



Greetings in the Wonderful Name of Jesus!

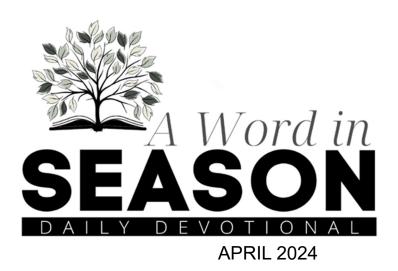
We are still in the afterglow of a powerful resurrection service. Thank God for sending His son, Jesus, to die on the cross, paying the penalty for our sins. We thank Jesus for serving our sentence of death so that we could have eternal life. On the third day, Jesus got up out of the grave. Because He lives, we live. We have every reason to give God thanks and praise.

Allow springtime to remind us to spring up for Jesus. Spring is the growth season; let's grow in the Lord. This is planting time; let's plant the seed of the Word of God into the hearts of everyone we can. I'm expecting a great harvest of souls in the remainder of this year. Join me in faith as we go to all the world and preach the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We trust that A Word in Season (AWIS) is a blessing to you. We often hear great testimonials and would love to hear yours. I ask you to pray for this ministry. Your prayers and faith help us continue preaching the word of God through this devotional. Thank you for your offerings of support that help us publish and distribute AWIS without having to charge. You may use the enclosed envelope to donate.

Join us for Family and Friends Day on Sunday, April 21st, at 8:15 or 10 am. This will be a powerful time of worship and ministry. We will have fun activities for the family, great food, and refreshing fellowship after the 10 am service. Lady Sarah and I love and appreciate you.

Love and Blessings, James D. Corbett
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Four Completed Works of Christ

John 19:30 When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

As Christians, it is vital to understand and embrace the completed works of Christ. Along with redemption and reconciliation, His sacrifice extends to salvation, healing, deliverance, and prosperity.

Salvation through Grace: Eph 2:8-9 For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast.

Salvation is a gift freely given by God's grace through faith in Christ. Our works cannot earn it, emphasizing the completeness of Christ's work on the cross.

Healing (Physical, emotional, spiritual): 1 Pet 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

Deliverance (from bondage and penalty of sin): Gal 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

Prosperity (Spiritual, physical, and material): 3 John 1:2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for the richness of Christ's completed works. Help me to experience the fullness of salvation, healing, deliverance, and prosperity as I trust in Your goodness.

Verse of the Day: Psa 34:8 O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

Living the Word Today: Trust God wholeheartedly. The manifold blessings of salvation, healing, deliverance, and prosperity are a testament to His goodness.

Seek God Wholeheartedly

Psa 119:2 Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart.

The Bible encourages us to seek God wholeheartedly. This pursuit is a commitment to know Him intimately and align our lives with His will. When we seek God with all our heart and soul, we will find Him. Wholehearted seeking requires a deep, sincere commitment, setting aside distractions and pursuing Him with unwavering devotion.

Deut 4:29 But if from thence thou shalt seek the Lord thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul.

Jer 29:13 And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

God's desire for us is to find Him, and that happens when we search for Him with all our heart. It's an earnest quest, a persistent search for the presence and guidance of our Heavenly Father. Keeping God's testimonies and seeking Him wholeheartedly are intertwined. Blessings flow to those who not only seek God passionately but also live according to His Word. It's a holistic commitment to God's truth and His presence.

Prayer Focus: Father, give me the strength and wisdom to pursue You wholeheartedly. Let my life reflect Your truth, and allow me to experience the fullness of Your presence.

Verse of the Day: Psa 105:4 Seek the Lord, and his strength: seek his face evermore.

Living the Word Today: The call to seek the Lord is ongoing. Psalm 105:4 reminds us that we are to seek not only His presence but also His strength. In seeking God continually, we find the fuel and power to navigate life's journey.

Resist Negativity

Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

The world is filled with challenges and uncertainties. As Christians, we are called to approach life with faith and optimism, relying on the promises of God. Sometimes negativity comes to us through people, our surroundings, or just life in general. We want the perfect will of God for our lives. Focus your thoughts on positive and virtuous things to resist the pull of negativity.

Phil 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Prov 17:22 A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.

Solomon's wisdom in the above verse highlights the healing power of joy and a merry heart. By choosing joy and maintaining a positive outlook, we can combat the destructive effects of negativity on our spirit and well-being.

Prayer Focus: Father, teach me how to resist negativity. Give me the wisdom to focus on the positive, the strength to choose joy, and the discipline to guard my words and actions.

Verse of the Day: Isa 41:10 Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

Living the Word Today: In the face of negativity, find assurance in God's presence and the promise that He will uphold us with His righteous hand.

How to Love the Life You Live

1 Pet 3:8-10 Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing. For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:

To love life, Christians need to be on one accord, love each other, and be merciful and courteous with each other. What we say dictates what happens in our lives. Evil is not just cursing or swearing, but it includes negativity, doubt and unbelief, slandering (saying false things about others). We need to have a right heart-attitude so that we say things that produce positive results.

Psa 16:11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

To love the life you live, seek the path God reveals, for in His presence, you'll discover a deep and lasting joy that surpasses circumstances. True contentment comes not from external circumstances but from Christ's strength within us. Loving the life you live involves embracing both abundance and lack, trusting that through Christ, you can find contentment in any situation.

Phil 4:11 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.

Prayer Focus: Father, guide me and help me find joy and contentment in Your presence. Give me the strength to be content in all circumstances, knowing that my ultimate fulfillment comes from You.

Verse of the Day: Psa 37:4 Delight thyself also in the Lord, and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

Living the Word Today: Loving the life you live begins with finding joy in God's presence and contentment in His purpose for you. Embrace each day as a gift, and let your heart overflow with gratitude.

Faith Without Works

Jas 2:17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

The relationship between faith and works is a fundamental aspect of the Christian journey. While we are justified by faith alone, the Bible emphasizes the importance of a faith that is active and produces good works. We can have all the resolutions and goals we want, but in order for it to come to fruition, we have to work.

Be a doer of the word and not a hearer only. Purpose to be a reflection of God's will. Our faith grows when we use it – even if we use it on small things. A faith that does not manifest in actions is lifeless. True faith naturally overflows into deeds that reflect the power of God in our lives.

Eph 2:8-10 For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them

Salvation is not detached from works. Rather, we are God's workmanship, created for good works, reflecting the transforming power of Christ within us.

Prayer Focus: God, let my faith be vibrant, producing fruits of righteousness and good works. Guide me in aligning my will with Yours, that my actions may reflect the power of Your grace.

Verse of the Day: 1 Cor 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Living the Word Today: Faith without works is like a flame without heat – the true essence is missing. Let your faith be a living testimony, producing a radiant warmth of love and good deeds in the world.

Keeping Your Heart Right with God

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Prov 4:23 Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life.

Maintaining a heart that is aligned with God's will is crucial for every Christian. Our hearts are the wellsprings of life, influencing our thoughts, words, and actions. Keeping our hearts right with God requires intentional effort and a commitment to align our desires with His divine purpose.

Psa 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Acknowledging our need for God's transforming power is a key aspect of keeping our hearts right. As we seek His cleansing, our hearts become vessels for His love and righteousness.

Matt 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Jesus' teaching in the Sermon on the Mount highlights the blessedness of those with pure hearts. To keep our hearts right with God, we strive for purity, allowing His Spirit to cleanse and refine us. The reward is a deeper and clearer vision of God and His purposes.

Prayer Focus: Father, create in me a clean heart, and renew a right spirit in me. May the words I speak and the meditations of my heart be pleasing in Your sight.

Verse of the Day: Psa 19:14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

Living the Word Today: As we intentionally keep our hearts right with God, our lives become a reflection of His love and grace. Let every thought and word be a testimony of His power at work within us.

Having Good Will Toward Others

Eph 4:32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

In a world often marked by division and strife, Christians are called to exemplify a spirit of goodwill towards others. To have good will towards others, we are called to extend the same grace and forgiveness that God has poured upon us through Christ.

Rom 12:10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love, in honour preferring one another.

Paul encourages believers to express genuine affection and brotherly love, prioritizing the honor and well-being of others. Having good will involves placing the needs and concerns of others above our own, fostering a spirit of selfless love. To have good will towards others, we are called to cultivate a heart of compassion and genuine concern for our fellow brothers and sisters.

1 Pet 3:8 Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another; love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous.

Prayer Focus: Father, help me to be kind, tenderhearted, and forgiving towards others, just as You have forgiven me through Christ. Teach me to express genuine affection, brotherly love, and compassion, that my actions may reflect Your love to those around me.

Verse of the Day: Prov 19:22 The desire of a man is his kindness: and a poor man is better than a liar.

Living the Word Today: Having good will towards others is not just a sentiment but an intentional choice. Today, choose kindness, forgiveness, and love, reflecting the heart of Christ to those you encounter.

Thirsting for God in Tough Times

Psa 42:1-2 As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?

As Christians, we are called to thirst for God even in tough times, seeking His presence and finding solace in His promises. When our souls thirst for comfort and guidance, let us turn to the living God, finding assurance that He is our ultimate source of refreshment.

Isa 41:10 Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

As we thirst for God's strength, He promises to uphold us with His righteous hand, providing the courage and help we need. In tough times, we are called to seek God early, acknowledging Him as our source of sustenance and hope. Wholeheartedly seeking Him opens the door to His comforting and guiding presence.

Psa 63:1 O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is.

Prayer Focus: Father, in the midst of tough times, I thirst for Your presence. Strengthen me, uphold me, and guide me with Your righteous hand. Let my soul find refreshment in You, my living God.

Verse of the Day: Jer 29:13 And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

Living the Word Today: In challenging moments, let your thirst for God lead you to seek Him earnestly. His presence is the wellspring of strength and comfort that sustains us through tough times.

Who Will Go?

Isa 6:8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

God calls individuals to step out in faith and serve Him. The question echoes throughout Scripture: "Who will go?" When God sought someone to go and represent Him, Isaiah stepped forward, ready to be sent. This challenges us to be attentive to God's call and respond with a resounding "Here am I."

Matt 28:19-20 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Jesus' words instruct His disciples to go and make disciples of all nations. This is a universal command for believers to share the gospel and make an impact in the lives of others. As we go, Christ promises His constant presence.

Acts 9:15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel.

God chooses vessels to bear His name and impact diverse circles. This shows the individual nature of God's call and the varied destinations to which He may send us.

Prayer Focus: Father, equip me to fulfill the Great Commission and go where You lead. I trust in Your guidance and presence.

Verse of the Day: Isa 30:21 And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

Living the Word Today: Answering God's call to go requires a surrendered heart and a willingness to step out in faith. Trust that He will guide your journey and use you for His purpose.

We Have the Keys

Matt 16:19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

As Christians, we are heirs to a magnificent promise – the keys to the Kingdom of God. Through Christ, we have access to His divine authority and power in the spiritual realm. As we exercise our authority in alignment with God's will, we participate in the unfolding of His divine plan.

Rev 1:18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

Jesus, having conquered death, holds the keys to hell and death. As His followers, we share in this victory. The authority we have through Him empowers us to bring life and hope to a world held captive by the forces of darkness.

Isa 22:22 And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder; so he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.

This Old Testament prophecy foretells Jesus's authority, symbolized by the key of the house of David. In Christ, we see the fulfillment of this prophecy, and through Him, we have the power to open doors of opportunity and shut out adversity.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for entrusting me with the keys to the Kingdom through Christ. Grant me the wisdom to use this authority wisely, binding what needs to be bound and loosing what needs to be loosed, according to Your divine will.

Verse of the Day: Jas 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Living the Word Today: As believers, we are not powerless in the face of challenges. Through Christ, we hold the keys to the Kingdom – a divine authority that empowers us to overcome every obstacle and bring about God's purposes on earth.

The Power and Blessings of Fasting

Isa 58:6-7 Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? When thou seest the naked, that thou cover him, and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?

Fasting is a powerful spiritual discipline that has been practiced throughout the Bible. In seeking God through self-denial, believers have experienced profound moments of clarity, spiritual breakthroughs, and divine blessings. It goes beyond abstaining from food; it involves acts of compassion and justice. Fasting is a call to break the yokes of oppression and extend love and care to those in need. Jesus provides guidance on the heart posture for fasting. It is not about outward appearances but a sincere seeking of God. When done in secret, with a pure heart, the Father rewards openly, manifesting His blessings and favor.

Matt 6:17-18 But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face, that thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

Prayer Focus: Father, create in me a clean heart and renew a right spirit within me. Let my acts of self-denial draw me closer to You, breaking every yoke and releasing divine blessings.

Verse of the Day: Joel 2:12 Therefore also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning.

Living the Word Today: Fasting is not just about what we give up; it's about what God pours in. May our hunger for Him be met with a feast of His presence, wisdom, and blessings.

Lessons from Luke the Physician

Luke 10:27 And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.

Luke, the beloved physician and author of the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles, provides valuable insights into the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. In the verse above, Jesus summarizes the essence of Christian living: love for God and love for others. Luke emphasizes the importance of wholehearted devotion to God, expressed through love and obedience. As we strive to love God with every aspect of our being, we naturally extend that love to our neighbors, fulfilling the greatest commandments.

Luke 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised.

Luke shows Jesus as the ultimate healer, both physically and spiritually. As followers of Christ, we are called to mimic His example by reaching out to the disregarded, comforting the brokenhearted, and sharing the message of hope and freedom found in the Gospel. Luke records Jesus' teachings on generosity and the principle of sowing and reaping. By cultivating a spirit of generosity, we participate in God's kingdom economy, where blessings overflow and hearts are enriched.

Prayer Focus: Lord, thank You for the timeless wisdom found in Your Word, as exemplified by Luke the Physician. Help me to love You with all my heart and to extend that love to those around me.

Verse of the Day: 1 Thes 5:11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

Living the Word Today: Follow the example of Luke the Physician, spreading the love of Christ wherever you go and bringing hope to a world in need.

A Sounding Brass and Tinkling Cymbal

1 Cor 13:1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

Have you ever met someone who does a lot of talking in front of others about good things and deeds, but always seems to have an ulterior motive? We don't want to be noisemakers – talking the talk but not walking the walk. Christians are called to do everything in love. No matter how articulate or impressive our words may be, without love, they become mere noise, lacking true meaning and impact.

John 13:35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Jesus emphasizes the central role of love in identifying His followers. Our love for one another serves as a powerful testimony to the power of Christ's teachings. Without love, our claims of discipleship ring hollow, failing to reflect the essence of Jesus' message. Those who fail to demonstrate love not only miss the mark of understanding God but also distance themselves from His presence. Love is not merely a characteristic of God; it is His essence, the foundation upon which all His attributes rest.

1 John 4:8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

Prayer Focus: Father, help me to embody Your love in all that I do. Let my words and actions reflect the depth of Your love for me and for others.

Verse of the Day: Eph 4:29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

Living the Word Today: Without love, our words and actions hold little significance, similar to the hollow clang of a sounding brass or tinkling cymbal. As a follower of Christ, strive to cultivate a spirit of love and compassion, knowing that it is through love that we truly reflect the heart of God.

Fearless Faith

Josh 1:9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

Fear can paralyze, but faith empowers. The call to be strong and courageous isn't a suggestion; it's a divine imperative. Fearlessness is not the absence of fear but the presence of unwavering faith in the God who goes with us.

2 Tim 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

As believers, fear is not our inheritance. Instead, God has endowed us with power, love, and a sound mind. Fearlessness is a result of trusting in God's gifts and relying on the Holy Spirit to guide us through challenges. Our faith is the antidote to the paralyzing grip of fear.

Psa 27:1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

David's words in Psalm 27 remind us that our source of strength and courage is not found in our circumstances, but in the Lord. When we make God our light and salvation, fear loses its power over us. Our fearless faith is anchored in the unshakable strength of the Almighty.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for the assurance that in You, I find strength and courage. Help me develop a fearless faith that stands firm in the face of challenges.

Verse of the Day: Psa 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Living the Word Today: Fear may knock on the door of our hearts, but faith is the one that answers. Today, choose faith over fear and let the peace of God reign in your heart.

Being a Leader in Prayer

1 Tim 2:1-2 I exhort, therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

Prayer is a cornerstone for Christians, and the call to be a leader in prayer is both an honor and a responsibility. Paul's exhortation to Timothy emphasizes the importance of praying for everyone, especially those in leadership positions. Being a leader in prayer means lifting up not only our personal concerns but also the needs of our community and those in authority. Through prayer, we contribute to the peace and well-being of all.

Jas 5:16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

The power of prayer is not in eloquence but in sincerity. Being a leader in prayer involves acknowledging our own shortcomings and interceding on behalf of others. Our earnest and righteous prayers can bring about healing and transformation, both individually and collectively.

Phil 4:6-7 Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Prayer Focus: Father, help me intercede for others with sincerity, lifting up the needs of my community and those in authority. May our prayers bring healing, transformation, and the peace that surpasses all understanding.

Verse of the Day: Psa 145:18 The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

Living the Word Today: Being a leader in prayer is not about articulacy but authenticity. As you lead in prayer today, remember that God hears the cries of your heart, and your intercession has a powerful impact on the world around you.

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It Shall Spring Forth

Isa 43:19 Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

In the journey of faith, there are seasons of waiting, anticipation, and hope. "It Shall Spring Forth" summarizes God's timing and the fulfillment of His plans. Isaiah's prophecy reassures us that God is the master of new beginnings. When we feel stuck in the wilderness or surrounded by desert-like circumstances, His promise is that something new, life-giving, and transformative will spring forth. It is a reminder that God's timing is perfect, and His plans are beyond our understanding.

Sol 2:11-12 For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land.

This passage beautifully illustrates the changing seasons. It signifies the end of a cold, barren season and the arrival of a time filled with life, growth, and melodies. Just as nature experiences these cycles, so do our lives. God promises that after every winter, a season of blossoming and singing will come.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank you for the assurance that in Your perfect timing, new things shall spring forth in my life. Give me patience and unwavering faith as I navigate the seasons of waiting.

Verse of the Day: Psa 28:7 The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore, my heart greatly rejoiceth, and with my song will I praise him.

Living the Word Today: As you face the uncertainties of life, hold onto the promise that God's plans are unfolding. Be patient, keep the faith, and watch as He brings forth new beginnings in His perfect time.

Joy Comes in the Morning

Psa 30:5 For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

Our seasons of weeping and sorrow are temporary. Just as night gives way to the dawn, so does grief yield to the joy that God graciously bestows. It's a reminder that mourning is not everlasting, and there is a promise of joy on the horizon.

Isa 61:3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of right-eousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.

Mourning is not the end of our story. Instead, God promises to exchange our ashes for beauty, our mourning for the oil of joy. As trees of righteousness, deeply rooted in the Lord, we become a testament to His glory. In our grief, we find comfort in knowing that God brings forth joy in place of our sorrow.

John 16:20 Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy.

Sorrow is a part of the human experience. Yet, Jesus promises a profound exchange—our sorrow will be turned into joy. The source of our joy exceeds the fleeting circumstances of the world.

Prayer Focus: Father, in moments of grief, help me to cling to the promises of your Word, trusting that the dawn of joy will break through the darkness of sorrow.

Verse of the Day: 1 Thes 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Living the Word Today: Even in the depths of grief, hold onto the promise that joy comes in the morning. Remember that God's power turns sorrow into joy, and His light will dispel the darkness.

Worship that Drives Out Sorrow

Psa 95:1-2 O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

Sorrow often tries to creep into our hearts, but as Christians, we possess a powerful antidote – worship. In worship, we direct our focus to the Rock of our salvation, acknowledging God's unchanging nature and power. Through heartfelt praise, we create a space where sorrow cannot thrive, and the light of God's presence dispels the shadows of grief.

Isa 61:3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.

Isaiah's prophetic words reveal the divine exchange that occurs in worship. As we lift our praises to God, He bestows beauty for ashes, joy for mourning, and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. In the act of worship, God not only ministers to our sorrow but transforms it into a display of His glory. Worship becomes a universal language that bridges the gap between sorrow and joy. In times of trouble, the prayers of a worshipful heart draw us closer to God's comforting embrace, driving out sorrow with the melody of His grace.

Jas 5:13 Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for the transforming power of worship that turns mourning into joy and heaviness into a garment of praise.__Let Your glory fill my heart, and let my worship be a sweet aroma in Your sight.

Verse of the Day: Psa 119:114 Thou art my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word.

Living the Word Today: Drive out sorrow with worship. God's presence transforms affliction into hope and mourning into joy.

Wait on the Lord

Psa 27:14 Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord.

In this modern world, where we are used to instant gratification, the concept of waiting can be challenging. However, as Christians, we are called to embrace the art of patience, particularly in waiting on the Lord. Waiting is not passive; it's an active expression of trust and courage. It's an acknowledgment that God's timing is perfect, and in the waiting, our hearts find strength. Waiting on the Lord is an invitation to deepen our relationship with Him, allowing His plans to unfold in due time.

Isa 40:31 But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary, and they shall walk, and not faint.

Patience leads to a renewal of strength, an elevation above life's challenges, and an endurance that defies weariness. Waiting is not a stagnant period but a journey in which we exchange our limitations for the boundless strength that comes from God alone.

Lam 3:25-26 The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him. It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord.

Prayer Focus: Father, teach me the art of waiting on You with patience and courage. In the stillness of my waiting, strengthen my heart and renew my spirit.

Verse of the Day: Psa 34:10 But they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.

Living the Word Today: Navigate the waiting seasons of life with hope and courage. Waiting on the Lord is an active expression of trust, and in the waiting, we find renewed strength and divine fulfillment.

Sing in a Strange Land

Psa 137:1-4 By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion. We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof. For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song; and they that wasted us required of us mirth, saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion. How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?

Life often leads us through unexpected and challenging territories, similar to finding ourselves in a "strange land." Yet, as Christians, we are called to do more than survive in these unfamiliar places; we are called to sing. The Israelites in Babylon were torn between grief and the demand for songs of joy. In our challenging seasons, we often face a similar dilemma, but it is in these unfamiliar territories that our songs of faith can resonate most powerfully.

Acts 16:25 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

In the depths of a prison cell, Paul and Silas chose to sing praises to God. Their worship wasn't dependent on their circumstances but on their unwavering faith. As they lifted their voices, the prison walls echoed with the testimony of joy. In our own "midnight" moments, may we find the strength to sing in praise, regardless of our surroundings.

Prayer Focus: Father, in the midst of unfamiliar and challenging places, grant me the strength to sing praises to Your name. Let my worship be a testimony of unwavering faith, echoing through the "strange lands" of life. Teach me to find joy in You, regardless of my circumstances.

Verse of the Day: Psa 27:1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Living the Word Today: Sing in the strange lands of life, for in your praise, you not only declare faith but also bring the light of God into the darkest corners.

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Water from a Rock: Trust God to Provide

Exo 17:6 Behold, I will stand before there upon the rock in Horeb, and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.

In times of barrenness and thirst, God's supernatural intervention sustains His people. This miraculous provision illustrates God's ability to bring sustenance from the most unexpected places. It teaches us to trust in His unfailing provision, even in the dry and desolate seasons of our lives.

Isa 43:19 Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

Isaiah's prophecy extends the theme of God's miraculous provision beyond physical sustenance. In our deserts and wildernesses, God promises to do a new thing, creating rivers where there seems to be no source of water. It speaks to the power of God in our lives, turning barrenness into flourishing, despair into hope, and providing a path even in the most difficult environments. Paul affirms that the rock from which water flowed in the wilderness was Christ. This emphasizes the enduring significance of the water-from-the-rock miracle. Christ, our Rock, is the source of living water, quenching the spiritual thirst of all who drink from Him. The story becomes a symbol of the ongoing provision of grace and sustenance through our Lord and Savior.

1 Cor 10:4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

Prayer Focus: Father, in my barren moments, I trust in Your ability to bring forth streams in the desert.

Verse of the Day: Psa 23:1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Living the Word Today: Just as God brought forth water from a rock in the wilderness, trust that He can provide for your needs in unexpected ways. Let your faith be a source of living water, quenching the thirst of your soul and bringing life to the barren places in your journey.

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Claiming Territory

Deut 1:8 Behold, I have set the land before you: go in and possess the land which the Lord sware unto your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give unto them and to their seed after them.

In Deuteronomy, God speaks to the Israelites, directing them to enter and possess the promised land. The command isn't just about physical territory but represents the broader concept of claiming God's promises for our lives. God has set blessings before us, and through faith, obedience, and trust, we can boldly step into and claim the territory He has destined for us.

Josh 1:6 Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give them.

As Joshua prepares to lead the Israelites into the promised land, God emphasizes the importance of strength and courage. Claiming territory often requires inner strength and unwavering faith. The inheritance God has promised is not just physical land but includes the spiritual blessings, purpose, and destiny He has laid out for each of His children.

Psa 16:6 The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for the promises of inheritance and blessings you have set before me. Give me strength, courage, and unwavering faith as I claim the territory you have ordained for my life.

Verse of the Day: Psa 37:4 Delight thyself also in the Lord, and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

Living the Word Today: As children of God, we have the privilege to claim the territory of His promises and blessings. Walk confidently, for the Lord has set a goodly heritage before you. Delight in Him, and watch as the desires of your heart align with His perfect will.

Divine Consultation

Prov 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

In life, decisions are crossroads that shape our destiny. Just as seeking legal counsel is wise in the earthly realm, as Christians, we are encouraged to have Divine Consultations—seeking God's wisdom before making decisions. Proverbs pushes us to place our trust in the Lord and not solely rely on our understanding. By seeking His guidance, we open ourselves to the divine direction that rises above human wisdom. The great thing about Divine Consultations is that there are no attorney fees or retainers.

Jas 1:5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

James underscores the accessibility of God's wisdom to those who seek it. Just as one might consult a legal expert for specific knowledge, we are encouraged to ask God for wisdom. His generosity in granting wisdom liberally signifies the abundance of divine counsel available to guide us through life's complex decisions. In Divine Consultation, we tap into a wellspring of wisdom that surpasses human understanding.

Prayer Focus: Father, I seek Your Divine Consultation. Give me the wisdom to acknowledge You in all my ways, trusting that Your direction surpasses human understanding

Verse of the Day: Jer 33:3 Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

Living the Word Today: Just as one seeks legal counsel for earthly matters, engage in Divine Consultation for matters of the heart and soul. In acknowledging God's wisdom, decisions are anchored in His guidance, ensuring a path that leads to fulfillment and alignment with His divine purpose.

Christians and Politics from a Biblical Perspective

Matt 5:13-16 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Navigating the intersection of faith and politics can be complex for Christians. Jesus illustrates the transformative influence Christians are meant to have in the world. Being the salt and light means actively engaging in societal issues, bringing forth positive change. As believers, our role is to stand out like a city on a hill, not to be hidden but to illuminate the darkness with the love and righteousness of Christ.

Prov 31:8-9 Open thy mouth for the dumb in the cause of all such as are appointed to destruction. Open thy mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.

We are to advocate for justice, righteousness, and the well-being of the marginalized. This aligns with the biblical imperative to stand as voices for the voiceless, reflecting God's heart for compassion and social justice.

Mic 6:8 He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

Prayer Focus: Father, guide me to be salt and light in the world, making a positive impact for Your glory.

Verse of the Day: Gal 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Living the Word Today: Our engagement in politics and community issues should mirror Christ's teachings—bringing light to darkness, advocating for justice, and embodying love and humility. Seek to make a positive impact for the greater good.

Tearing Down Walls

Josh 6:2-5 And the Lord said unto Joshua, See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valour. And ye shall compass the city, all ye men of war, and go round about the city once. Thus shalt thou do six days. And seven priests shall bear before the ark seven trumpets of rams' horns: and the seventh day ye shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets. And it shall come to pass, that when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when ye hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall ascend up every man straight before him.

The story of Joshua and the battle of Jericho is a testament to the power of faith and obedience in tearing down seemingly overwhelming walls. God's instructions to Joshua may have seemed unconventional, but they carried a profound message of faith and obedience. The people were called to march, blow trumpets, and shout—not conventional military tactics. Yet, their obedience was the key to tearing down the seemingly impenetrable walls of Jericho. In our lives, God may lead us down unconventional paths to break down the walls that hinder our progress.

2 Cor 10:4-5 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds; Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

Prayer Focus: Father, as I face walls and strongholds, give me the faith and obedience to follow Your unconventional paths. Empower me with spiritual weapons to tear down the barriers that hinder progress.

Verse of the Day: Isa 49:2 And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me, and made me a polished shaft; in his guiver hath he hid me.

Living the Word Today: Trust in God's unconventional methods, wield spiritual weapons, and let your words be guided by His wisdom as you march forward in tearing down walls.

Get Your Fight Back

Psa 27:1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

In the face of challenges, David's Psalm reminds us that the Lord is our light, salvation, and strength. Reclaiming our fight begins by acknowledging God's unwavering presence in our lives. Fear diminishes when we realize that the Almighty is our source of strength, and no obstacle is too daunting when we trust in His power.

1 Sam 17:45-46 Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hand.

Reclaiming our fight involves facing our giants with unwavering trust in God's authority. When we approach challenges in the name of the Lord, we tap into a strength that surpasses our own. Just as David stood before Goliath, we can stand before our obstacles, declaring God's deliverance.

Isa 40:31 But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Prayer Focus: Father, in moments of weariness and battle, I seek Your strength. You are my light, salvation, and fortress. As I face challenges, help me declare my trust in Your name, just as David did against Goliath.

Verse of the Day: Psa 23:1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Living the Word Today: Reclaim your fight by acknowledging the Lord as your strength. Just as David faced Goliath with bold faith, declare God's authority over your challenges. In the waiting, find renewal and soar with the strength of eagles. Trust in the Lord, your Shepherd, and reclaim your fight with unwavering confidence in His presence.

Love Never Fails

1 Cor 13:4-8 Charity [love] suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth...

Love, as described here, is not merely an emotion but a selfless, enduring force that perseveres through trials. It stands resilient in the face of challenges, bearing all things and never failing. This divine love is a reflection of God's character, and as His followers, we are called to manifest it in our lives.

Rom 8:38-39 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Paul's conviction in Romans emphasizes the unbreakable bond between believers and the love of God. Nothing in existence—neither life nor death, nor any force in the universe—can sever this divine connection. God's love is eternal, and as recipients of this love, we are empowered to extend it to others with the confidence that it will never fail.

1 John 4:16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for the unending love that never fails. Help me express this divine love in my relationships, actions, and words.

Verse of the Day: Col 3:14 And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

Living the Word Today: As you navigate life today, carry with you the assurance that love, rooted in God, is an unstoppable force. Let your actions and words be filled with this divine love, and witness its transforming power. Love never fails—it stands unwavering, eternal, and unbreakable.

How to Walk in Love

Eph 5:2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

Ephesians urges us to walk in love, drawing inspiration from the sacrificial love of Christ. His offering on the cross is the epitome of self-less love—a love that goes beyond words and manifests in actions. Walking in love, therefore, involves sacrificial living, putting the needs of others above our own, and allowing our lives to be a sweet fragrance of God's love.

1 Cor 16:14 Let all your things be done with charity [love].

In every aspect of our lives, love should be the driving force behind our thoughts, words, and actions. From the grand gestures to the seemingly dull, a life characterized by love reflects the heart of Christ. This verse reminds us that love is not reserved for specific occasions but should permeate every aspect of our existence.

Col 3:14 And above all these things put on charity [love], which is the bond of perfectness.

Love is the bond of perfectness, linking together all virtues in unity. Walking in love involves intentionally putting on this virtue, allowing it to weave through every facet of our character. As we embrace love, we move towards perfection—becoming more like Christ, the embodiment of perfect love.

Prayer Focus: Father, teach me how to walk in love daily. Let my life be a reflection of the sacrificial and selfless love that Christ demonstrated on the cross.

Verse of the Day: John 13:34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

Living the Word Today: As you go about your day, let love be your guiding principle, linking together all virtues in a harmonious unity.

Standing in Faith for Your Loved Ones

Phil 4:6-7 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Instead of anxiously worrying, we are invited to bring our requests to God through prayer. Trusting in His sovereignty, we release our concerns and, in return, receive the peace that surpasses understanding—a peace that guards our hearts and minds.

2 Tim 1:5 When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

Paul's acknowledgment of Timothy's faith heritage speaks to the generational impact of standing in faith. Our prayers and faith not only influence our loved ones in the present but leave a lasting legacy. As we stand in faith for our family and friends, we contribute to the spiritual foundation that can shape generations to come.

Mark 10:27 And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.

Prayer Focus: Father, I stand in faith for the well-being and salvation of my loved ones. I surrender all anxieties, knowing that You are in control.

Verse of the Day: John 6:35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger, and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

Living the Word Today: Stand in faith for your loved ones, remembering the power of prayer, the generational impact of faith, and the boundless possibilities with God. Release your worries in prayer, contribute to a legacy of faith, and trust in the limitless potential that comes from standing in faith with the Almighty.

Complete in Him

Col 2:9-10 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power.

Our identity is not defined by worldly standards or our own efforts but by our union with Christ—the head of all principality and power. Understanding our completeness in Him transforms our perspective, anchoring our identity in the divine fullness found in Christ.

2 Cor 3:5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God.

Being complete in Christ means recognizing that our sufficiency comes from Him alone. In our weakness, Christ's strength is perfected, and our completeness is a reflection of His grace and power working within us. Our completeness in Christ is not an isolated experience but part of a collective identity as the body of Christ. United with Him, we contribute to the fullness of God's presence in the world.

Eph 1:22-23 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for the truth that I am complete in Christ. Help me to recognize my insufficiency apart from Your grace. May the fullness of Christ dwell in me, shaping my thoughts, actions, and perspectives.

Verse of the Day: Phil 4:7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Living the Word Today: Remember that your completeness is found in Christ. Acknowledge your dependency on Him, revel in the fullness of His presence, and embrace the collective identity of the body of Christ. Let the truth of being complete in Him shape your interactions, decisions, and responses, allowing His peace to guard your heart and mind.

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ROMANS 3:23

WE ARE ALL BORN

AS SINNERS

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

ROMANS 6:23

> GOD OFFERS A FREE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ROMANS 5:8

GOD LOVES US. HE SENT HIS SON TO DIE TO PAY THE PENALTY FOR OUR SINS

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

ROMANS 10:9

> BELIEVE JESUS IS GOD'S SON, SAY IT, & RECEIVE SALVATION

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

PRAYER: Dear God, in Jesus' name, please forgive my sins. I invite Jesus to come into my heart and to be my Lord and Savior. Save me, Lord. I yield my life to You. Thank You for saving me. Amen.



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