five thousand. As we begin this new year, one of the many things that will unlock or unveil divine possibilities to us this year



is giving. We must be intentional about giving. Believe God for the giving grace. On the account of God's benevolence, salvation came to the world through Jesus Christ. Abraham became a generational blessing to many because he gave Isaac by faith (Genesis 22:15-18; Hebrews 11:17). David gave and God established an everlasting covenant of mercy with him (2 Samuel 7:1-16). Solomon also gave and he was imparted with divine wisdom and riches (1 Kings 3:3-13). However, if our lives are not pleasing to God, it does not matter what we give, it will never be acceptable before God. Hence, increase will not come upon it. Abel gave a more excellent sacrifice out of righteousness, and God accepted it (Hebrews 11:4). So, the need to give correctly is paramount for our giving to get heaven's attention. May we understand the power of giving, and may our giving align with God's divine purpose in Jesus' name. Let's pray!

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for the indescribable gift of Your son, Jesus Christ to us in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, let my life be pleasing to You; my giving will not become an abomination before You in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, in this new year and the years ahead, let my giving be inspired by my love for You; I receive grace to be rich towards You in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, in this new year and the years ahead, empower me to be a blessing to others; let the giving grace rest upon me mightily in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, by Your power, let every spirit of greed and selfcenteredness in the corridors of power in all the nations of the world be terminated in Jesus' name.

DAY 44

MAKING BOLD DECLARATIONS IN GOD

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: 1 SAMUEL 17:1-51, NKJV

45 Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. 46 This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. 47 Then all this assembly shall know that the Lord does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's, and He will give you into our hands." 48 So it was, when the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, that David hurried and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. 49 Then David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone; and he slung it and struck the Philistine in his forehead, so that the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the earth. 50 So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. But there was no sword in the hand of David.

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

In today's scripture, we're going to learn, following David's pattern on how to win those "impossible" battles by making bold declarations that are backed by dwelling in the word of God richly, thereby commanding desired results.

Child of God, do you realize that winning life's battles entails killing that 'Philistine' that will not let you obey God? That Philistine, in the form of a weakness, sickness, sin and unbelief will eventually take you out of God's will if it's not dealt with immediately! Mind you, these Philistines are loud and intimidating, yet we have the power to silence and conquer them! Remember, "... faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Romans

10:17. This year, we must learn to first chew the word of God in our mouth! Confess the word of God as your life depends on it. Get God's word on your lips constantly! "Your words were found, and I ate them, and Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart..." (Jeremiah 15:16). Eating starts with chewing, right? Beloved, chew God's word. Get chewing! Chew on it to the point (of being fully convinced - being fully persuaded. Romans 14:5) that it can freely flow down your body, soul and spirit into your spiritual gut for "processing" and manifestation! This is how we can obey God; when the word is near, in our mouth and in our hearts, we'll find ourselves doing it. Deuteronomy 30:14. David overcame the Philistine first by the word, before the slingshot. You will do well by depending on, and constantly declaring God's word first for your victories, and not on those "seven steps to success' or "3 ways to get your miracle". The instructions and steps to take will come after the word has taken its full place in our lives.

Finally Beloved, "And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak," Do you believe? Now start speaking!

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for being the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, and thank You for making me an apprentice of Your word to give me a victorious life, in Jesus' name. (Hebrews 3:1; Psalm 18:34)
- 2. Oh LORD, in this year and beyond, help my household and I commit to a routine and lifestyle that will make Your word dwell in us richly in Jesus' name. (Colossians 3:16)
- 3. Oh LORD, in this year and the years ahead, Your wisdom will enter my heart and the knowledge of Your word will be pleasant to my soul in Jesus' name. (Proverbs 2:10-12)

- 4. Oh LORD, I will not be silent, and I will not be silenced. I will boldly declare my desired reality by Your word, in Jesus' name. (Acts 18:9)
- 5. Oh LORD, as we declare Your word and truth in all of our homes and churches, let the ripple effect spread across the nations of the earth, and let Your kingdom come in Jesus' name. (Jeremiah 1:10)

DAY 45

COMPLACENCY LIMITS VICTORIES

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: 2 KINGS 13:14-19, NKJV

16 Then he said to the king of Israel, "Put your hand on the bow." So he put his hand on it, and Elisha put his hands on the king's hands. 17 And he said, "Open the east window"; and he opened it. Then Elisha said, "Shoot"; and he shot. And he said, "The arrow of the Lord's deliverance and the arrow of deliverance from Syria; for you must strike the Syrians at Aphek till you have destroyed them." 18 Then he said, "Take the arrows"; so he took them. And he said to the king of Israel, "Strike the ground"; so he struck three times, and stopped. 19 And the man of God was angry with him, and said, "You should have struck five or six times; then you would have struck Syria till you had destroyed it! But now you will strike Syria only three times."

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

It is very fascinating to know that many believers do not recognize God's grace when they see it, needless to talk about honoring it. How many times has God set His mind to do great and marvelous things in our lives only to be met with disappointments because of our complacency to spiritual matters. How many times have we



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missed divine opportunities because we don't have faith in God? In our text today, we see a king who was only privileged by grace to come in contact with such a colossal anointing as that of Elisha and yet he could not maximize it to the best of his ability. The king had a second chance to fix his wrongs before Elisha died but he blew it. The man of God was only testing his faith, yet he failed. Elisha did not have to give the king a count, but the king should have struck that ground as many times as it would take to wear him out. Do you believe God enough to handle the impossibilities in your life? We have been told that this year will be our year of victory through faith. You have got to feed that faith and bring it back to life.

God is giving you your own opportunity to strike the ground now. How much faith do you have in God? Will you strike that ground over and over until your Assyrians are all gone, or you are going to allow tradition and laziness to limit you? Remember that the number of your victories depends on the number of your strikes. Don't miss this divine opportunity.

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh LORD, I worship and adore You because You are the God of many chances. Thank You for giving me another chance to make it right in life, in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, I refuse to allow a mediocre mindset to rob me of my blessings and open doors henceforth, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, arise and destroy all the "Assyrians" and oppressors in my life, in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, let every demonic cycle of negativity come to an end in my life, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, arise and bring victory to countries that are being oppressed by principalities of war, in Jesus' name.

DAY 46

PUT YOUR TRUST IN GOD

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: PROVERB 3:1-20, NKJV

3 Let not mercy and truth forsake you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart, 4 And so find favor and high esteem in the sight of God and man. 5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. 7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and depart from evil.

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

In our text today, the call to action is very clear as we continue the year anew to "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6). Brethren, this is our moment to cast away the shadows of self-reliance and embrace the light of trust in the God of all possibilities. Our journey should unfold not by the strength of our own might, but by the grace of a God whose understanding transcends human limitations. We should consider the lilies of the field, a vivid canvas painted by the Creator's hand according to Matthew 6:28-29, they neither toil nor spin, yet they stand adorned in beauty and the God of heaven provides for their needs.

Psalm 37:4 invites us to a posture of delight which states that, "Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart." Brethren, let our delight be in the Lord as we take this call to action, and we will witness how our desires will harmonize with His purpose which will become the melody of divine possibilities. Let this call to action resounds in our spirit to trust in God wholeheartedly, acknowledge Him in every step, and lean on the God of all possibilities. No matter what our expectations are this year and beyond, we must always be guided by Isaiah 55:9 that says, "For as the heavens are higher than the

earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts." We are to put our trust in God and watch as His divine power continues to shape the narrative of the year for us in Jesus' name.

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh LORD, I thank You because I can trust and depend on You for the journey ahead in this new year, in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, grant us a sound mind and discerning heart, that we may navigate the complexities of life with Your guidance, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, help us not to lean on our own understanding, and grant us the wisdom to seek Your guidance in every decision we make, in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, help me to reshape my mindset from that of self-reliance to a total dependence on You, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, bring all the leaders of the world to their knees to recognize You as Lord over the nations, kingdoms, and the tribes, in Jesus' name.

DAY 47

THE POWER OF THE HIGHEST

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAYE: LUKE 1:26-38, NKJV

34 Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" 35 And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be

born will be called the Son of God. 36 Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. 37 For with God nothing will be impossible."

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

We bless God for the day and what He has in store for us. There is something exciting about the word, Power, especially in its Greek translation. Without power one can't perform a task or exert any energy. What is considered the powerhouse of the human body is the heart and without it the body is useless. We want to correlate this quick understanding that the power of the born-again believer is the Holy Spirit. (Zechariah 4:6, Acts 1:8) When a person is without the Holy Spirit, such life is in a state of wasted effort and it's very difficult to do anything meaningful for God. In today's text, we see a virgin lady, Mary, who encountered an angel and was informed that she will bear a child though she has not known a man. If we attempt to give that a thought without the knowledge of the Holy Spirit, we will bluntly say it is a lie and impossible. This is where we separate the mature from the immature. There is something mentioned in Luke 1:38, that can help us to know that this young lady, Mary knew the power of God, and believed the words of the angel "Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her." That should bring us to the understanding that the Holy Spirit is the one that can make what is impossible with man become possible in our lives.

Do you believe that the power of God is alive now as it was yesterday? If so, it is time to believe God for the impossible as He gives liberty and grace.

Let's Pray!

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for in You is unlimited possibilities and I am privileged to experience this in my life, in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, may I always depend on the Holy Spirit for all things both great and small, in Jesus' name.

- 3. Oh LORD, let every stumbling block hindering me and limiting my mind from envisioning Your greatness be destroyed. Open my mind and heart to Your greatness, in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, give me hunger and thirst for deeper intimacy with the Holy Spirit and intensify Your power in my journey with You, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, may Your power be seen and felt in the ministries, churches, cities, states, and nations more than the previous years, in Jesus' name.

NO ROOM FOR LAZINESS

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: GENESIS 2:8-15, NKJV

8 The Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed. 9 And out of the ground the Lord God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.10 Now a river went out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it parted and became four riverheads. 11 The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one which skirts the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. 12 And the gold of that land is good. Bdellium and the onyx stone are there. 13 The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one which goes around the whole land of Cush. 14 The name of the third river is Hiddekel; it is the one which goes toward the east of Assyria. The fourth river is the Euphrates.15 Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.



LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

In the divine narrative of creation, Genesis 2 unfolds a profound lesson on diligence and partnership with the Creator. Despite fashioning a garden of unrivaled splendor for Adam and Eve, a haven of comfort and abundance, God didn't exempt them from the responsibility to tend to it. This sacred charge reveals a crucial aspect of our relationship with the Almighty – a partnership where divine possibilities meet human diligence. Genesis 2:15 underscores this divine imperative: "Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it." This verse magnifies the truth that God, the Author of all possibilities, calls us to active participation in the unfolding of His plans. As believers, we are encouraged to emulate the diligence displayed in the beginning of creation. God, in His sovereignty, is prepared to turn impossibilities into possibilities, but we must be willing and ready to do our part. The garden of our lives demands cultivation, care, and unwavering commitment. We cannot afford to be lazy.

The charge resonates across the ages – a call to believers to be diligent stewards of the opportunities and talents entrusted to them. In this new year, let the echo of Genesis 2 reverberate in the hearts of believers. Let it be a call to rise above lethargy, to toil with purpose, and to tend and keep the garden of our calling. Our partnership with God is not a passive alliance; it must be an active engagement that will propel us into the realm of limitless possibilities. As we navigate the uncharted waters of this present year and beyond, let diligence be our banner. Let there be no room for laziness. The garden of God's promises awaits our commitment to tend and keep so that it will yield harvest for us to reap. May we receive grace to rise up with renewed zeal; for in our diligence lies the key to unlocking the fullness of God's possibilities.

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

1. Oh LORD, thank You for being my strength and that of my family in the years past, in this year, and in the years ahead, in Jesus' Name.

- 2. Oh LORD, I receive grace to work in partnership with You and be actively engaged in my commitment to You and my calling, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, as You are entrusting so many lives and destinies into my hand, I receive grace to handle these assignments diligently, and strength to wait on You, in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, I rebuke the spirit of laziness in my life, family, and ministry. No room for laziness in my life, in Jesus' name. Romans 12 v 11
- 5. Oh LORD, help us not to be among those destroying Your work in the nations of the world. Help us to shine as lights in this wicked and perverse world, in Jesus' name.

POWER OF ASSOCIATION

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: 1 KINGS 12:1-24, NKJV

"4 Your father made our yoke heavy; now therefore, lighten the burdensome service of your father, and his heavy yoke which he put on us, and we will serve you." 5 So he said to them, "Depart for three days, then come back to me." And the people departed. 6 Then King Rehoboam consulted the elders who stood before his father Solomon while he still lived, and he said, "How do you advise me to answer these people?" 7 And they spoke to him, saying, "If you will be a servant to these people today, and serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be your servants forever." 8 But he rejected the advice which the elders had given him, and consulted the young men who had grown up with him, who stood before him. 9 And he said to them, "What advice do you give? How should we answer this people who have

spoken to me, saying, 'Lighten the yoke which your father put on us'?" 10 Then the young men who had grown up with him spoke to him, saying, "Thus you should speak to this people who have spoken to you, saying, 'Your father made our yoke heavy, but you make it lighter on us'—thus you shall say to them: 'My little finger shall be thicker than my father's waist! 11 And now, whereas my father put a heavy yoke on you, I will add to your yoke; my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scourges!'"

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

Your friends or associates can limit or increase the wonders God does in your life and even through you. In today's passage, we see a new king that his people came to beg for leniency and how he responded to them. Though their request seems simple, he didn't care to truly deliberate on the right course of action. He was given two pieces of advice, but he decided to listen to individuals that had no experience and were evil-hearted. If he had chosen to listen to the elders, he wouldn't have lost more than half his kingdom and peace would have reigned in the land. His friends that advised him didn't have anything to lose, and lacked the foresight to know how the people would reply. How does this relate to you? The individuals you have in your inner circle matter. No matter what the God of all possibilities wants to do for you, your association/ friends can be a stumbling block. As this new year continues to roll by, it's time to evaluate your relationships and pray that God will open your eyes of understanding and learn how to address each relationship.

Let's Pray!

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for the right relationships You have placed in my life in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, help me to remove every wrong friendship/associate not suited for my life in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, reveal unto me anyone with evil intention in my camp and repair every damage they might have caused in my life in Jesus' name.



4. Oh LORD, may my ears always be open to the need of others, and may I always seek Your face on how to help in Jesus' name.5. Oh LORD, help our leaders to have the right associations surrounding them and may they not be manipulated by individuals with evil intentions in Jesus' name.

DAY 50

THE DANGER OF OFFENSE

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: MATTHEW 13:53-58, NKJV

"53 Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished these parables, that He departed from there. 54 When He had come to His own country, He taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished and said, "Where did this Man get this wisdom and these mighty works? 55 Is this not the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers James, Joses, Simon, and Judas? 56 And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then did this Man get all these things?" 57 So they were offended at Him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house." 58 Now He did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief."

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

God is all-powerful. There are no impossibilities with Him, yet one of the few things that limits divine possibilities or the manifestation of the power of God is offense. In the scriptural text posted above, Jesus visited His own country, and rather than a celebration of His divine nature and a regard for His anointing, He was met with dishonor. They questioned the source of His wisdom and mighty works. They belittled His humble family background. Familiarity, they say, breeds contempt. In the midst of all of this, offense came in. They were offended at Him (Matthew 13:57).

Offense led to unbelief. Hence, the reason why He could not do many mighty works among them. Brothers and sisters, offense is one of the most potent weapons in the hands of the devil. Even Jesus recognized the dangers of offense and warned us against it. In Matthew 18:7, Jesus said, "Woe to the world because of offenses! For offenses must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes!"

Offense is a sin, and It does not yield good fruits. Rather, it produces so many things that limit divine possibilities. In fact, just like these folks in Nazareth, many people have missed out on the blessedness of the anointing because of offense. Simeon and Levi became victims of offense (Genesis 34:7-31; Genesis 49:5-7). Naaman was nearly a victim of offense if not for the intervention of his servants (2 Kings 5:10-13). Lastly, John the Baptist became a victim of offense (Luke 7:19-23). He doubted the Messiah. Beloved, we need the mind of Christ in all of our dealings with people. Until we know how to deal with offense, God will neither reveal Himself nor unveil divine possibilities to us. May the Lord give us the necessary grace to deal with offense in Jesus' name.

Let's Pray!

- 1. Oh LORD, thank you for the privilege to know You, and all the impossibilities in my life that You have turned to great testimonies in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, in this new year and the years ahead, open the eyes of my understanding; I will not despise divine visitation in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, shield me from the sin of familiarity; I will not become too familiar with You in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, by Your power, let every snare of offense that the enemy has laid down to rob me of Your goodness be destroyed in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, let there be divine intervention in the nations of the world where the devil has used offense to kindle the flames of discord in Jesus' name.



BUILD UP YOUR STRENGTH IN GOD

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: ISAIAH 40:28-31, NKJV

28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. 29 He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength. 30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, 31 But those who wait on the Lord Shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

"Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His face evermore!" (Psalm 105:4) Waiting on the Lord requires time and intimacy with God. A quality prayer and word life with God will supply us with strength and capacity to carry and do the tasks and assignments that are coming our way. Can you even sense that there's something good coming for you? 'The secret place is the place where the conception, pregnancy, delivery, growth and sustenance of that glory will become empowered.' "By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised." Hebrews 11:11. A lot of things that we will be led to do this year will not be achievable through our human strength, hence the need to build up our strength in the Lord.

Child of God, this is not a prophecy of doom but the reality that is bound to face many if they do not seek God and His strength; according to verse 30 of our scriptural text above, those who are expected to be strong and agile in the spirit and body will fail in strength and fall woefully. Only those who have learned to wait upon the Lord will gallantly make it through the coming seasons of life. As you pray this today, ensure to trade your present weaknesses and challenges for intimacy and victories with God.

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh LORD, thank you for always looking out, showing up, showing off, and always coming through for me, in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, I receive the grace to always wait on You for the renewal of my strength. I declare that my spiritual operating system will not be outdated. I will remain current and relevant in Your divine agenda, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, take me deeper in love with You. May I not ditch the place of my power for "things", in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, as I commit to a deeper walk with You, I trade all my present challenges and weaknesses for strength and victories in You, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, by Your strength and power, we decree that we Your sons will begin to manifest our sonship and take territories for You in all the nations of the world, in Jesus' name.

DAY 52

CONSISTENCY IN PRAYER

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAYE: LUKE 18:1-8, NKJV

18 Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart, 2 saying: "There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man. 3 Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, 'Get justice for me from my adversary.' 4 And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, 'Though I do not fear God nor regard man, 5 yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.' 6 Then the Lord said,

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"Hear what the unjust judge said. 7 And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? 8 I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

Prayer is a commandment from God. In our scripture today we are made to understand that men always ought to pray and not faint. When you are in your trying period, prayer is what will bring you out. When things are good or bad you are commanded to pray. 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints." Ephesians 6:18.

Your consistency in the place of prayer is what will cause you to experience the God of all possibilities. This widow persisted and her persistence paid off at the end. You must not give up on praying. If you prayed the first time and it did not happen, then you need to pray again. PUSH is a term we always use when we pray: P - Pray, U - until, S - something, H - Happens. When a woman is in labor, she needs to push or else the baby will not come out. You must "push" in prayers until the change you desire comes, and the impossible becomes possible. You must bear in mind that God is the one who answers prayers. So when you are praying, let the Holy Spirit help you out. You might not get everything you ask for in prayer immediately, but the process is changing and forming you into who God called you to be. In the case of king David's baby born out of adultery with Bathsheba, he prayed and fasted for the baby to live but the baby still died (2 Samuel 12:16-19). It was not the answer he wanted, but that was God's verdict for the situation at hand. Allow God to do what is best for you when you pray. Smith Wigglesworth once said, "God is more eager to answer, than we are to pray." Likewise, in the words of another man of God, "If there is a man to pray, there is a God to answer." So, are you available to pray? God is eagerly waiting to answer. Go for it!

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh LORD, I thank You for the mysteries and power of prayer. Thank You for all answered and unanswered prayers, in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, I receive the grace to pray consistently. I will not be lazy in the place of prayer, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, give me an appetite for prayer; let my hunger and thirst for prayer increase this year, in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, I come against any power that is fighting my prayer altar. The fire on my prayer altar will not go out, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, You are the God of vengeance, arise for the sake of the nations of the world and let the adversaries of Your people be judged, in Jesus' name.

DAY 53

SEEKING TO DO GOD'S WILL AT ALL TIMES

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: 1 John 2:15-17, NKJV

"15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. 17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever."

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

Beloved, in the light of today's scripture in 1 John 2:15-17, let us reflect on the gravity of misplaced priorities. The scripture warns us against the attraction of worldly pursuits, cautioning that when these take precedence over spiritual matters, they can hinder the

full realization of God's possibilities in our lives. As we journey gradually through the upcoming months, let us diligently examine our hearts and choices. In the pursuit of success and material gain, it is easy to lose sight of the eternal treasures promised by our Creator. This passage reminds us not to love the world or the things in it, for such affections can lead us astray. Rather, our focus should be on the will of God, aligning our desires with His divine purpose. Worldly pursuits may offer transient satisfaction, but they pale in comparison to the enduring joy found in a stead-fast relationship with the Almighty God. Let us be vigilant, guarding against the erosion of our spiritual foundation by the flood of temporal desires.

In embracing spiritual priorities, we must position ourselves to fully experience the abundant life God intends for us. As we meditate on the Word of God, let it serve as a compass that guides us away from the pitfalls of misplaced affections and priorities. May our hearts be attuned to the whispers of the Holy Spirit, redirecting our focus from fleeting ambitions to the eternal promises of God in Jesus' name. In conclusion, let the insights gained from this reflection guide us to reassess and realign our priorities, nurturing a more profound connection with our God. As we embrace the profound wisdom found in our text today; we will not only recalibrate our focus but also open the door to a life abundantly enriched by the limitless possibilities graciously bestowed by God upon those who earnestly seek Him first. May this understanding of aligning our priorities resonate throughout our day and weeks to come in shaping our choices and actions with the grace and blessings that come from prioritizing our relationship with our Heavenly Father in Jesus' name. Amen.

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh LORD, I thank You for showing me Your will and aligning my will with Your will, in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, help me to prioritize You above worldly desires and pursuits, in Jesus' name.

- 3. Oh LORD, empower me to focus on eternal values rather than being entangled in the temporary pleasures of this world, in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, grant me the grace to align my priorities with Your Word, so that my life can reflect Your glory and not conform to the patterns of this world, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, guide the leaders of countries of the world to prioritize justice, compassion, and the well-being of all citizens over personal and political ambitions, in Jesus' name.

DAY 54

WAITING ON GOD'S PLAN

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: JEREMIAH 29: 11-14, NKJV

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. 12 Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. 13 And ye shall seek me, and find me when ye shall search for me with all your heart. 14 And I will be found of you, saith the LORD: and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the LORD; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive."

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

When we examine Job's life, we wonder why God would allow him to experience such terrible situations. We look at the Israelites and imagine why God let his children go through all that suffering, we even look at Jesus who was crucified. But if we go further from all that, there is a common theme – He always has a plan (Job 38:2). Jesus died for our sins, that the name of our God may be glorified. God permitted the devil to mess with Job for He trusted

Job would shame the devil. The Lord made Himself known to the Israelites through His acts, and He sent Jesus to die for us because He wanted us to see his (God's) love for us (Romans 5:8).

The Book of Habakkuk 20:3 says, "For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry." When the Lord restored all Job had lost, his latter end was greater than his former. When the Israelites were finally let go from Egypt, they watched their worst enemies, Pharaoh and his soldiers, perish in the Red Sea. When Jesus died for us, victory was seen from his death to His resurrection. All these situations are similar. These three groups of people, Job, the Israelites, and even Jesus, prayed to God and his plan for them came to pass. His name was glorified.

In the same vein, we might be looking unto God and saying, "I have been praying for this one thing" or "I received a prophecy several years ago and yet no manifestation". The Book of Job 38:2 (NLT) says, "Who is this that questions my wisdom with such ignorant words?" I want you to know that His ways are not our ways. He is not a man that should lie. He made rivers in the desert and parted the Red Sea. He will give us our rains in their seasons and our land shall yield their increase. As for you and I, the lines have fallen to us in pleasant places according to God's word and we take possession of our inheritance by His mercy in Jesus' name.

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for I know the plan that You have for me and my family is that of peace and not of evil to give us a future and hope in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, I declare it boldly that in this year according to Your word, my testimonies and miracles are not negotiable, by Your mercy I claim them all in Jesus' name. (Psalms 16:6)
- 3. Oh LORD, let every principality and power standing at the edge of my breakthrough be cut down by Your power; I and my family

are unstoppable in Jesus' name. (Jer 1:10).

- 4. Oh LORD, shut the mouth of my detractors and let your glory shine forth in my life and family, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, we declare Your kingdom come upon the earth; Your kingdom brings tranquility and silences every force of darkness; and Your will be done in this generation in Jesus' name.

DAY 55

WALK IN YOUR AUTHORITY

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: LUKE 15:11-32, NKJV

"28 But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. 29 So he answered and said to his father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. 30 But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.' 31 "And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. 32 It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.'"

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

In this story we see two brothers who had two different perspectives of their role and access with their father. The younger son knew he was entitled to some inheritance so he asked for it earlier than he should have and wastefully spent it. The older son seems to have forgotten that he also was entitled to some inheritance and seems to see himself maybe a little higher than a servant. He said "Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave



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me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends." If he saw himself as a son, shouldn't he have asked for this instead of waiting for it to be given to him? Yes, he was serving his father but why did he forget that he has access to his father's possessions and that he is the beneficiary of his own hard work? His brother's return exposed his heart and the pain he might have been harboring. As a child of God, you have direct access to the God of all possibilities and nothing He is able to do is withheld from you. However, if you don't know this and don't walk in your authority, you will continue to live a miserable life. As a child of God, we have access to receive any blessing mentioned in the Bible and all good things from the Father. So, what are your needs? What area of your life needs the Father's touch that you haven't given unto him? Several Bible verses encourage us to ask, and we shall receive (Luke 11:9; John 16:24; John 15:7 & 1 John 15:14). Don't be like the older brother in this story. He lived with his father, had access to everything, yet lived like a servant instead of as a son. You have authority in Christ; so, walk in it.

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for sending Your son, Jesus Christ, to die for my sins which gave me the access to be called Your child in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, may I live and function in my authority as Your child and not as a slave, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, open my eyes to see what areas of my life I haven't released unto You, and help me to welcome You into all aspects of my life in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, may I be a partaker and beneficiary of all the blessings You have in store for me this year in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, help the church to arise and walk in our authority as Your children and take possessions of territories for Your name sake in Jesus' name.

DAY 56

THE POWER OF PRAISE

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: ACTS 16:1-40, NKJV

"And they brought them to the magistrates, and said, "These men, being Jews, exceedingly trouble our city; 21 and they teach customs which are not lawful for us, being Romans, to receive or observe." 22 Then the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded them to be beaten with rods. 23 And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely. 24 Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. 25 But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. 26 Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed."

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

Praise is not a religious exercise. Praise is an instrument of worship and a weapon of war. It is also a medium that opens us to the realm of the spirit. It carries the supernatural power to open the door to miracles, signs and wonders when done in spirit and in truth. In the scriptural text above, Paul and Silas were supposed to be quiet and languish in prison after they've been beaten for preaching the Gospel, but they chose to praise God even in their lowly state. God inhabited their praise, and He turned their suffering to their advantage. All the doors of the prison were opened, and the chains of the prisoners were loosed. They were imprisoned for preaching the Gospel, but the power of praise created a platform for them in the prison to preach the Gospel again. The jailer and his household gave their lives to Christ and the rest is history. Beloved, in this new year, one of the things that will bring about divine possibilities in our lives is praise. In the case of Paul and Silas, praise opened closed doors and broke chains. Praise also

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lifts our spirit when we are down (Psalm 42:5-6). Praise ushers in God's presence (Psalm 140:13). Praise enlists divine intervention (2 Chronicle 20:22-23). Praise helps us to remember the goodness of God (Psalm 105:1-2). Praise increases our understanding of God's awesome power (Psalm 69:30). So, brothers and sisters, as we journey with the Lord in this new year and even in the years ahead, let's engage in a radical lifestyle of praise, and watch Him do the impossible in every area of our lives. Be blessed!

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for the privilege to lift my voice to You in praise in Jesus' name (Isaiah 25:1).
- 2. Oh LORD, I will not be silent or silenced; my mouth will continually be filled with Your praise in Jesus' name (Hebrews 13:15).
- 3. Oh LORD, as I lift my voice to you in praise, let every chain of affliction in my life be broken; let every mountain become a plain before me in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, in this new year and the years to come, baptize me every day with the garment of praise; The spirit of heaviness is not permitted in my life in Jesus' name (Isaiah 61:3).
- 5. Oh LORD, let all the nations of the world know Your exceeding greatness as You save souls this year, and let Your holy name be praised in Jesus' name.

DAY 57

PURPOSE DRIVEN OR PURPOSE BURDENED?

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: MARK 1:32-39, NKJV

"35 Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed. 36 And Simon and those who were with Him searched for Him. 37 When they found Him, they said to Him, "Everyone is looking for You." 38 But He said to them, "Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also, because for this purpose I have come forth." 39 And He was preaching in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and casting out demons."

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

Our lesson of yesterday highlights the unrelenting spirit of Paul and Silas as they praised and prayed to God through what many will see today as a disappointing or an unfortunate situation. Like Jesus Christ, in our scriptural text for today, they chose to be driven by their purpose instead of being burdened and paralyzed by the weight of its demands. Child of God, are the happenings in your life fueling the pursuit of your purpose or deflating your courage? After healing and delivering many who were sick and oppressed the day before, Jesus still arose very early before dawn to seek the face of God for another purposeful day through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Did someone say what would Jesus do (WWJD) when life gets busy and tiring? He would still remain disciplined and consistent. Jesus was not carried away by fame, He stayed on course and kept the demands of His purpose for coming to the world as His drive for living and moving. Child of God, think about your moves lately, are they purpose driven? Simply put, are they Spirit-led? A purposeful life leads to a glorious destiny. A glorious destiny is always led by the Spirit of God. To any glorious future, there is a labor dimension. It will not always be glitzy and glamorous. You either see it as a burden and do nothing about it, or you make it your drive so you can eventually wear your crown of victory at the end. A wise man once said that "greatness is a busy place" - a busy place for purpose, and on purpose. Think about it, which is more work, to be burdened or to be driven? When you move past seeing the challenges or the workload that accompany your purpose as a burden Romans 8:28 (And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.) will mean more to you than just a popular scripture. It will become your lifeline. Your dry bones will regain strength and rise again, causing you to come to the full stature of the person that God cre-



ated you to be. Let us go in this might and be driven by who? The Holy Spirit!

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for creating me on purpose and for Your pleasure. By the help of the Holy Spirit, may Your original plan be fulfilled in my life in Jesus' name (Revelation 4:11).
- 2. Oh LORD, help me to see myself the way You see me in Jesus' name. I receive a divine refocus and orientation of my purpose in Jesus' name (Romans 12:2).
- 3. Oh LORD, give me the grace to develop the discipline and consistency in labor that my purpose demands in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, no fame or attention in life will kill my flame. I decree that all my achievements and progress will continue to draw me closer to You, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, let Your Spirit move across the nations of the earth reawakening Your purpose and divine agenda in the hearts of the saints in Jesus' name.

DAY 58

A PEOPLE AFTER GOD'S HEART

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: ACTS 13:16-23, NKJV

16 Standing up, Paul motioned with his hand and said: "Fellow Israelites and you Gentiles who worship God, listen to me! 17 The God of the people of Israel chose our ancestors; he made the people prosper during their stay in Egypt; with mighty power he led them out of that country; 18 for about forty years he endured their conduct in the wilderness; 19 and he overthrew seven nations in

Canaan, giving their land to his people as their inheritance. 20 All this took about 450 years. "After this, God gave them judges until the time of Samuel the prophet. 21 Then the people asked for a king, and he gave them Saul son of Kish, of the tribe of Benjamin, who ruled forty years. 22 After removing Saul, he made David their king. God testified concerning him: 'I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.' 23 "From this man's descendants God has brought to Israel the Savior Jesus, as he promised.

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

What a privilege to be counted worthy to see this day.

David was seen as a man after God's heart. Despite his sins and transgressions, he was so dear to God that his lineage was chosen as deserving of Jesus. He praised God (and danced) like no other, he prayed to God, he sought the will of God, and was not above correction. David recognized God's might and he put his trust in God. Simply put: David put God first.

As a result of this, God forgave him all his sins. He fought his battles and gave him victory upon victory over his enemies. Just like David, we are human, and in our quest to draw closer to God we make missteps along the way. Humbling ourselves to acknowledge our wrongs before God is very important. When we recognize God in all we do, and build a relationship with Him, we are going after His heart. Matthew 6:33 says, "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." We can see this scripture in the life of David. Pleasing God was David's number one priority. Yes, he made mistakes in his lifetime, but he did not allow mistakes to make him - think about it! He was always quick to repent and get back on track with God. So, the scripture says, 22 After removing Saul, he made David their king. God testified concerning him: 'I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.' God never said David was perfect, but He testified of his heart. Likewise, we are vessels in the house of God and there are things God wants us all to do. God found David worthy of Him. So, Jesus, our Lord and Savior came from David's lineage. Sometimes, people worry about what others

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will say about them now or when they are gone, or the inscription on their gravestone. How about this? "What is God saying about me?" Ask yourself that question and be determined to be a person after God's heart.

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for making me a vessel for your use in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, I seek Your heart. Help me to do Your will and not mine all the days of my life in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, I want to love You, worship You, praise You, and serve You like Jesus did. More of You and less of me in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, as I put You first in my endeavors, go before me, shield me and be the lifter of my head in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, arise and fight our battles for us among the nations! Contend with our contenders and make us victorious on all fronts, in Jesus' name.

DAY 59

YOU ARE GOD'S GIFT TO THE WORLD

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: PROVERBS 10:1-32, NKJV

"I A wise son makes a glad father, but a foolish son is the grief of his mother. 2 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing, but righteousness delivers from death. 3 The Lord will not allow the righteous soul to famish, but He casts away the desire of the wicked. 4 He who has a slack hand becomes poor, but the hand of the diligent makes rich. 5 He who gathers in summer is a wise son; He who sleeps in harvest is a son who causes shame. 6 Blessings are on the head of the righteous, but violence covers the mouth of the wicked. 7 The memory of the righteous is blessed, but the name of the wicked will rot. 8 The wise in heart will receive commands, but a prating fool will fall. 9 He who walks with integrity walks securely, but he who perverts his ways will become known.

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

In the agenda of God's divine plan, each thread of your existence is purposefully woven into the grand design of His kingdom. You and I should embrace the profound reality that we are not a grifter in the kingdom but a cherished gift, uniquely endowed with talents and abilities that are meant to contribute to the manifestation of God's possibilities. The scriptures affirm in Ephesians 2:10, "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." You are a masterpiece crafted by the hands of a loving Father, destined for a purpose far beyond what you may comprehend. However, becoming a grifter, one who deceives or manipulates, can hinder the full realization of God's boundless possibilities in your life. Proverbs 10:9 reminds us, "He who walks with integrity walks securely, but he who perverts his ways will become known." Integrity is the foundation of a life aligned with God's purpose, and veering into deceitful paths can obstruct the divine flow of His blessings.

God's nature is characterized by limitless possibilities. Luke 1:37 declares, "For with God nothing will be impossible." In Him, there are no impossibilities, but our actions can either align with His divine plan or act as stumbling blocks to His performance in our lives. By embracing the gift you are, you open the door to the vast potential God has placed within you. As you navigate the journey of faith in the weeks to come in the year, let Psalm 37:5 guide your steps: "Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass." Surrendering your life as a gift to God involves trust and commitment. It's an acknowledgment that His possibilities far surpass any limitations you might perceive. In conclusion, wake up each morning with the awareness that you are a gift, not a grifter, in the kingdom of God. Your life is a testament to His craftsmanship, and embracing this truth

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unlocks the door to a realm of divine possibilities. May your day unfold in harmony with His will. Walk in the assurance that your actions align with His divine purpose and may the unfolding possibilities of God's plan illuminate your path. Amen.

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for making me a gift and not a grifter in the Kingdom and to my generations, in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, help me to walk in integrity so that my actions align with Your will, securing Your favor in every aspect of my life, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, instill in me a heart that seeks to glorify You in every endeavor, so that my integrity as a believer remains unquestionable, in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, in the pursuit of Your possibilities, may my actions and choices be in alignment with Your Word, unlocking the full manifestation of Your wonders in my life, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, instill a spirit of integrity in the hearts of leaders of the world globally, guide them to lead with honesty and righteousness, in Jesus' name.

DAY 60

WITNESS AS CHILDREN OF LIGHT

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: JOHN 8:1-14, NKJV

10 "When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, "Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?" 11 She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more." 12 Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." 13 The Pharisees therefore said to Him, "You bear witness of Yourself; Your witness is not true." 14 Jesus answered and said to them, "Even if I bear witness of Myself, My witness is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going; but you do not know where I come from and where I am going."

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

What is light? It is the source of illumination. May We receive divine illumination on this passage today, in Jesus' name. We are made aware that Jesus is the light of the world and anyone who follows Him must also reflect this light. An understanding we should take to the bank is that darkness cannot comprehend light wherever light shines (John 1:4-5, Matthew 5:14-15). Light cannot be hidden, and it is not meant to be in hiding. Light is normally placed or situated in high locations in order to bring illumination to a wider area of its surroundings. Wherever and whenever light shines, it always causes darkness to flee. Think about lamp stands, streetlights, lightbulbs etc. in our world today, they are all designed to give light and are always positioned high enough for that purpose. Light can also be seen as enlightenment, clarity, deeper understanding, and newness. As people who have received the life of Jesus Christ, we are supposed to carry His light wherever we go as true disciples and children of God.

The scriptural passage for today shows how the Light of the world, Jesus Himself, rescued a woman caught in adultery. Jesus rescued her from darkness and brought her into His own marvelous light (1 Peter 2:9-10) Let's have this in mind that darkness cannot prevail or destroy light. One of the missions of darkness is to overcome light, but it's an impossible mission as long as we are not careless with our light. Jesus overcame those attempting to test Him when they brought the woman caught in adultery. He pulled the accused woman out of darkness and saved her from the stones of condemnation lifted up against her. Jesus gave her a new life and commanded her to go and sin no more. Jesus gave her a new garment, a new opportunity, a new name, and a fresh start. He delivered her from the claws of death and showed her the path

of righteousness. That's also what Jesus has done with you and I. He has pulled us out of darkness into His marvelous light. So, let's go forth from today and shine as children of light. That is the only way we can become true witnesses of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for what Jesus did and the victory we have over darkness, in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, I receive grace to shine the light of life that is in the gospel where You send me, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, let everyone and everything that is attempting to overcome me and my family with darkness encounter the power of Your Light, in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, let every area of my life and family that needs illumination, receive Your light from this time forward, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, let Your light find expression in the nations of the earth and let the light of the gospel prevail, in Jesus' name.

DAY 61

PRIORITIZE YOUR SPIRITUAL PURSUIT

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: PROVERBS 4:1-27, NKJV

25 Let your eyes look straight ahead, and your eyelids look right before you. 26 Ponder the path of your feet, and let all your ways be established. 27 Do not turn to the right or the left; Remove your foot from evil.

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

Beloved, let us reflect on the profound truth that a busy and distracted life can hinder our spiritual growth and obscure God's will for us. The busyness of our days can act as a veil, preventing us from fully discerning the possibilities God has in store for us in His Kingdom. Here are two examples of individuals in the Bible who, in moments of distraction, almost miss the miracles and possibilities divinely orchestrated for them. Take Martha, for instance, who, in her preoccupation with serving, missed the profound teachings at Jesus' feet. In Luke 10:41-42, Jesus gently reminds her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her." Martha's distraction from the presence of Christ hindered her from fully embracing the possibilities of spiritual nourishment.

Another scenario from the Bible to reflect on was the story of Peter walking on water (Matthew 14:28-31). Initially, Peter steps out in faith, but as soon as he notices the wind and waves, he became afraid and started to sink. His distraction from the miraculous possibilities led to a momentary lapse in faith. Jesus' response, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" As children of God, distractions can impede our ability to trust in God's possibilities. Let these examples be a gentle reminder to us daily. In Proverbs 4:25-27, we are urged, "Let your eyes look straight ahead, and your eyelids look right before you. Ponder the path of your feet, and let all your ways be established. Do not turn to the right or the left; remove your foot from evil." This counsel encourages us to focus on the path of righteousness and not be swayed by distractions that may lead us away from God's possibilities. Remember the signature of God is upon our lives, He's holding our hands. Have a blessed day!!

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

1. Oh LORD, thank You for Your mighty hands of mercy upon me and my family. Thank You for the ability to retain Your words in

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our lives in Jesus' Name.

- 2. Oh LORD, I pray for myself and my family that nothing will shift our focus from You; we receive the grace to obey You to the end in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, I pray against any anything that may prevent me from fully discerning the opportunity that You have in store for me and my family in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, destroy by fire any form of distraction that can hinder Your good and great promises for me this year. Holy Spirit be my anchor in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, help the leaders of the nations of the world and the people to put You first in all their decisions, and take wickedness away from their hearts in Jesus' name.

DAY 62

PATIENCE IS KEY

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: ISAIAH 55:1-13, NKJV

"8 For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord. 9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts. 10 "For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, 11 So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it."

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

As we read today's devotional, let's meditate on this question. Am I doing all I should be doing for God of all possibilities to manifest in my life? For God to manifest and show forth His power, you

and I need to be patient. A child that asks his parents for something doesn't always get what he/she requests for right away. A good parent will teach the child the importance of waiting and being patient during the waiting. Most of us, if not all, have received a prophetic word over our lives at one time or the other. And like me, have you ever wondered when it is going to come to fruition? Yes, it is manifesting slowly day by day, but the desire is to see the final product.

During Elimelech's time, there was a famine and he decided to leave his people and move to "greener pastures" (Ruth 1). He forgot the promises of God to His people and decided to preserve his family by his own power, which later cost him his life and that of his children. If he was patient enough and held unto God's word his family would have been preserved. Noah held unto God's promise as he built the ark despite probably looking foolish to others (Genesis 7). Like Isaiah 55:11 stated, God's word doesn't return to Him void; so, no matter how long you have been waiting (remember Abraham's length of waiting), God's promises and word over your life will surely come to pass. The question is: what are you going to do during your waiting period? Are you going to wait patiently and be fruitful or grumble while waiting? Are you going to hold until God's promises or seek other alternatives? Are you going to let God lead the way or you will run ahead of God? Be wise and it shall be well in Jesus' name - Amen!

Let's Pray!

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for Your word does not return to You void, and all Your promises in Christ are Yes and Amen, in Jesus' name. (2 Cor. 1:20)
- 2. Oh LORD, may I not be in a hurry or grow impatient during my waiting period, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, help me to continuously patiently await Your promises for my life and not seek other gods during my waiting period, in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, as I patiently wait help me to draw nearer unto You



and remain focused on Your purpose for my life, in Jesus' name. 5. Oh LORD, help us not grow weary as we wait for Your second coming; empower us to be diligent in spreading the gospel across the nations while we wait, in Jesus' name.

DAY 63

THE POWER OF FAITHFULNESS

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: LUKE 16:1-13, NKJV

10 "He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much. 11 Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? 12 And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own?13 "No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

Faithfulness is one of the keys that unlocks divine possibilities. However, God does not measure faithfulness using a top-down standard, rather, He uses a down-up standard. It's like climbing a ladder. Only a fool will climb the ladder from the top. The climbing begins from the bottom. The proving ground for anyone's faithfulness as far as God is concerned begins with faithfulness in little things. If you are not proven in little things, you are not approved for bigger things. This was the powerful conclusion that Jesus gave in the scriptural texts posted above to the dilemma of a steward who acted shrewdly to protect his lot when his master found him to be unfaithful. Faithfulness in little things is a prerequisite to the unveiling of divine possibilities. Beloved, God does not entrust true riches into the hands of unproven men and women. He does not use unproven men and women as His battle

axes and weapons of war either. He searches the heart and tests the minds before entrusting us with divine possibilities in our individual mandates (Jeremiah 17:10).

God became Abraham's shield and exceedingly great reward after he had proven himself to be faithful with the spoils of war after he rescued Lot and his family from the four kings (Genesis 14:16-24; Genesis 15:1-6). Later, God also tested his faithfulness when He asked him to sacrifice Isaac as a burnt offering (Genesis 22:1-2). He passed! So, God swore by Himself and pronounced a generational blessing on him and his seed (Genesis 22:15-18). Moses proved that he could be faithful with another man's properties tending to Jethro's flock for forty years (Exodus 3:1). So, God in turn gave him a nation to bring out of generational bondage and to watch over. Likewise, David proved himself faithful in tending to his father's little flock. So, God gave him a nation to rule over and a Goliath to conquer (1 Samuel 16:11; 1 Samuel 17:14-51; Psalm 78:70-72). Brothers and sisters, how much of God we enjoy this year or even in the years ahead is a function of our faithfulness and not God's (He's ever faithful), but it begins with being proven before Him in little things. Receive the needed grace to be faithful in all things in Jesus' name!

Let's Pray!

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for being a just and faithful God in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, open my eyes to any area of my life where I've been unfaithful to You; Baptize me with the spirit of faithfulness in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, by Your mercies, I redeem every lost time and spiritual growth that unfaithfulness has stolen from me in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, on the account of my faithfulness, let every door of divine possibilities that's been closed against me begin to open in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, in all the nations of the world, help all of our leaders to be faithful in discharging their duties in Jesus' name.



HOPING AGAINST HOPE

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: ROMANS 4:13-25, NKJV

17 (as it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations") in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did; 18 who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, "So shall your descendants be." 19 And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. 20 He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, 21 and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. 22 And therefore "it was accounted to him for righteousness."

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

Let's continue from where we stopped yesterday since we couldn't cover certain aspects of the scripture above. Permit me to start with an event that took place a few years ago.

One faithful day, the husband told the wife to hurry so that they would not be late for service. The wife on the other hand has been contemplating on how she was going to tell the husband that she was not in the mood of going to church that day. What was the point? Some of the sisters that got married after her were raising teenagers and she was yet to have a child to call her own. She did not have the audacity to tell her husband what she had in mind, so she got ready and went with him. Since they were already late to church, the service already began and upon entering the church premises, they could hear their pastor's wife declaring loudly "No Sperm! No egg!! Yet twins." That was the day her natural hope died, and supernatural hope took over. She got pregnant and she gave birth to twins.

I came to tell someone that it does not matter what your biological clock says, nor what names people have called you; it doesn't

matter how many of your friends have gotten married nor what your grades look like this semester; it doesn't matter how empty that account looks nor how long it has been since your last promotion. Be like Abraham who hoped against hope. He held on to God's word because he knew that if God said it, He would do it. Isaiah 55:11 says, "So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it."

The same God that gave Abraham a miracle child at 100 years can do anything if you will only believe in Him. God never fails!!!

Let's Pray!

- 1. Oh LORD, I thank You today because You are the covenant keeping God. Thank You for being a faithful Father, in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, I receive the grace to trust in You against all odds. Help me not to be moved by what I see around me, in Jesus' name. (2 Corinthians 5:7)
- 3. Oh LORD, You are the God of all possibilities, breathe upon every impossible situation in our lives and turn them into testimonies in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, I will not die before my glory comes. I will see the glory and I will enjoy it, in Jesus' name. (2 Kings 7:2)
- 5. Oh LORD, let the nations of the world remember You this day and turn to You. Let leaders of nations bow before Your Lordship, in Jesus' name. (Psalm 22:27)



THE INEXHAUSTIBLE WELL OF GRACE

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: JOHN 1: 14-18, NKJV

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. 15 John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.'" 16 And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. 17 For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

Brethren. Yesterday we delved into the inspiring journey of Abraham, the father of faith, and discovered the profound truth of hoping against hope. Today, let us set our heart upon another transformative aspect of our spiritual journey – the inexhaustible well of grace upon grace that God pours into our lives. In John 1:16, we are reminded, "And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace." Grace is not a stagnant pool but an ever-flowing river of divine favor, unearned and unmerited. As believers that stand at the bank of the spiritual river of a new day, we must be ready to dive into the boundless possibilities God has provided. Grace is God's empowerment for us to achieve what in our own strength would be impossible. It's the divine assistance that transforms our shortcomings into steppingstones toward greatness. Consider Ephesians 2:8-9 that says, "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast." Our salvation itself is a result of God's grace. How much more, then, can we trust in His grace to navigate the challenges of the coming days and months?

As we continue in this new year, let's be encouraged by 2 Corinthians 9:8 which says, "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things,

may have an abundance for every good work." This verse is not just a promise, it's an assurance that God's grace is more than enough for us. It's not merely about surviving, it's about thriving and excelling in every good work He has prepared for us. Believers! Let's recognize that grace can speed things up for us in this year. It's the divine accelerator that propels us forward into God's possibilities. Imagine what can be achieved when God's grace is at work in our lives - doors opening, dreams unfolding, and divine appointments manifesting. So, as we stand at the threshold of each new day, let's dive into the inexhaustible well of grace. Let it propel us into realms of divine favor and supernatural accomplishments. With hearts full of gratitude for what we have received, let's embrace the boundless possibilities that the inexhaustible will of grace will unfold to us. May each day of the year be a testament to the abundant grace that sustains, empowers, and propels us into the fullness of God's possibilities in Jesus' name!

Let's Pray!

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for Your grace that has kept me and has shown me the path of salvation, in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, grant us the discernment to recognize the opportunities that lie within the depths of Your grace, that we may walk in alignment with Your divine plan, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, let Your grace be a guiding force this year to lead us to the paths of success, fulfillment, and purpose that You have ordained for us, in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, give us grace to embrace and experience the fullness of all Your possibilities according to Your divine will for us, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, shower Your grace upon the countries of the world facing economic challenges and hardship; let them experience abundance and prosperity, in Jesus' name.



HOLY SPIRIT IS MY ULTIMATE ADVANTAGE

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: JOHN 16:5-15, NKJV

"7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. 8 And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 of sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; 11 of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. 12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come."

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

How desperate are you to make sure that you solidify your relationship with the Holy Spirit - Who is the third Person of the Holy Trinity? Do you even have a clue why you need His help?

Over the years, the greatest problem of Christians: blood washed, tongue talking, and demon chasing believers has always been our misunderstanding of who the Holy Spirit is. Many believers relate with the Holy Spirit as an inanimate figure, an intangible ghost, an emblem, a symbol, an idea, or a thing to use. The most unfortunate thing about this poisonous perception of the Holy Spirit is that that is how He is portrayed, preached, and presented by many ministers on the pulpit. But, they are WRONG!!!

The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Holy Trinity, and we must relate with Him as a real Person. - though He is God. We must relate with Him as the disciples related with Jesus of Nazareth while with them in person. The Holy Spirit can be grieved, quenched, and angered (Read Isaiah 63:10, Ephesians 4:30, I Thessalonians 5:19). The Holy Spirit is our "Parakletos" - one who pleads another's cause before a judge, a pleader, counsel for

defense, legal assistant, an advocate, one who pleads another's cause with one, an intercessor etc. This is who the Holy Spirit is, and that is what He wants to do with you so that you can truly experience the boundless possibilities of God. Will you allow Him? Will you allow Him to guide you and tell you things to come? Therefore, you must relate with Him as a person. The Holy Spirit is not a bird, a bottle of oil, an inanimate object etc. - HE IS A PERSON and must be treated as such. If you start today, the rest of your life will be spent as a SIGN and WONDER, and no more as a SIGH and BLUNDER. The Holy Spirit is your ultimate advantage. Go for Him!!!

Let's Pray!

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for giving me the grace to understand and accept the help of the Holy Spirit, in every area of my life, in Jesus name.
- 2. Oh LORD, forgive me of all my abuse of the Holy Spirit. From today, I receive the power and grace for an intimate relationship with the Holy Spirit, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, I receive the anointing to become a SIGN and WONDER and not a SIGH and BLUNDER, in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, empower me to go FORWARD, UPWARD, ON-WARD and never BACKWARD, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, amplify Your voice through my voice among the nations of the world, and let Your power flow to me for soul winning, in Jesus' name.



COME HOLY SPIRIT

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: JOHN 16:5-15, NKJV

"7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. 8 And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 of sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; 11 of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. 12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come."

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

One of the things we were made to understand yesterday about the Holy Spirit is that: He is our "Parakletos" - one who pleads another's cause before a judge, a pleader, counsel for defense, legal assistant, an advocate, one who pleads another's cause with one, an intercessor etc. The Greek word "Parakletos" is what was translated in English as the "Helper" or "Comforter" in John 16:7, "...for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you..." In essence, the presence of the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers is for a purpose, and it is the understanding of that purpose that separates one believer from another in spiritual exploits. The Holy Spirit is not in the life of a believer for decoration or show off. As a matter of fact, so many believers have limited the presence of the Holy Spirit to speaking in tongues and this is very sad. There is a popular saying that: "If the purpose of a thing is not known, abuse is inevitable". Unfortunately, that is why many believers are with the Person of the Holy Spirit. The cry of many so-called believers for the presence of the Holy Spirit is just to get the baptism with evidence of speaking in tongues and nothing else to show as

proof of our witness.

Today, let your spirit be challenged to rise up and embrace the true purpose of Christ sending us the Holy Spirit. The words of Jesus Christ in Mark 16:17-18, John 14:12-18, John 16:7-15, and Acts 1:8; and the manifestation of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the believers from the moment He came on the Day of Pentecost in Acts 2 should challenge us as believers to want more than tongues. Speaking in tongues without the power of the Holy Spirit will only make us miserable Christians. As great as speaking in tongues is, there is much more to the Holy Spirit than that. We must change our mindset and let the Holy Spirit do what He does best - HELP!

Look into the lives of many believers today and it will amaze you how hopeless and helpless many have become. How can we have the Holy Spirit (Helper) as believers and our churches are filled with helpless believers? Something is not right and that is why we must all wake up and embrace the Holy Spirit as a Person and not a thing. Nothing is going to change until we receive the Holy Spirit as who He is – COME, HOLY SPIRIT!!!.

Let's Pray!

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for giving me a deeper understanding of the Holy Spirit and His purpose in my life, in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, let my ears, my eyes, and my heart be open and receptive to all that the Holy Spirit has for me for the rest of my life, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, let the fruit of the Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit begin to have full expression in my life, in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, I refuse to quench, grieve, or become an enemy of the Holy Spirit, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, let the fire and power of the Holy Spirit make me Your voice to the nations of the world, and let them know You through me, in Jesus' name.



THE WONDERS OF GIVING

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: ACTS 9:36-43, NKJV

"36 At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did. 37 But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. 38 And since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, imploring him not to delay in coming to them. 39 Then Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought him to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them. 40 But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. 41 Then he gave her his hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive."

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

We are about to explore a very important subject in the kingdom with two different extremes - GIVING. On one end of the extreme are people who have merchandise the gospel and made it to be all about money; while on the other extreme are people who never embraced giving and are living a life of pain all in the name of piety. Both extremes are nothing but an attack on the Body of Christ.

The subject of giving is so paramount to the extent that we would not even be here today if not for it. John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." and the whole plan of redemption would have failed woefully if Jesus had refused to give His life on the cross for us. Giving is so powerful to the point that it can make or break a person; think about Cain and Abel (Genesis 4:3-15), Barnabas (Acts 4:32-37), Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-11), and now Tabitha/Dorcas (Acts 9:36-

43). Giving did something to all these people either good or bad. Whether you and I like it or not our giving is going to do something to us. Stinginess, corruption, unwillingness, or deception in giving can destroy the plan and purpose of God for a believer.

Think about this scripture, Hebrews 11:4, "By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks." Isn't that what happened with Dorcas as well? She was such a great giver to the extent that the people would not even allow her to be buried without a fight. Though dead, her gifts were speaking for her, and compelled the people to send for Peter, and the rest is history. My question to you is: "How is your giving life?" Are you healthy in your giving lifestyle or sick? Have you given anything that can speak for you when you cannot speak for yourself? Thank God you have given your life to Jesus Christ, by the way, in exchange for eternal life. It wasn't like you gave it for free. Anyway, let's examine our giving lifestyle and make necessary amendments before it is too late. There are many WONDERS IN GIVING.

Let's Pray!

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for the mysteries of giving as my worship to You. Thank You father for teaching us how to give, in Jesus' name. (John 3:16)
- 2. Oh LORD, nothing will hinder me from discharging my gift of giving. Holy Spirit, stir my heart to give, in Jesus' name. (Luke 7:37-48)
- 3. Oh LORD, my giving will not be corrupted. I will by no means dishonor You with my giving, in Jesus's name. (Acts 5:3-4, Genesis 4:4-5)
- 4. Oh LORD, let my giving make room for me in high and divine places. My giving will speak for me, in Jesus' name. (Luke 7:4-5, Acts 9:39)
- 5. Oh LORD, I declare that leaders and nations of the world will give themselves to You as a gift so that peace will reign here on earth, in Jesus's name. (2 Corinthians 8:1-5)



BE EXPECTANT AND STAY VIGILANT

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: 1 PETER 5:6-11, NKJV

"6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, 7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. 8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. 10 But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. 11 To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

As we round off our three days of prayer and fasting, our hearts are filled with anticipation, expecting the manifestation of God's promises in our lives. The theme of our 3-days prayer and fasting is "Balm of Gilead", a reminder that God is our Healer and Restorer. However, as we've sought God in this dedicated time, it's crucial to address the reality of temptations that often follow seasons of waiting on the Lord. Your waiting has not been in vain. The Balm of Gilead, Jesus Himself, is at work in your life, bringing healing and restoration now. In Jeremiah 30:17, God said, "For I will restore health to you and heal you of your wounds." God's timing is perfect, and as you've waited on Him, expect His blessings to unfold in your life. Yet, with the joy of answered prayers comes a need for vigilance. After periods of seeking God, temptations may arise to distract, discourage, or derail you from the path God has set before you. Remember the words of 1 Peter 5:8, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour." The enemy often targets us in moments of vulnerability, and post-prayer temptations are not uncommon. The healings and blessings you've received during this time of waiting are precious. Guard them jealously.

Proverbs 4:23 says, "Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life." Stay vigilant over your heart, mind, and actions.

The enemy may attempt to sow doubt, fear, or complacency, but you have the authority to resist. Brethren, encourage yourself in the Lord, as David did (1 Samuel 30:6). Stay vigilant to maintain the permanence of the blessings God has bestowed upon you during these three days of fasting and prayer. Do not let circumstances, distractions, or negative influences compromise what God has given us as He has promised in Philippians 4:7 that, "and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

In conclusion, as we wrap up our fasting and prayer, let us be expectant, rejoicing in God's faithfulness. Simultaneously, let us stay vigilant, guarding our hearts against the schemes of the enemy. May the Balm of Gilead, Jesus Himself, perfect His healing work in our lives, and may our blessings remain permanent through our unwavering faith and vigilance in Jesus' name - Amen.

Let's Pray!

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for the assurance that as I humble myself before You, You will exalt me in due time, in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, help me cast all my anxieties upon You, knowing that You care for me. Grant me the strength to release every burden and concern into Your capable hands, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, I resist the schemes of the devil who seeks to devour. Clothe me with Your armor, strengthen my faith, and grant me discernment to stand firm against the adversary's attacks, in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, I earnestly seek Your grace to be sober-minded and watchful. Guard my mind against distractions and influences that may lead me astray, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, we lift up the anxieties and burdens of the nations before You. Grant leaders and citizens the wisdom to cast their cares upon You in Jesus' name.



SEPARATION FROM WICKEDNESS

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: GENESIS 19: 4-11, NKJV

9 And they said, "Stand back!" Then they said, "This one came in to stay here, and he keeps acting as a judge; now we will deal worse with you than with them." So they pressed hard against the man Lot, and came near to break down the door. 10 But the men reached out their hands and pulled Lot into the house with them, and shut the door. 11 And they struck the men who were at the doorway of the house with blindness, both small and great, so that they became weary trying to find the door.

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

To God be the glory and honor for the breath of life.

This scriptural passage takes us to the time of Lot when he was living in Sodom, a region known for its depravity and wickedness and was marked for God's wrath. Let's look at that portion quickly, when someone lacks the presence of God, the consequence could mean that such a person is a potential candidate for the wrath of God. The region of Sodom and Gomorrah lived in a way that God was not pleased with their actions and lifestyle, and they became victims of God's wrath. In this passage, Lot is the key person we want to consider, and the question is: what made him stay in such a wicked place after knowing the nature of the citizens of that city? Why didn't he separate himself quickly from the city? If we were to bring that situation to our current society, this society we are in is a dark place. What would we do? What would we say? We are being reminded by this passage that we must separate ourselves from wickedness, not just by a door but by the Spirit of God; by God taking us out of such situations completely. We see this clearly expressed in the following scriptural passage - 2 Corinthians 6:14-18. Continuing with our lesson today, the angels of the Lord had to come to the rescue of Lot or else the situation would have been more terrible for him and his family. There must be a separation from wickedness, sin, darkness or else it will taint

a man. We must pray that God will mightily move us away from places, people and situations that are not appropriate for us or our development as children of God. We must consciously separate ourselves from all forms of ungodliness and wickedness by the help of the Holy Spirit. The days of ignorance are over, and God is calling everyone of us to repentance. Let the separation from wickedness start today.

Let's Pray!

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for the safety and security we have found in You; thank You for securing us from the enemies daily, in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, may we deeply search within our hearts and give up anything that is keeping us from moving forward into the glorious opportunities we have in Your kingdom, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, may we allow Your Spirit and wisdom to separate us from unwanted things, and help us to stop trying by our own power, in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, take over our lives and blind every wickedness or evil attempting to breach our hearts by force, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, in our nations and churches, let wickedness be exposed and separated quickly as You take all the glory, in Jesus' name.



BEWARE OF STRANGE FIRE

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: LEVITICUS 10:1-7, NKJV

Then Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it, put incense on it, and offered profane fire before the Lord, which He had not commanded them. 2 So fire went out from the Lord and devoured them, and they died before the Lord. 3 And Moses said to Aaron, "This is what the Lord spoke, saying: 'By those who come near Me, I must be regarded as holy; And before all the people, I must be glorified."

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

In Leviticus 10:1-7, we encounter a sobering account of the consequences that befell the sons of Aaron: Nadab, and Abihu, when they offered profane sacrifice before the Lord. These sons, entrusted with the sacred duty of ministering in the Tabernacle, deviated from the precise instructions given by God. Their actions serve as a reminder that our sacrifices on God's altar must align with His will. From the scripture we understand Nadab and Abihu actions were fueled by misguided zeal, by offering a strange fire before the Lord, an act not commanded by God. In doing so, they transgressed the boundaries set by the Almighty, and their actions led to divine judgment. The gravity of their disobedience teaches believers that the way we approach God's altar matters deeply.

As followers of Christ, we are called to present ourselves as living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to God (Romans 12:1). Our sacrifices on the altar of God must mirror the obedience demonstrated by Abel, whose offering was accepted because it was offered in faith and righteousness (Hebrews 11:4). Similarly, the Lord desires our sacrifices to be in accordance with His Word, rooted in genuine love and devotion. The consequences of deviating from God's commands are not to be taken lightly. Leviticus 10:2 states that fire came out from the Lord and consumed Nadab and Abihu. Furthermore, the New Testament reinforces the significance of obedience in our sacrifices. Jesus Himself declared, "If you love

me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15). Disobedience not only hinders our communion with God but also jeopardizes the effectiveness of our worship.

In conclusion, let us approach God's altar with reverence and diligence. Our sacrifices, whether in prayer, service, or offering, must align with the divine will. As believers, we are called to discern and obey God's commands, ensuring that our offerings are pleasing to Him. May we learn from the solemn lesson of Nadab and Abihu, understanding that our sacrifices, when offered in accordance with God's will, bring forth His favor and blessings.

Let's Pray!

- 1. Oh Lord, thank You for bringing me out of darkness into Your marvelous light. While some people are dying in their sins You have come to rescue me and my household, in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh Lord, I pray against the spirit of disobedience that makes a man deviate from divine instructions and brings about punishment or death, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh Lord, I pray against the spirit of familiarity with Your sacred things; help me not to dishonor You in all I do, in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh Lord, I pray that my daily sacrifices will align with Your divine and perfect will, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh Lord, wherever evil is being sponsored all over the world, let the Holy Spirit oppose, expose and dispose of them, and let Your righteousness reign, in Jesus' name.



YAHWEH EL ROI

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: GENESIS 16:1-16, NKJV

"7 Now the Angel of the Lord found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the way to Shur. 8 And He said, "Hagar, Sarai's maid, where have you come from, and where are you going?" She said, "I am fleeing from the presence of my mistress Sarai." 9 The Angel of the Lord said to her, "Return to your mistress, and submit yourself under her hand.""

"13 Then she called the name of the Lord who spoke to her, You-Are-the-God-Who-Sees; for she said, "Have I also here seen Him who sees me?""

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

Have you ever wondered if God sees you? Does He see what you are going through? Does He see what is happening in this world? In this Bible event, Hagar left her mistress' house because she was in a bad situation, a servant and pregnant with her master's child. To her the best solution was to run away but God told her otherwise. There are times when you find yourself in a situation and unable to see a solution or way out. In this type of situation, what is your response? Fight or flight? Do you keep fighting and trying all you can until you get a breakthrough, or do you run and abandon the situation? Hagar chose to run.

While she was running, God met her in a place where she was alone and without any distraction from her mistress' household. He addressed her matter, gave her a solution and assured her of a future. A servant that probably felt not valued and unappreciated by her mistress was reassured that the Almighty God sees her (she had an encounter). If God saw Hagar despite her status, how much more YOU. Yahweh El Roi (the Lord who sees me) sees every situation, every trap, every attack and most of all, every person. So, no matter what battle you are fighting, baggage you are carrying, situation you are battling, God sees you. The God of all possibilities that showed up for Hagar will surely show up for you

today in Jesus' name (Amen).

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for nothing gets past You and You see all things. Thank You that nothing can separate me from Your love in Jesus' name. (Romans 8:39)
- 2. Oh LORD, in my darkest moments may I always remember that You are in me, with me and for me in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, may Your voice always be the loudest in my ears over the voice of my flesh or the enemy in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, show Yourself as Yahweh El Roi (God that sees) in every situation of my life in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, help Your church to arise and keep fighting the good fight of faith among the nations of the world. May the church not grow faint in this fight in Jesus' name.

DAY 73

A JEALOUS GOD

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: 2 KINGS 1:1-18, NKJV

"15 And the angel of the Lord said to Elijah, "Go down with him; do not be afraid of him." So he arose and went down with him to the king. 16 Then he said to him, "Thus says the Lord: 'Because you have sent messengers to inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron, is it because there is no God in Israel to inquire of His word? Therefore you shall not come down from the bed to which you have gone up, but you shall surely die." 17 So Ahaziah died according to the word of the Lord which Elijah had spoken. Because he had no son, Jehoram became king in his place, in the second year of Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat, king of Judah."



LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

"Their sorrows shall be multiplied who hasten after another god; Their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, nor take up their names on my lips." (Psalm 16:4)

Do you know that the God of all possibilities whose name is Jealous is a jealous God? (Exodus 34:14). Before you hurriedly dismiss the scriptures above by exempting yourself from idolatry, make sure you have thought about it deeply. What have you been idolizing lately? Is your problem your idol? Are you your own idol? Is (are) your child(ren) your idol(s). Are you that technology enthusiast who's leaning more on artificial intelligence (AI) than divine intelligence? Is anything taking the place of God in your life? Let's explore how Elijah, the man of God relied upon and was led by The Almighty Intelligence (TAI), GOD. You can also say that Elijah relied on (DI) Divine Intelligence.

While Ahaziah the king of Israel at that time was about sending his messengers to go and inquire of Baal-Zebub about his recovery from his injury, the Angel of the Lord was also instructing Elijah on what to say to his messengers on their way. The integrity of God and that of the man of God were aligned so that it created the Deuteronomy 4:24 effect that says, "For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God." Elijah had the audacity to call down fire because his obedience was complete (2 Corinthians 10:6). He did the bidding of God and His alone. He obeyed God against fear! His message remained consistent against all odds because he continually relied on God's leading. To be led by God is to be BOLD. Is fear or anxiety your own idol? Who is leading you? Romans 16:6 says, "Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?" Can you hear the bell of choice ringing? Life or death, make a choice? Choose God and choose Life (Joshua 24:15; Deuteronomy 30:19).

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen (Revelation 22:21). Maranatha!

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for Your constant leading and backing that we enjoy in Jesus' name. (Psalm 23:1&2)
- 2. Oh LORD, I receive the grace to walk in the power and authority that Your integrity commands. I receive the grace and wisdom to operate within the confines of Your instructions in Jesus' name. (Proverbs 4:7)
- 3. Oh LORD, let every enemy of Your message in my mouth begin to face Your wrath and judgment in Jesus' name. (Luke 21:15; Acts 6:10)
- 4. Oh LORD, daily as I live, let Your jealousy be for me and not against me. May I continue to make the choices that invoke Your backing in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, let Your mercy speak for the church today and the nations who fear You, for a revival and a new move of Your divine backing like never before in Jesus' name.

DAY 74

THE HEART FACTOR

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: JEREMIAH 17:9-10

"9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; Who can know it? 10 I, the Lord, search the heart, test the mind, even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings."



LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

Today, we are believing God for a heart that is consistently aligned with the will of God. The heart of a man is a big determinant of divine possibilities. The scriptural text posted above confirmed to us that God rewards us based on our ways and the fruit of our deeds. These two things are first formed in our hearts before they are manifested in actions. As a matter of fact, you cannot grow beyond your heart posture towards God and His ordinances. A heart that is not consistently aligned with the will of God or submit completely to His counsel is a heart that is bereft of divine possibilities. True riches are only committed to those whose hearts have been proven before God. David understood the significance of his heart posture before God. Even God testified about his heart (1 Samuel 13:14). He also understood the consequences that comes when a man's heart strays away from God and His dictates (1 Samuel 12:7-19). No wonder, in Psalm 51:10, he cried out, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me..."

Brothers and sisters, the need to constantly check your heart posture before God is critical. In Proverbs 4:23, Solomon advised us, and he said, "Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life", however, he fell victim to the same thing he warned us about (1 Kings 11:4). Out of the overwhelming love and reverence that he had for God in his heart, he offered a thousand burnt offering to the Lord and he was divinely rewarded for it (1 Kings 3:3-13). However, in 1 Kings 11:1-9, his heart turned away from the same God who had blessed him with wisdom and riches. He lost ten out of the twelve tribes that God entrusted into his hands (1 Kings 11:9-13). Beloved, what's your heart posture before God? Is your heart right before Him who knows the intent of every heart? Is your heart charting you in the right course with God or the wrong one? May the Lord help our hearts to be consistently right before Him in Jesus' name.

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

1. Oh LORD, thank You for forming me, for knowing me and for calling me Your own in Jesus' name.

- 2. Oh LORD, let the fire of Your love continually burn in my heart; let the zeal to do Your will at all times consume my heart in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, in this world of sin, let my heart take delight in the counsel of the Holy Spirit; my heart will not yield to wrong spirits in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, let any demonic programming to hijack my heart for wickedness be destroyed in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, let the hearts of our leaders be right before You; help them to be just and righteous leaders in Jesus' name.

DAY 75

WHEN THE GLORY COMES

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: ISAIAH 60:1-22, NKJV

"I Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. 2 For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the Lord will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you. 3 The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. 4 "Lift up your eyes all around, and see: They all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be nursed at your side. 5 Then you shall see and become radiant, and your heart shall swell with joy; because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you. 6 The multitude of camels shall cover your land, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall

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come; they shall bring gold and incense, and they shall proclaim the praises of the Lord. 7 All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together to you, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you; they shall ascend with acceptance on My altar, and I will glorify the house of My glory."

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

When darkness covers a place people tend to be inactive and most of the time asleep. The world we are living in today is full of darkness. In fact, the Bible calls it thick darkness. So, then the question is, "how are people able to find their way?" Could this be the reason why there is so much chaos in the world? People are seeking happiness, and they end up getting hooked on drugs and immorality which lands them in failure.

Child of God, I came with a message from the Lord. He wants you to arise! Wake up from your slumber and step into your new season. "But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9); and "Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

The glory of the Lord is risen upon you, and your light has come. You can't stay hidden anymore. Jesus, our light, came to the world and conquered sin and death. You live in Him and He lives in you, therefore you have the victory. You are now a different breed. Your life has to be different from that of others in the world. You are created to make a difference. The Glory is here! This glory shines and draws divine possibilities of God.

The world is still in darkness and now that the glory is risen on you, that means your light should shine brighter in this dark world. As the glory of God shines upon you, nations will be seeking to know your God, and kings will be coming to the brightness of your rising. The things you have lost in the past are being restored because the glory has come. Are you ready to pray?

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PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh LORD, I thank You today because Your glory has come. Thank You for taking us out of darkness only Your marvelous light, in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, I refuse to be a prisoner of darkness. I command my light to shine, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, from today, good things begin to follow me and my family; I recover all that the enemy has stolen from me, in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, let the glory put an end to afflictions and sorrow in my life, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, let the chains of darkness over the nations of the world be broken, and let the light of Your glory shine all over, in Jesus' name.

DAY 76

BASKING IN THE WEIGHT OF HIS GLORY

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: ISAIAH 55:1-13, NKJV

"10 For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, 11 So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it. 12 For you shall go out with joy, and be led out with peace; the mountains and the hills shall break forth into singing before you, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. 13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree; and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."



LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

Beloved, let us reflect on the profound truth encapsulated in Isaiah 55:1-13, a passage that beckons on believers to embrace the weight of God's glory in our lives. The very essence of this scripture is to invite us to a banquet where the soul finds true satisfaction in God. Isaiah 55:1 calls out, "Ho! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price." Here, the Lord extends a gracious invitation, reminding us that His glory is freely available to those who seek it. It is not earned through our own efforts but received as a gift—a divine exchange of our emptiness for His abundance.

Verse 6 encourages believers to seek the Lord while He may be found, emphasizing the urgency of connecting with God. When we intentionally pursue His glory, we position ourselves to witness a transformation in our lives. In Isaiah 55:10-11, the profound transformation is vividly portrayed, comparing the potency of God's Word to rain that saturates the earth, leading to its blossoming and the emergence of fruit. This shows us as Christians that the weight of God's glory carries the power to shift our circumstances and cultivate a fruitful existence for us. As believers, we are called not merely to acknowledge His glory but to immerse ourselves in it and to swim in the deep waters of His presence. Isaiah 55:12 assures us that as we encounter His glory, we will go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills shall break forth into singing before us. Moreover, verse 13 affirms that instead of the thorn, the cypress shall come up, and instead of the brier, the myrtle shall come up. This signifies a divine exchange—God's glory replaces the burdens and challenges in our lives, transforming them into places of beauty and flourishing. Brethren, we are urged to embrace the weight of God's glory not as a fleeting experience but as a continuous journey. Isaiah 55:3 encourages us to incline our ears and come to Him, that our souls may live. In His glory, we find life, purpose, and the fullness of joy.

Child of God, let us carry with us the confidence that comes from dwelling in His glory. Let it permeate every aspect of our lives—

our work, relationships, and endeavors. In the weight of His glory, we find strength for the journey and reassurance that all things are possible through Him who strengthens us (Philippians 4:13).

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PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for the immeasurable glory You are releasing upon us as we dwell in Your presence, in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, open our spiritual eyes to perceive the wonders of Your glory, and grant us the discernment to recognize the signs of Your presence in every aspect of our lives, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, fill us with a deep hunger and thirst for Your righteousness, draw us closer to You and position us to receive the abundance of Your glory, in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, open our eyes to the glory You have set before us and do not let this glory fade away in our lives, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, return Your glory back to the nations of the world and let Your true church emerge with Your glory again, in Jesus' name.

DAY 77

MORE OF YOUR GLORY

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: EXODUS 33:1-23, NKJV

"13 Now therefore, I pray, if I have found grace in Your sight, show me now Your way, that I may know You and that I may find grace in Your sight. 14 And consider that this nation is Your people." And He said, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give



you rest." 15 Then he said to Him, "If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here. 16 For how then will it be known that Your people and I have found grace in Your sight, except You go with us? 17 So we shall be separate, Your people and I, from all the people who are upon the face of the earth." So the Lord said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name." 18 And he said, "Please, show me Your glory.""

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

In the past few days, we have learned and meditated on God's glory, when it comes and basking in it. However, are you content with the level of God's glory you last experienced? Are you content with the level your relationship with God is currently? Or do you desire more?

In our focus chapter, Moses was having a discussion with God, one of his several discussions. Vs 11 of this chapter stated "So the Lord spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend..." Yet he was asking for more of God. He asked to know God's ways, to know Him more and find grace in His sight (vs13), His presence and requested to see His glory (vs 18). He didn't just want to know what God did, he wanted more - His ways. The children of Israel knew God's acts while Moses grew to the level of knowing God's ways (Ps. 103:7). With how much he knew of God, he knew they would be destroyed if God's presence didn't go with them. He asked for more until he received what would sustain and help them on their journey. If Moses continued to desire, pant and seek for more of God, you and I can't be content with where we are in our relationship with God. There is still more to learn, know and experience with Your Father.

So, are you at the ankle level, knee level or above the waist level according to Ezekiel 47:1-6? Let's seek and ask for more of His glory! Remember 2 Corinthians 3:18, "But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord."

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PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for the daily manifestation of Your glory in our lives. Thank You for the depth of Your glory we will experience, in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, may we not be satisfied with Your acts alone, but truly desire to experience Your ways, in Jesus' name. (Ps 103:7)
- 3. Oh LORD, help me to desire more of You and give up more of me to see Your glory in a new dimension, in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, despite the circumstances of life and where we are in life, may we bask from glory to glory, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, help the nations and homes to desire much more than earthly glory but put their gaze on heavenly glory, in Jesus' name.

DAY 78

FIX YOUR EYES ON GOD

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: ISAIAH 51:1-16, NKJV

"I Listen to Me, you who follow after righteousness, you who seek the Lord: Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the hole of the pit from which you were dug. 2 Look to Abraham your father, And to Sarah who bore you; for I called him alone, and blessed him and increased him. 3 For the Lord will comfort Zion, He will comfort all her waste places; He will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in it, thanksgiving and the voice of melody."

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

In Isaiah 51:1-3, the Lord called out to His people, urging them to look to the rock from which they were hewn, referencing Abraham as an example for us. Abraham was called alone by God and embarked on a journey filled with challenges, yet he remained undistracted, consistently fixing his eyes on the Almighty God, the rock that never fails. Just as Abraham faced unique trials, we as

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believers today do encounter diverse challenges in their Christian journey. Amid these trials, the prophet Isaiah prompts us to fix our gaze on God, the everlasting rock (Psalm 125:2). Abraham's unwavering focus on God provides us with a timeless example as believers facing uncertainties. His journey was marked by divine promises and occasional hardships, but through it all, he trusted in God's plan. Similarly, we as believers are reminded to remain steadfast in our faith, trusting in God, who has called us, and is faithful to fulfill His promises. In Hebrews 12:2, the Bible encourages us to get our eyes fixated on Jesus Christ, the author, and finisher of our faith, as we draw inspiration from His endurance on the cross.

In our world today, some believers often find themselves trapped by distraction as they compare their Christian journey to others, being influenced by external achievements, behaviors, and attitudes. The New Testament warns against such distractions in Colossians 3:2, that the believers set their minds on things above, not on earthly things; and likewise in 2 Corinthians 10:12, "For we dare not class ourselves or compare ourselves with those who commend themselves. But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise." God, who intricately designed each of us, calls us individually and knows precisely what we need. Romans 8:28 reassures us that all things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to His purpose. This should remind us that God's plan for each of us is unique and fashioned to bring about blessings and testimonies from our lives. We can bank on the unfailing promises of the One who called us and experience a journey adorned with testimonies, just like Abraham.

In conclusion, be reminded that our Christian journey is unique, and fixing our eyes on the everlasting rock allows us to navigate challenges with unwavering faith. Trusting that He who called us will do the best for us. Let us turn away from distractions, keeping our focus on the One who knows our path and promises to lead us into a future filled with His grace and glory. Brothers and sisters, fix your eyes on God, your future is bright!

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PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh LORD, we thank You for opening our eyes to the distractions surrounding us, and we express gratitude for the power You've bestowed upon us to resist being carried away by them, in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, fortify our minds against the allure of worldly desires, so that our hearts may be wholly devoted to seeking Your kingdom and righteousness, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, grant us the discipline to turn away from the fleeting pleasures that can hinder our spiritual growth, and help us to fix our gaze on the eternal treasures found in Your presence, in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, You are the rock that never fails, my family and I hide in You as our sure security and preservation, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, break down the barriers of pride and stubbornness that hinder nations from accessing Your glory; and let there be a revival that will transform our societies to reflect Your glory, in Jesus' name.

DAY 79

NO OTHER GODS

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: JUDGES 2:1-23, NKJV

11 "Then the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord, and served the Baals; 12 and they forsook the Lord God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt; and they followed other gods from among the gods of the people who were all around them, and they bowed down to them; and they provoked the Lord to anger. They forsook the Lord and served Baal and the Ashtoreths. 14 And the anger of the Lord was hot against Israel. So He delivered them into the hands of plunderers who despoiled

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them; and He sold them into the hands of their enemies all around, so that they could no longer stand before their enemies."

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

We love and adore God because of the possibilities He has been doing in our lives. However, our Father takes covenants very seriously and He doesn't like to share what is strictly His. God is a jealous God. He made a covenant with Israelites through their forefathers that they will not serve other gods, especially as they conquer the new lands He promised to give them. After the many victories they experienced here comes these new generations that have totally forgotten what God did for their fathers. Yes, they weren't alive to witness these miracles, however the tales of it were passed down. The first commandment God gave the children of Israel was "You shall have no other gods before Me." (Exodus 20:3). They may not have remembered the covenant, but this commandment must have been passed down and taught to each generation. We are in a different dispensation (thank You Jesus) but this commandment still stands. To experience God and all His possibilities you CANNOT have other gods. If you want Him to step into your situation, defend you, rescue you, bless you, you CANNOT have other gods.

Before you are quick to say you don't have other gods, please take a moment to assess your life. Other gods are ANYTHING you put before and above God. Other gods in our times are entertainment (TV, movies, etc.), social media, food, vacation, sleep, money, job/career, stocks, crypto, marriage, latest technology, fashion etc. Before you pass judgment or question the children of Israel, ensure you are not making similar mistakes as they did. How attached or addicted are you to those things mentioned above? How many times have you chosen to watch TV/movies rather than go to church/fellowship? How many hours do you spend on social media compared to Bible study and prayer? Is there an idol or not? If you spend more time with any of these things than you spend with God, that very thing is your graven image-idol-god. Do you have other gods you put above your Father? What are the other gods you have? Time to be honest and vulnerable with Abba Father.

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PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for being a jealous God and not allowing other gods be placed above You. Thank You for the reminder and grace to obey this commandment, in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, reveal unto me the other gods or idols that I have placed above you consciously or unconsciously, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, help me not to do anything that will break and hinder my covenant with You, in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, help me to daily die to my flesh and not yield to the temptations that arise against me. Help me to keep my gaze on You, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, help the body of Christ to remember Your covenant and rid ourselves of the other gods, our idols we have allowed in our midst, in Jesus' name.

DAY 80

THE POWER OF THE SECRET PLACE

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: PSALM 91:1-16, NKJV

"He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. 2 I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust."

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

Today, we are believing God for a renewed hunger for the secret place. The secret place is a place of deep communion with the Father. It is not a place where we worship in haste. It is a place

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where we tarry consistently before the Ancient of Days. The secret place is also where those things that are hidden to others are revealed to us as sons and daughters of God (Deuteronomy 29:29). The divine possibilities that we command as children of God is a function of the reverence that we have for the secret place. If we are not proven in the secret place, we cannot speak with power and authority in the public in His name. For example, the vitality or the fruitfulness of a tree is in the ability of its roots to consistently generate strength from underneath the earth away from the visible eyes. Mature Christians who command divine possibilities are built in the secret place and not in the public. They are not built by corporate worship. Moses understood this in the scriptural text posted above. He told us of the divine possibilities that we attract when we dwell in the secret place. Every divine possibility that Moses enjoyed in his walk with God was a function of him dwelling in the secret place. Daniel had a custom of dwelling in the secret place even before trouble showed up (Daniel 6:10). Rather than becoming dinner for the lions, the God that he meets with in the secret place came to his rescue. Elijah prophetically declared drought over Israel for three and a half years by the reason of the secret place (1 Kings 17:1). Also, Jesus' ministry prospered beyond measure because He cherished the secret place (Luke 5:16). Beloved, are you a resident of the secret place, a visitor or a stranger to the secret place? Remember, you can only go as far as the value you have for the secret place. May we not rob ourselves of the divine possibilities that flow from the secret place in Jesus'

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PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for the privilege that You have given to us to draw near to You as sons and daughters in Jesus' name. (Psalm 145:18)
- 2. Oh LORD, in any way that we've despised the secret place, let Your mercy that triumphs over judgment speak for us in Jesus' name. (James 2:13)

- 3. Oh LORD, by Your grace, let our desires for constant communion with You prevail over any other desire in Jesus' name. (Psalm 42:1-2)
- 4. Oh LORD, let the proof of dwelling in the secret place bring about divine distinctions for us in every area of our lives in Jesus' name. (Acts 4:13)
- 5. Oh LORD, we pray for all the leaders of our churches and the nations of the world, let the desire to seek You and know You consume their hearts in Jesus' name. (Isaiah 26:9).

DAY 81

WORKING BY THE SPIRIT

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: EXODUS 31:1-11, NKJV

1 Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: 2 "See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. 3 And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, 4 to design artistic works, to work in gold, in silver, in bronze, 5 in cutting jewels for setting, in carving wood, and to work in all manner of workmanship. 6 "And I, indeed I, have appointed with him Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and I have put wisdom in the hearts of all the gifted artisans, that they may make all that I have commanded you.

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

Have you ever wished that after you had given your life to Christ that God should have called you home to rest in Heaven from all the cares and troubles of this world? Well, God still needs you here on earth because you have a job to do. If you are saved and not doing something for God your salvation is questionable. We

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are here on earth not by accident but to serve because that is what God requires from us all. Jesus the Son of God was here on earth to do a work. John 4:34, "Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work." Beloved, there is a work you must do, and you must find it and find it on time. John 9:4, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." Likewise, 1 Corinthians 3:9, "For we are laborers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building." I hear someone asking "but we are not saved by works but by faith. Yes, you are right but also remember that faith without work is dead (James 2:17).

Work is part of the manifestation of our faith. Bezalel was not there to see what God showed Moses, but he was tasked to produce it exactly the way Moses saw it. Bezalel was able to do it by the Spirit of God in Wisdom (the technical know-how), in Understanding (the ability to think things through), in Knowledge (display of mastery). The word of the Lord in Zechariah 4:6 reminds us that, "It is not by might nor by power but by My Spirit says the Lord." The work of God that you are doing cannot be carried out casually. You must depend on the owner of the work to show you how to do it. The Bible tells us to be mindful of how we build (1 Corinthians 3:10). The work must be done acceptably! Uriah wanted to do a work for God, and he died in the process. Moses did a work for God but did not make it to the promised land because of how he did it. King Saul did a work for God and lost the throne and died. So, with all these examples, it means that there is a way to do the work. The work of God must be done by the Spirit of God. Remember, Cain and Abel both brought offerings to God, but they had different results because you must first be accepted by God before your offering is accepted. Flesh cannot please God (Romans 8:8). Being Spirit-filled is not just for anything but to please him and be acceptable to Him. The whole essence is so that our work should be acceptable by God. Your work will be tried by fire (1 Corinthians 3:13-15). You can't do anything by the Spirit of God and get it wrong, but a lot of believers are still working in the flesh and not in the spirit. Are you working by the spirit?

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PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh LORD, I thank You for Your Spirit that You have given to us to do Your work here on earth. Help me to continue to work by Your spirit, in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, help me to discover the work I must do here on earth. My life here on earth must not waste, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, I dedicate myself to You today as a vessel that is fit for the Master's use. I will not work in vain, in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, I will be obedient to do Your work as You give me the grace to do it. I will not treat Your work with contempt, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, I pray for our leaders that they will mind the work that they have been elected to do. Baptize them with Your spirit, in Jesus' name.

DAY 82

BRACE YOURSELF FOR ABUNDANCE

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAYE: II KINGS 7:1-9, NKJV

7 Therefore they arose and fled at twilight, and left the camp intact—their tents, their horses, and their donkeys—and they fled for their lives. 8 And when these lepers came to the outskirts of the camp, they went into one tent and ate and drank, and carried from it silver and gold and clothing, and went and hid them; then they came back and entered another tent, and carried some from there also, and went and hid it.

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

Beloved, let's reflect on 2 Kings 7:7-8. The passage tells of the event of four lepers who, in a time of desperation and famine, discovered unexpected abundance. The lesson here is that opportunities often come when and where we least expect them. God's

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promises are abundant, but the question we must ask ourselves today is: are we prepared to receive them? The Lord has declared that this year holds many opportunities for us, but our readiness to embrace them is crucial. It's not merely about waiting for opportunities to present themselves; it's about aligning ourselves to recognize and seize them. As we navigate the vast landscape of possibilities before us, we must open our eyes, minds, and spirits to discern the divine opportunities that may be hidden in plain sight. We must have a retrospect and reflect on the opportunities that have already come our way since the start of this year. Have doubts or questions clouded our perception? It's time to dispel uncertainty and trust that God's promises are true. Proverbs 3:5-6 encourages us to, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."

In this new day, filled with blessings, favor, and abundant opportunities, we must cultivate an attitude of expectancy. Don't let fear or hesitation hold you back. Instead, boldly declare, "Yes, it is here, and I am ready!" Proclaim your readiness to see, go for, and seize the opportunities destined for your next level. The days ahead are likened to the rains of opportunity, promising abundance to those who are prepared to receive it. Just as the lepers in 2 Kings 7 stepped into tents full of hidden treasures, you likewise must be ready to collect the blessings that may be concealed in the challenges and uncertainties of life.

In conclusion, brace yourself for abundance. Trust in God's promises, align yourself with His will, and boldly step into the opportunities that await you. Each week is a testament to the overflow of blessings and favor, and with faith, you can navigate the downpour of opportunities that will lead you to your next level.

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

1. Oh LORD, thank You for opening our eyes to the abundant opportunities that await us this week. We express gratitude for Your faithfulness in revealing hidden blessings and guiding us to our next level, in Jesus' name.

- 2. Oh LORD, grant us the grace to seize every opportunity presented to us this week. May we not miss or overlook the treasures You have strategically placed along our journey, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, as we navigate the week of blessings and favor, pour out Your favor upon us. May doors of opportunity swing wide open, and may Your favor surround us like a shield and guide us into the abundance You have in store for us, in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, let Your blessings overflow in our lives and water the seeds of potential within us. May the abundance of Your grace propel us to new heights and levels of fulfillment, in Jesus' name. 5. Oh LORD, extend Your guidance to the leaders of our churches and nations. May they be inspired to lead with integrity and vision, aligning their actions with Your divine plan for our prosperity and well-being, in Jesus' name.

DAY 83

ANOINTED HELPERS FOR NEXT LEVELS

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: EZRA 1:1, 7:27-28, NKJV

I Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and also put it in writing, saying,

27 Blessed be the Lord God of our fathers, who has put such a thing as this in the king's heart, to beautify the house of the Lord which is in Jerusalem, 28 and has extended mercy to me before the king and his counselors, and before all the king's mighty princes. So I was encouraged, as the hand of the Lord my God was upon me; and I gathered leading men of Israel to go up with me.



LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

Everyone in life is in need of some kind of help. Permit me to remind you of some of the help that Pastor David preached about last year (the videos are all on the YouTube channel @tacgvwc); Divine Help, Angelic Help, Apostolic Help, Human Help and Natural Help. If you have had to work for or pay for everything you have in life, then you have not enjoyed help. Every divine assignment that you have received from God will be bigger than what your own human strength can accomplish, and this will cause you to look up to God to help you.

Ezra, whose name means help, had a mandate to carry out and this mandate was bigger than him and also came with enemies as part of the package. The God who calls also supplies everything needed when you answer the call. The God of all possibilities raised all manner of helpers to make the job possible for Ezra, Zerubbabel, and the people before them. It was the Almighty God that anointed heathen or pagan Kings like Cyrus, Dairus and Artaxerxes to take actions that naturally they wouldn't take, but because the supernatural God was at work, these secular kings began to act under the dictates of the Almighty God. So, the governors, treasurers, and all the people under the authority of these Kings had no choice but to follow the instructions of these kings to help build the house of God. No matter how these anointed helpers come, you must take delivery of it. Don't run from it, don't retract from it, but embrace it. Some of these help were offered willingly while others were compelled. It does not matter what lies ahead of you, what matters is that He has anointed helpers to help you get to your next levels. Are you ready to take delivery of those helpers today? Let's pray!

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

1. Oh LORD, I thank You for all the anointed helpers that You have ordained for me, my family and Your church, in Jesus' name 2. Oh LORD, in my divine calling, let all things work together for my good, in Jesus' name

- 3. Oh LORD, wherever my helpers are, move their hearts and hands to begin to help and favor me, in Jesus' name
- 4. Oh LORD, give me the appetite for prayer, fasting, and Your word like Ezra, so that I will be prepared to receive the help and helpers for my next levels, in Jesus' name
- 5. Oh LORD, stir up the spirit and hearts of leaders at all levels so that they will seek the good of humanity, in Jesus' name.

DAY 84

THE PRICE FOR NEW SEASONS

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: EZRA 9 & 10, NKJV

I When these things were done, the leaders came to me, saying, "The people of Israel and the priests and the Levites have not separated themselves from the peoples of the lands, with respect to the abominations of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites. 2 For they have taken some of their daughters as wives for themselves and their sons, so that the holy seed is mixed with the peoples of those lands. Indeed, the hand of the leaders and rulers has been foremost in this trespass." 3 So when I heard this thing, I tore my garment and my robe, and plucked out some of the hair of my head and beard, and sat down astonished. 4 Then everyone who trembled at the words of the God of Israel assembled to me, because of the transgression of those who had been carried away captive, and I sat astonished until the evening sacrifice.

I Now while Ezra was praying, and while he was confessing, weeping, and bowing down before the house of God, a very large assembly of men, women, and children gathered to him from Is-

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rael; for the people wept very bitterly. 2 And Shechaniah the son of Jehiel, one of the sons of Elam, spoke up and said to Ezra, "We have trespassed against our God, and have taken pagan wives from the peoples of the land; yet now there is hope in Israel in spite of this. 3 Now therefore, let us make a covenant with our God to put away all these wives and those who have been born to them, according to the advice of my master and of those who tremble at the commandment of our God; and let it be done according to the law. 4 Arise, for this matter is your responsibility. We also are with you. Be of good courage, and do it."

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

In our devotion today, let's reflect on Ezra 9:1-4 and 10:1-4, as we delve into the valuable lessons from yesterday's teaching. We recall the benevolence of God, who graciously sent helpers to the children of Israel for the construction of the temple. However, amidst these help and manifold blessings, they faltered in heeding God's command to avoid intermarriage with strangers which leads to the contamination of the holy seed. Brothers and sisters, as God continues to bless and send us help, let us be mindful of our conduct and adherence to His instructions. We must avoid behaviors that could compromise our blessings. As Ezra, the Priest, demonstrated repentance by acknowledging the sins committed by the Israelites and interceded for forgiveness on their behalf, likewise, you and I must forsake anything that can hinder our prayers, and recognize our status as God's chosen people. We cannot thrive outside God's will; we must make conscious effort to abandon the abominations which are prevailing in our time.

Brethren, our call is clear: we must pay the price of leaving behind the sins that could tarnish our newfound blessings and embrace the help God has brought our ways in this season. As we welcome this new season, God has made us to become the custodians of a legacy—a holy lineage that demands purity and devotion to God's precepts. Our God is tasking us to uphold righteousness in a world that is full of moral decadence. As God orchestrates new help and helpers for us, we should remain vigilant against influences that might taint our blessings. The urgency lies in staying focused on God, ensuring our conduct aligns with His principles. Our faith-

fulness becomes the key to enjoying the fruits of the land and the assistance He provides. It is well with our soul.

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh LORD, I thank You for the new season of help and anointed helpers that You have brought our way in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, may we not forsake and separate ourselves from You our Deliverer and Source of our help in this new season, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, may our holy seed not be corrupted, and make our sons and daughters seed of highest quality in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, destroy from our lives every spirit that forgets Your instructions and ordinances, and grant us retentive memory of Your word and commandments, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, help our leaders at various levels to separate themselves from corruption and abomination of this end time, in Jesus' name.

DAY 85

DO YOUR PART

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: EZEKIEL 33:1-11, NKJV

2 "Son of man, speak to the children of your people, and say to them: 'When I bring the sword upon a land, and the people of the land take a man from their territory and make him their watchman, 3 when he sees the sword coming upon the land, if he blows the trumpet and warns the people, 4 then whoever hears the sound of the trumpet and does not take warning, if the sword comes and

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takes him away, his blood shall be on his own head. 5 He heard the sound of the trumpet, but did not take warning; his blood shall be upon himself. But he who takes warning will save his life. 6 But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, and the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at the watchman's hand.

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

You know there is a sense of achievement and feeling accomplished when one does their part within a group. When everyone carries their own weight within the group, we can achieve more and get more done. Let's assume and highlight further on a person in the group, we can clearly see what the person's duty is and what they are supposed to do whether they are doing it or not. It is a spot check on the team, and it is time for inspection to see the effectiveness of their job. This is where we see the person of a watchman, a watchman is a lookout who stands on the city walls to inspect what is going on outside of the gates and report it back. Something about the watchman is they have a crucial role to play for the early warning and early prevention that the city needs in case a problem arises.

We want to ask ourselves questions that can arise from this passage, are we doing our part as a lookout for others? Do we have a lookout over our lives? What can make us weak in doing our part as a lookout? This makes one know we are discerning; do we have our antenna working? A watchman's key duty is to discern what is good and bad, then sharing that information with the necessary audience (Hebrews 5: 14b). There is always a proof if the watchman does their part or not. Now on this journey of faith we can no longer be quiet and not do our part. Let's get in the habit and fulfill our responsibilities by doing the portion the Holy Spirit has called us to do. There is a grave consequence if you do not do your part. You will be held accountable for any life that is destroyed because you did not do your part. Doing your part is not a slogan and it is not a child's play. It is a serious matter before God and it's my prayer that you will not be guilty of your calling in Jesus' name. This is not about being a pastor, prophet, apostle or evangelist. It's all about being you - a Christian. We are saved to serve. Are you doing your part?

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for giving us life and the purpose we have to fulfill in our lifetime, in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, wake us up where we have not done our part in this journey of faith in the various places You have assigned us to be, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, we ask for more discernment of the Holy Spirit to be aware of our roles and what we should be doing for Your kingdom, for our families, and our own lives, in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, help us to be strengthened and courageous to speak as Your mouthpiece wherever You send us, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, in the midst of this dark world, raise leaders and churches that will speak Your truth without fear of men, in Jesus' name.

DAY 86

TRUST GOD, AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: ISAIAH 30:1-11

1 "Woe to the rebellious children," says the Lord, "Who take counsel, but not of Me, and who devise plans, but not of My Spirit, that they may add sin to sin; 2 Who walk to go down to Egypt, and have not asked My advice, to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt! 3 Therefore the strength of Pharaoh shall be your shame, and trust in the shadow

of Egypt shall be your humiliation. 4 For his princes were at Zoan, and his ambassadors came to Hanes. 5 They were all ashamed of a people who could not benefit them, or be help or benefit, but a shame and also a reproach."

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

Beloved brethren, as we navigate the journey of life, who do you turn to when challenges arise? Do you seek help from the Almighty, or do you place your trust in worldly solutions? In Isaiah 30:1-11, the prophet Isaiah warns against seeking help in places where there is no true assistance. The people of Judah were tempted to form alliances with Egypt, trusting in chariots and relying on human plans rather than turning to the Lord. This resonates with the human tendency to seek solutions in the so-called tangible and visible rather than in the divine. As children of the Most High God, reflect on your own life. When faced with trials, where is your first inclination for help? Are you quick to seek God's guidance, or do you find yourself relying solely on human wisdom and resources? In Genesis 16, we encounter the event about Hagar, who sought refuge in the wilderness when faced with adversity. Yet, it was the angel of the Lord who provided her with guidance and comfort. This parallels Isaiah's warning against turning to Egypt for help instead of relying on God. As a child of God, note that your perception of your situation plays a pivotal role in determining where your mind is focused. In times of trouble, is God in the picture as the invincible source of help? In Genesis 16:13, the Bible records Hagar's revelation, "Then she called the name of the Lord who spoke to her, You-Are-the-God-Who-Sees; for she said, 'Have I also here seen Him who sees me?'" You must acknowledge that God is not only aware of your struggles, but He is also the ultimate source of help.

Trusting in the Lord is superior to relying on kings or earthly powers. Psalm 118:8 (NKJV) declares, "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man." In your journey of life anchor your trust in Him, for disappointment will be inevitable if you keep seeking solutions any other place apart from His divine guidance. May our hearts be steadfast, and our trust unwavering, as we turn to the Lord for help in every circumstance.



Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for being the very present help for me and my family in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, help us turn away from alliances that are not aligned with Your will, and instead, let our trust be solely in You, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, we pray for the patience to wait upon Your perfect timing as we trust that Your plans for us are far greater than our own, in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, lead us away from the path of self-reliance and into the safety of Your loving arms where true refuge and deliverance can be found, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, forgive the nations of the world for seeking help where there is no help. Let there be divine moves that will cause all nations to turn to You, in Jesus' name.

DAY 87

THE POWER OF CONSECRATION

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: JUDGES 16:1-31, NKJV

28 Then Samson called to the Lord, saying, "O Lord God, remember me, I pray! Strengthen me, I pray, just this once, O God, that I may with one blow take vengeance on the Philistines for my two eyes!" 29 And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars which supported the temple, and he braced himself against them, one on his right and the other on his left. 30 Then Samson said, "Let me die with the Philistines!" And he pushed with all his might,

and the temple fell on the lords and all the people who were in it. So the dead that he killed at his death were more than he had killed in his life. 31 And his brothers and all his father's household came down and took him, and brought him up and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the tomb of his father Manoah. He had judged Israel twenty years.

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

Beloved, I hope you know that the vitality of a tree and the fruits it produces is a function of the strength of the roots of that tree? Likewise, as a child of God, you cannot grow or be fruitful spiritually beyond the strength of your consecration. Consecration is at the foundation of all greatness in the kingdom. It is also the foundation for great lifting and staying lifted in the kingdom. From Genesis to Revelation, everyone who went far with God had strong consecration as one of the bedrocks of their journey with God. Anyone that understands his or her consecration, and consistently preserves it, will operate in the realm of divine possibilities. In the same context, when a man or woman begins to violate his or her consecration, that person is a walking dead. It's only a matter of time before that person falls. This was the sin of Samson and it culminated in the scriptural text posted above. He was consecrated to God to deliver God's people from oppression (Judges 13:3-5) and he was divinely helped along the way, but he violated his consecration repeatedly by his reckless lifestyle (Judges 14:8-9; Judges 16:1 & Judges 16:4) until it caught up with him. An anointed man became a clown before the ungodly. He died among the ungodly. He became a bad reference.

Beloved, please, don't be swayed by the shallow YouTube "Preachers" who are preaching nonsense. You must be very careful who you listen to and what is being fed to your spirit. Consecration is key to our rising in God. Consecration is tying ourselves to a commitment before God that powers how we live our lives. It is covenant-driven. Once a commitment to consecration is established, God will play His part. Consecration is a guide and a guard against the pleasures of Babylon (Daniel 1:8). Babylon is a system of corruption, but a man or woman who is consecrated will gain mastery over it. Consecration is also a lifestyle of separation

(2 Corinthians 6:17-18). This is when we are being driven by our commitment to God and not the world around us. So, brothers and sisters, do you know the covenant or the principles of God that guides or restricts you in your walk with Him? That is your consecration! Embrace it, live it and preserve it! May the LORD help us in Jesus' name!

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for knowing me and calling me Your own in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, help me to know my consecration and walk in it in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, give me the power to purge myself of any worldly pleasure that can compromise my consecration or is compromising my consecration in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, empower my consecration and let every dormant spiritual gift in my life begin to find expression in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, enthrone men and women who are consecrated to You in the corridors of power in all the nations of the world in Jesus' name.

DAY 88

DIVINE APPROVALS AND RESTRICTIONS

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: PROVERBS 31:1-9, NKJV

1 The words of King Lemuel, the utterance which his mother taught him: 2 What, my son? And what, son of my womb? And what, son of my vows? 3 Do not give your strength to women, nor your ways to that which destroys kings. 4 It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine, nor for princes intoxicating

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drink; 5 Lest they drink and forget the law, and pervert the justice of all the afflicted. 6 Give strong drink to him who is perishing, and wine to those who are bitter of heart. 7 Let him drink and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more. 8 Open your mouth for the speechless, in the cause of all who are appointed to die. 9 Open your mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

Beloved, God does not do things just for doing sake, and that includes our existence. We are not just here on earth by chance. There is a purpose for which God has kept us alive in such a time as this (Romans 11:5) and wrapped around that purpose is our call and election. It is the expectation of God that we will discover that purpose and be diligent enough to make our call and election sure (2 Peter 1:10).

As we strive to fulfill our purpose on earth, we begin to get into some sort of leadership one way or another, and consciously or unconsciously. At that point, ignorance is no longer an excuse. It is our responsibility to know the dos and don'ts of our call and election. It is our job to get ourselves acquainted with the divine approvals and restrictions that come with what God has called us to do. So, as we study and pray about the lives of kings that ruled over God's people in the Bible, it becomes very expedient for us to take notes and learn serious lessons from their lives. What made some a success and others a failure? What were their strengths and weaknesses? What did they do with God's approvals and restrictions, and how did they finish? I pray we all will finish well in Jesus' name.

In proverbs 31:1-9, you will learn that kings are humans just like us. They have feelings and emotions, and they are not immortal. There are things kings can do, and there are things that can undo kings. Kings live for a purpose and there are people who are directly or indirectly impacted by the actions of kings.

I guess the question now is: 'what has this got to do with me?' Well, Everything! If you are born-again, you are a king according to Revelation 1:5b-6, "To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, 6 and has made us kings and priests

to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen." So, take this seriously and learn based on what is written. Remember, Romans 15:4, "For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope."

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for keeping me alive to see this new day and the new things You have for me, in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, help to discover and embrace my call and election without corruption, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, help me not to violate the divine approvals and restrictions of my call and election, in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, let the passion and zeal of my call and election never die or see decay, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, help everyone in different levels of leadership to submit to Your divine leadership, in Jesus' name.

DAY 89

THE TEACHINGS OF THE MESSIAH ON BELIEVERS AS SALT AND LIGHT

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: MATTHEW 5:13-16, NKJV

13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. 14 "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it

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gives light to all who are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

Among the billions of people on earth, Yahweh deemed it fit to give us another precious day in the land of the living, without enforcing a fee. Let's give Him the highest praise! Hallelujah! Benjamin Franklin, one of the founding fathers of the United States, once said, "Tell me and I forget; teach me and I remember; involve me and I learn." On the journey to redemption, after making the choice of His disciples, Jesus commenced a series of teachings that are still as powerful as they were when He gave them. He devotedly practiced what he taught and preached; telling, teaching and involving His disciples as He was led (Acts 1:1; Job 29:20). As we go through the teachings of Jesus for the next few days or so, let us endeavor to home in on the instructions, prophecies, affirmations, corrections, rebukes, and lessons that His word provides. (Hebrews 4:12; 2 Timothy 3:16).

Looking at the focal scripture for today, verses 13 and 14 starts with the same three instructive and revelatory words, "You are the...", meaning examine yourself and understand your identity, your place, your function (purpose), and your influence (the effect or value that you add) in the world (Ephesians 2:10). Jesus did not merely compare us to salt and light but declared that that is what and who we are to the world, yet in those words He presents to us the power of choice and wisdom. Note, salt that chooses to lose its flavor is foolish. On the other hand, salt that keeps its flavor is wise. During the time of Jesus, the usual practice was to add salt to the wick of a lamp to increase its brightness. We know that there is always a revealing when light appears. And Jesus Christ is the light of God in us. In His light we see light (Psalm 36:9). Therefore, He must not be hidden! Now imagine a life committed to being powered by His wisdom to shine brighter for His glory. Brethren, what matter is your heart inditing today? Is your heart overflowing with a good theme? By this lesson, and more to be learned, how would you apply them? What would you say to the great Rabbi today? Would you press for the help of the Holy

Spirit to help your tongue write as the pen of a ready writer? He is waiting! (Psalm 45:1).

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for who I am because of who You are; be exalted in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, I receive the wisdom and the help of the Holy Spirit to guide me into living the truth that Jesus teaches, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, may I not miss out on the destiny teachings and the destiny teachers that You have sent my way, in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, let there be a continual making of Salt and Light out of Your saints, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, I thank You for blessing our leaders in the body of Christ with a heart like Yours. Thank You for the freshness of Your word in their mouth and lives, in Jesus' name.

DAY 90

THE MESSIAH'S TEACHING ON FULFILLMENT OF

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: MATTHEW 5:17-20, NKJV

17 "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. 18 For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one title will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. 19 Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever

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does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

We now live in a world where people including so-called believers are creating their own truth outside of the word of God. You will hear statements like: "That is her truth", "That is their truth" etc. Jesus, our perfect example, helped us to understand in our focus scriptural text that he did not come to abolish the law of the prophets but to fulfill them. Though being the truth Himself (John 14:6), Jesus established to His followers that He was still guided by the word of God. Grace is not a license for sin (Romans 6:1-3). Hence, we cannot violate scriptures in the name of "New Age Revelation". Any truth that is not rooted in the word of God is a lie.

Jesus teaches us in the posted Bible passage that the commandments of God must be obeyed regardless of who we think we are, or the height we think we have attained in life. No one can ever be taller or bigger than the word of God. There are preachers of grace today who think that what a Christian does with his/her body does not affect their salvation. This dangerous teaching is basically telling believers that they can live their lives anyhow and God will understand. They violate the law of purity, live in sexual immorality, and many more. They do all in the name of the gospel of grace. As you pray, remember that Jesus did not come to earth to give us a license for sin, but to destroy sin. We are not under the law but under grace. At the same time, grace is not an excuse to disobey God's commandments that are documented in the scriptures. Jesus has shown us the example of how to live our lives. If we follow in His steps, all will be well with us.

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

1. Oh LORD, thank You for showing us the way and being our perfect example, in Jesus' name.

- 2. Oh LORD, we receive understanding to know and to follow what You have taught us. May we not be in violation of Your word, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, let my life and everything that I do be pleasing to You, in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, frustrate every plan that the devil has made to destroy Your people, in Jesus's name.
- 5. Oh LORD, give us leaders that are righteous and desire to please You as they lead Your people, in Jesus' name.

DAY 91

THE MESSIAH'S TEACHING ON MURDER

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: MATTHEW 5:21-26, NKJV

21 "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.' 22 But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment.

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

As we continue to examine Jesus' teachings on various topics, it becomes clearer that He was basically deepening the understanding of His hearers on the commandments of God. In today's teaching, He was addressing the sixth commandment, "You shall not murder" (Exodus 20:3)," revealing a profound dimension of righteousness that surpasses physical actions of killing. In Matthew 5:21, Jesus acknowledges the traditional teaching but then amplifies it: "But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire" (Matthew



5:22). Jesus Christ equates unjust anger and derogatory speech with murder. He shifts the focus from the external act of killing to the internal attitude of the heart. Anger and contempt are seeds of violence and discord, capable of destroying relationships and community harmony. Jesus' teaching reveals that harboring such feelings is spiritually damaging and subject to divine judgment. Jesus Christ further emphasizes the urgency of reconciliation: "Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift" (Matthew 5:23-24). Worship and offerings to God are rendered meaningless if our hearts are burdened with unresolved conflict. Our God desires mercy and a pure heart in our service to Him (Hosea 6:6). Also, Jesus taught on the need for instant conflict resolution: "Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the officer, and you be thrown into prison. Assuredly, I say to you, you will by no means get out of there till you have paid the last penny" Matthew 5:25-26. This counsel reinforces the importance of peacemaking and the consequences of unresolved issues. Our Master, Jesus Christ Jesus is calling us to a higher standard of righteousness. He addressed the root causes of sin through anger, malice, unresolved issues etc. Ephesians 4:26-27 says, "Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil." This reinforces Jesus' teaching, urging us to handle anger righteously and seek peace swiftly. James 1:19-20 further says, "So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God." As Christians we must heed this instruction and strive to embody Christ's love and patience in our interactions with others at all cost. Brethren, let us examine our hearts and actions. Are we harboring anger or speaking words that harm others? Let us seek reconciliation and forgiveness as Christ has forgiven us (Colossians 3:12-13). By doing so, we would fulfill the deeper meaning of the commandment and walk in the righteousness that our Lord calls us into. Amen.

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Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for the love and compassion You have poured into my heart, enabling me to love others as You have loved me, in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, grant us the grace to recognize and root out every unjust anger and contempt from our hearts so that our life will be in perfect alignment with You will, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, teach us to practice righteousness and live righteously, in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, remove any hardness in my heart and replace it with a heart that is centered on Your will, in Jesus name.
- 5. Oh LORD, help our leaders to be peacemakers; grant them wisdom and humility to settle disputes with righteousness, in Jesus' name.

DAY 92

THE MESSIAH'S TEACHING ON ADULTERY AND MARRIAGE

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: MATTHEW 5:27-32, NKJV

"27 You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not commit adultery.' 28 But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29 If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. 30



And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. 31 "Furthermore it has been said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' 32 But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery."

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

Adultery is defined as "voluntary sexual activity between a married individual and someone other than his/her spouse. Although the world defines adultery as a physical act, God disagrees and says it begins in the heart. "Whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart." Yes, the eyes did the action but the heart was where the action was planned and information was processed. Oh, our heart! This is why the Bible tells us to "Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life" (Proverbs 4:23).

Do you think this teaching has to do with married individuals only? No, think deeper. God is our bridegroom (John 3:27-30); so when we lust after other gods and welcome other things in our body we are committing adultery. When you claim to worship God but also believe other doctrines of the world, you are committing adultery. When you worship God but your phone, worries, money etc. takes precedence over Him, you are committing adultery. For example, if you say you are a Christ follower but also practice yoga because it's an "exercise", you are committing adultery (yoga is a practice of another religion). Yes, hard talk, but worthy of acceptance (go and read up on yoga). Acts of adultery may not be overtly seen and like stated above, it starts in the heart so let's examine our heart. As we learn and pray about the messiah's teachings, they all have to do with our heart. Let's take time to examine ourselves and ask God to help purify our hearts. May the Lord help us in Jesus's name.

Let's Pray!



PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for caring about every aspect of my life and constant reminder to check my heart in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, forgive me for every way I have committed adultery in my relationship with You, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, purge and purify my heart of every strange doctrine that I have allowed, and help me daily to stay in alignment with Your will in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, purify and prepare my heart for the divine encounters You will have me experience, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, put an end to every way our spiritual and governmental leaders are introducing adulterous doctrines to Your children, in Jesus' name.

DAY 93

THE MESSIAH'S TEACHING ON TAKING OATHS

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: MATTHEW 5:33-37. NKJV

"33 Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform your oaths to the Lord.' 34 But I say to you, do not swear at all: neither by heaven, for it is God's throne; 35 nor by the earth, for it is His footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. 36 Nor shall you swear by your head, because you cannot make one hair white or black. 37 But let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No.' For whatever is more than these is from the evil one."

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

Today, let's pay attention to the teachings of Jesus Christ as He continues to teach His followers about eternal values. Jesus ad-

dresses the issue of making oaths and the importance of truthfulness in our speech. Oaths are solemn promises or declarations, often invoking God's name, to attest to the truth of a statement or the fulfillment of a pledge. Throughout the Bible, we find various instances of oaths. One notable example is Jephthah's vow in Judges 11:30-31. Jephthah vowed to offer whatever came out of his house to meet him if he returned victorious from battle. Tragically, his daughter was the first to greet him, leading to dire consequences. Another instance is Peter's denial of Jesus in Matthew 26:74. Despite swearing an oath that he did not know Jesus, Peter's actions proved otherwise, leading to his deep remorse when the rooster crowed. In Matthew 5:33-37, Jesus Christ addresses the issue of oaths directly. He is calling us to a higher standard of integrity. He challenges us to be so truthful that our simple 'yes' or 'no' is enough. James 5:12 reinforces this by saying, "But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath. But let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No,' lest you fall into judgment." This echoes Jesus' directive, emphasizing that our integrity should be unquestionable.

In our daily lives, we often feel pressured to make promises or assurances to gain trust or to convince others of our sincerity. However, Jesus reminds us of the importance of integrity in our speech. The power of our words should not come from extravagant oaths but from our consistent truthfulness. When we say "yes" or "no," it should carry the weight of our honest intentions, without the need for additional vows or guarantees. Our commitment to honesty should reflect our faith in God and our trust in His sovereignty. Living out this teaching will transform us and those around us. In business, let our dealings be transparent and fair. In friendships, let our words be sincere and supportive. In family, let our promises be kept and our speech filled with love and honesty. Such integrity not only honors God but also blesses those we interact with.

Making promises we cannot keep or swearing by things beyond our control undermines this trust. Brethren, let us embrace the simplicity and sincerity that Jesus calls us to. Our integrity should be evident in our speech and actions. By letting our 'yes' be 'yes' and our 'no' be 'no,' we honor God and build a testimony of reliability and truthfulness. May our lives reflect the character of Christ, who is the ultimate embodiment of truth in Jesus' name. Today, let us pray for strength and wisdom to live out this principle daily as we rely on God's grace to guide our words and actions in all we do. Amen.

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh Lord, thank You for this season in which You are increasing my understanding and knowledge of Your Word. May Your Word always open to me in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh Lord, endow me with the grace of a practical Christian to be the doer of Your Word and not only the hearer in Jesus' name.
- 3. O Lord, help me to be a person of integrity and let my words be seasoned with Your grace in Jesus' name.
- 4. O Lord, break every demonic oath in our lives and let Your people live in the liberty You have called us into in Jesus' name.
- 5. O Lord, give our leaders, both spiritual and secular, a repentant heart and a heart that is truthful to the people in Jesus' name.

DAY 94

THE MESSIAH'S TEACHING ON LOYING YOUR ENEMIES

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: LUKE 6:27-36, MATTHEW 5:38-48, *NKJV*

43 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' 44 But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and

pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, 45 that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. 46 For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

We move ahead today with the teaching on loving your enemies. Just the thought of it is something that will be hard to handle or fulfill on your own. This teaching from Jesus is coming early because He's aware of what will happen now and in the future to those that will follow Him. He is preparing our hearts and training our minds for things to come (Psalm 144:1). Likewise, it's a kind of teaching that requires us to come up higher from just the thinking like mere men but to the level of a child of God (Matthew 5:48). This teaching reveals the heart of the Father to all and He wants us to have His kind of heart to men. It shows that despite what may have been done by mankind, He is constantly extending His Hand of Mercy, such a God's character. (John 3:16, Romans 5:8)

It is fair to say that this is not going to be an easy teaching to assimilate but it is possible. The teaching of Jesus is given to all the disciples of Jesus and must be followed by His followers. It is only those who are serious in their walk with Jesus that will have the grace of fulfillment. That is the reason the scripture says, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13). So, it is only in Christ we can love those who persecute us; through Christ we can follow such teachings to love our enemies. The ultimate Helper of this teaching and many more is the Person of the Holy Spirit. For example, if someone should speak wrongly about you in an attempt to tarnish your name, it is the person of the Holy Spirit that will restrain you from hurting them and cause you to express the fruit of the Spirit rather than the works of the flesh taking over. It is not easy but possible!

Let's Pray!



PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh Lord, thank You for the principles You have provided to us to help guide how we live our lives in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh Lord, help me to truly love like Christ, especially when evil is done to me in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh Lord, help me to go above and beyond human standard of living and be Christlike in all my ways in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh Lord, let there be supernatural provision for all my needs, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh Lord, help our leaders to truly have the heart of Christ for those they are leading and do what's best for them in Jesus' name.

DAY 95

THE MESSIAH'S TEACHING ON GIVING

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: MATTHEW 6:1-4, NKJV

"Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven. 2 Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. 3 But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly."

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

Brothers and sisters, in Luke 12:1, Jesus called hypocrisy the leaven of the Pharisees. This is simply pride masked in faux righteous-

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ness. The Pharisees and the scribes were notorious in practicing their righteousness before man. This was the core of Jesus' teaching in the scriptural text posted above. He called them hypocrites, and He warned us against this kind of righteousness. He put it succinctly, He said, "For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:20; See Matthew 23:25-28 as well).

Remember, Jesus did not teach against giving. He said, "when" and not "if". Meaning, we are expected to give (Acts 20:35 & Hebrews 13:26). However, Jesus warned us against hypocrisy in giving as an act of righteousness (Psalm 112:9). He concluded that any charitable deed done in self-seeking or vain glory does not command divine reward. The reward of a self-seeking giving is according to the motive of the person involved. In order to be mindful of how we give, He gave us a model of giving. It must not be done to glorify men, rather, it must be done in humility anonymously, and it must be done to glorify God. Hence, the Father is pleased, and the just reward is given openly where man will eventually see His goodness in our lives.

Beloved, the integrity of our hearts matters in giving. It's the integrity of our hearts or lack thereof that determines or informs the motive behind our giving. A corrupt or compromised heart can never give without seeking personal glory or the adulation of man. Anything we do where self is inserted or promoted has automatically removed God, and it is an outright disqualification from divine reward. In 1 Corinthians 10:31, Paul said, "Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." So, people of God, when you give, what's your motive? Are you giving to draw people to yourself or to God? (Matthew 5:16). May the LORD give us understanding in Jesus' name. Amen.

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

1. Oh LORD, thank You for the glorious benefits that You daily load me with in Jesus' name.

- 2. Oh LORD, thank You for Your Spirit that has demolished the government of the flesh in my life in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, thank You for the grace to give and the blessedness of giving in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, thank You for the day of Your power and the willing heart that You are giving me, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, thank You for helping all of our leaders to be faithful givers and not looters or robbers of what belongs to the people they are leading, in Jesus' name.

DAY 96

THE MESSIAH'S TEACHING ON PRAYER

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: MATTHEW 6:5-14, NKJV

"6 But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. 7 And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. 8 "Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him. 9 In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. 10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. 13 And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen."

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

Jesus Christ, our perfect example, lived an exceptional life of prayer while He was here on earth before His crucifixion and resurrection. Guess what? He hasn't retired! He is still making inter-

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cessions for us at the right hand of the Father, and according to His will. (Romans 8:26-27, 34). For the past several days, we have enjoyed His topical approach in delivering His divine lectures on the issues that affect us daily. Today, His Majesty will be teaching us another pivotal lesson He has titled "Prayer". Shall we learn from the best?!

- 1. He starts by acknowledging the necessity and consistency of prayer, by saying "When you pray...", meaning you would and will always have to pray. Jesus paints the picture of a hypocrite to us. They act the "act" and do the "doings", but their motives are wrong, resulting in a reward of nothingness.
- 2. "But you...", is very instructive, and addresses us personally to be sincere and authentic in our prayers.
- 3. When He talks about the secrecy of prayer, he's calling us deeper into intimacy with God.
- 4. The location and position of the Father is in the secret place. Psalm 91:1. To many, the secret place is an obscure place, yet the voice of the Spirit says it is a place of visibility for our publicity. Matthew 6:6. This is where the angels receive their matching orders and assignment to be our Public Relations Officer or Publicist. They will generate and manage our public affairs, acting as the middleman between us and others, working to promote our public image and benefits. They will also pitch divine ideas to us. Why? All because we intentionally ditched the noise in public to seek the secret place where the Father is.
- 6. God knows and understands the entire scope of our needs so we don't need to be "unnecessarily" repetitive with our words. Just be intentional. Let the prayer come from your innermost being. "... go into your room..." means dig deeper in your spirit for what and how to communicate with the Father.
- 7. He presents us with a prayer prototype; an original model of prayer that represents a pattern for our prayers. As we pray, He wants us to approach the secret place, first, with a kingdom mind-set. (Matthew 6:33). We come in with adoration to our Father for the privilege to be joint heirs with Jesus Christ. (Romans 8:16-17.)

Then partner with God to enforce His will on earth.

- 8. Then we can make a demand for all our needs on a daily basis.
- 9. Jesus does not want us to come with a beggarly, sinner or offender mindset. So, "Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 4:16

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for the privilege to daily attend Your life classes and be transformed by Your word. Be exalted in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, I will listen to receive Your instructions. My heart will not reject Your instructions, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, I receive the special grace to fulfill Your divine intention. Spirit of Jesus, empower my prayer life in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, You see and hear in secret, let the positive prayers of the saints over my life and my family be greatly rewarded with explosive answers for years to come, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, by Your mercy, hear the cry of the heart of our leaders who are true shepherds and reward them openly, in Jesus' name.

DAY 97

THE MESSIAH'S TEACHING ON FASTING

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: MATTHEW 6:16-18, NKJV

"16 Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. 17 But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, 18 so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to

your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly."

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

As we continue to study the teachings of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, today we will be digging into fasting. Fasting is a practice that empowers and fuels our prayers as believers, bringing us closer to God. Fasting is a spiritual discipline that involves abstaining from food, or certain types of food, for a set period, with the intention of focusing more intently on God. It is an ancient practice, found throughout the Bible, that helps believers draw nearer to God by humbling themselves, seeking His guidance, and interceding in prayer. In Matthew 6:16-18, our Master emphasized that fasting should be a private act of devotion rather than a public display. The essence of fasting, according to Jesus Christ, is not in outward appearances but in the inward posture of the heart. By instructing us to maintain our normal appearance while fasting, Jesus calls us to seek God's approval rather than human recognition. Fasting, coupled with prayer, becomes a powerful tool for spiritual breakthrough. Fasting is a vital spiritual discipline, allowing our flesh to surrender to the yearning of the Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ, our example provides key lessons on fasting that we should embrace as some are highlighted below:

- 1. Fasting is Expected: Jesus begins with "when you fast," not "if you fast," indicating that fasting is an expected practice for His followers (Matthew 6:16).
- 2. Avoid Hypocrisy: Jesus warns against fasting to gain human approval. Our fasting should be directed towards God, not for show (Matthew 6:16).
- 3. Maintain Normal Appearance: Jesus advises us to anoint our head and wash our face while fasting. This teaches us to maintain a normal appearance and avoid drawing attention to our fast (Matthew 6:17).
- 4. Seek God in Secret: Fasting is a private act of devotion between us and God. Our Father who sees in secret will reward us openly (Matthew 6:18).

- 5. Humble Yourself Before God: Fasting humbles us and brings us into deeper submission to God. Psalm 35:13 says, "I humbled myself with fasting."
- 6. Spiritual Sensitivity: Fasting heightens our spiritual sensitivity. Acts 13:2-3 helps us to understand that through fasting, the early church received clear guidance from the Holy Spirit.
- 7. Spiritual Strength and Guidance: Jesus, after fasting for forty days and nights, was strengthened and prepared for His ministry (Matthew 4:1-2). When we fast, our inner man receives strength.
- 8. True Fasting Leads to Action: Isaiah 58:6 highlights the true essence of fasting: "Is this not the fast that I have chosen: To loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, to let the oppressed go free, and that you break every yoke?" True fasting leads to compassionate action and justice.

As we embrace fasting, let us remember all these lessons, and continue to deepen our relationship with God. Our Father, who sees in secret, will surely reward us openly.

Don't give up on fasting but keep it up.

Let's Pray!

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for the grace given us to fast in the past, and the empowerment You will provide in all our future fasts, in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, may our fasting be a true genuine expression of our devotion to You and not for self-glory, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, reveal to us Your will and purpose as we fast, that we may align our hearts with Your plans for our lives and ministries, in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, may our fasting and prayers toward our loved ones and family members lead to revival, transformation, and the advancement of Your kingdom, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, teach our leaders (spiritual and secular) to put on the whole armor of God, and protect them against all forms of attacks, in Jesus' name.



THE MESSIAH'S TEACHING ON SERVING GOD AND MAMMON

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: MATTHEW 6:24, NKJV

24 "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

We should thank our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for making these teachings find expression at this time. As we know these teachings are foundational, so the Lord is resetting each individual's understanding, mindsets and lifestyle. I pray the Holy Spirit gives clarity, in Jesus' name. We talked about good and evil eyes yesterday, and today we want to continue the word: allegiance. This passage of the Bible is straightforward, but it contains lots of questions and an opportunity to self-reflect. A few questions such as: who are you doing it for? Who is getting the honor at the end? What is your motive for doing something? These questions are asked because it reveals if the things we do are for God or self (which can include self, man, money, society, fame, riches, recognition etc.). It is so clear one can't serve two masters and expect to do well at all times. For instance, we can't split our bodies in two in order to get more things done. In the same manner, we can't tell the Lord, I will serve You and also serve the things of this world or things He created. In this passage, God is demanding "all of us" or nothing.

It is like Lot's wife who was told not to look back at the destruction upon the city of Sodom and Gomorrah, but as she turned to look, she became a pillar of salt (Genesis 19:17, 25-26). We are warned that when we are for Jesus Christ, we can't partake again in the affairs of this world (Luke 9:62). We can't put one foot in the world and one in Christ, we will be spewed out (Revelation 3:15-16). Where is your allegiance? This kingdom of God is for those who will come to receive, accept the Person of Jesus Christ

and all He has to offer. Those who accept will not attempt to compromise or make excuses but will serve and follow Jesus closely. If they mess up they will go back to the Master humbly to be restored. They will enjoy everything the Master has and separate themselves from things that pull them away from the Master's love. If you are unsure, like the prodigal son, come back to the embrace of Master Jesus.

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh Lord, thank You for calling us out of the miry clay into Your marvelous light, may we always remember Your works and words over our lives, in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh Lord, help us to not look back at the flashiness of the world, but to be focused on You and Your Kingdom, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh Lord, help us to know and enjoy the Father's love and not trivialize it, in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh Lord, reveal to my generation that only You can satisfy their hunger and thirst in this cruel society, and Wake Us Up!, in Jesus name.
- 5. Oh Lord, help our leaders to truly serve only You and be separated from corruption that destroys, in Jesus' name.

DAY 99

THE MESSIAH'S TEACHING ON WORRY

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: MATTHEW 6:25-34, NKJV

31 "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you

need all these things. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

One of the ways God's power is revealed is in His ability to meet the needs of all His creation. If we truly believe that God is indeed All-powerful, this revelation will settle every doubt, worry or anxiety about material things. In the scriptural text posted above, Jesus encouraged us against anxieties about the basic necessities of life. He reminded us about our value before God by exposing us to the mysteries of God's provisions for the bird, the lilies and the grass of the field. Christ attributed our worries about material things to having little faith. Also, He revealed to us that the pursuit of material things or worries about material things is the language of unbelievers. Jesus concluded by telling us that all these material things that are the source of our worries will eventually be ours if we make the pursuit of the kingdom of God and His righteousness our ultimate priority (Matthew 6:33).

People of God, anxiety or worry about our daily needs exposes the condition of our faith. It shows that we don't trust God's ability to meet our needs. Hence, God will not release what is in His hands to us without faith (Hebrews 11:6). Brothers and sisters, please, know that God is still in the business of meeting the needs of His people even in dire situations (Psalm 34:10). God commanded the ravens and the widow of Zarephath to feed Elijah because he was a voice for Him in the midst of corruption (1 Kings 17:3-4; 8-9). Jesus sent the apostles out without bread, money bag or abundance of clothing, yet they lacked nothing as they carried out the Master's task (Luke 9:1-6). Paul did not live a life of worry as he engaged in kingdom business. Rather, He believed in God's ability to meet all his needs (Philippians 4:19).

So, beloved, let your utmost pursuit be the kingdom of God and His righteousness. He will settle all your worries or anxieties. Anxieties or worries are part of the tools that the enemy uses to distract us from pursuing God wholeheartedly. Instead of operating in faith, a believer begins to operate in fear. Remember the

words of Paul in Philippians 4:6-7 when you begin to worry. He said, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

May the eyes of our understanding be enlightened the more in Jesus' name. Amen.

Let's Pray!

PRAYER POINTS

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for Your mighty hands that bring me what I need in season and out of season.
- 2. Oh LORD, thank You for the grace to continually trust in Your divine providence in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, thank You for the assurance of Your comfort and provision in the midst of many worries in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, we bring into captivity anything fashioned or spoken against the success of our calling, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, by Your mercies, let both our secular and spiritual leaders enjoy worry-free leadership in Jesus' name.

DAY 100

THE MESSIAH'S TEACHING ON JUDGING OTHERS

SCRIPTURE FOR THE DAY: MATTHEW 7:1-6, NKJV

I Judge not, that you be not judged. 2 For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. 3 And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? 4 Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from



your eye'; and look, a plank is in your own eye? 5 Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye. 6 "Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces.

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE

Have you noticed that all of Jesus' teachings call for some serious introspection and recalibration? Our lesson for today follows the same thought process and alignment. Jesus taught His disciples as He is doing the same today, not to judge others that we may not be judged. Galatians 6:7 warns, "...for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap." First, let's consider the word, Judge. What does it mean? To judge is to form an opinion or conclusion about a thing or a person. To judge a person on personal opinion, is to condemn the person. As believers, our thoughts and belief system are formed based on the word of God, not on personal opinions or ideas. Therefore, God is calling us to a higher place of knowledge where our words are not mere opinions, but divine authority. (Colossians 3:16). God is also calling us to a higher place of righteousness where our obedience must be complete before we can judge the disobedience of another. In literal terms, a speck is very tiny compared to a plank. Jesus wants us to examine ourselves and ensure that we have dealt with our own shortcomings (which may be worse), before calling the attention of others to their own shortcomings. (Ezekiel 16:52)

Oftentimes, when people throw words around like, "you're judging me", "who made you the judge of me?", OR "don't judge me", OR "it's my life. Keep your opinion to yourself." What they're actually saying is "You're saying the truth, and I don't want to hear it." We must acknowledge that God is a just Judge. (Psalm 7:11). Yet 1 Corinthians 2:15 says, "But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one." As spiritual people we're able to judge righteously according to the truth of God's word (Leviticus 19:15), and we must not be deterred by the pushbacks of many from speaking the truth. Read 1 Corinthians 6:1-4. The scripture reveals that we, the saints, will judge the world and the angels. We can also judge matters amongst our-

selves. The question is, do you have enough truth within you to accept the truth when you're rebuked or corrected?

May the Lord continue to teach us and lead us in His truth, in Jesus' name.

Let's Pray!

- 1. Oh LORD, thank You for Your teachings and for calling me to a higher place of spirituality in Jesus' name.
- 2. Oh LORD, give me a holy passion of studying, knowing and living by Your word that I may be able to give and receive Your truth in Jesus' name.
- 3. Oh LORD, search me and rid me of any iota of hypocrisy in Jesus' name.
- 4. Oh LORD, we pray for spiritual heart transplant and spirit renewal for the Christians in this generation, in Jesus' name.
- 5. Oh LORD, by Your mercy, we pray that Your word will not stand against our leaders in judgment, in Jesus' name.



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