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Merry Christmas!

**Greetings in the Wonderful
Name of Jesus!**

Merry Christmas! Christmas is a time to honor and celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We should show our gratitude to God, who so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son for our salvation. Let's reflect on His love as we celebrate Christmas. Because of God's great love, salvation has come to us. We have many reasons to celebrate.

Build on past successes and learn from past mistakes to chart a course for the future. Prepare to close this chapter of your life and to start a new chapter by "forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before" (Philippians 3:13). Expect God to do new and great things in your life. Expect next year to be even better than this year. Like Caleb, let's boldly request, "Now therefore give me this mountain" (Joshua 14:12)

Let's have a strong finish to the year. Greenville Community Christian Church has a lot of powerful events coming up. Please note our upcoming events listed on the back inside cover. Thanks for your love, prayers, and support throughout the year. I ask you to continue in prayer and financial support of this ministry as we close out this year.

Lady Sarah and I are believing with you and your family for a very Merry Christmas and a blessed, prosperous New Year. We love and appreciate you.

Merry Christmas,
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December 1

A Divine Deposit

Luke 1:28-31 And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

Luke 1:34-35 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

The same Holy Spirit that left a divine deposit in Mary SEALED Believers when we accepted Christ!

Eph 1:13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

That same Holy Spirit FILLS Believers, giving us power to produce.
Acts 1:8 - But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you.

Like Mary, you are carrying a divine deposit! What will you do with the divine gifts God has placed in you?

Prayer Focus: Father, thank you for depositing greatness and power within your people. Help us to recognize your gifts and use them for your glory.

Verse of Day: 1 Corinthians 12:4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

Living the Word Today: Walk in the divine power of the Holy Spirit to impact the world in your unique way for God's glory.



December 2

A Covering of Love

Matthew 1:18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. [19] Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily.

It takes great faith and patience to marry someone who became pregnant by another during your engagement. Joseph obeyed the messenger of God and proceeded with the marriage to Mary, despite the possible humiliation he could face. Before receiving God's word through an angel, his first inclination was to discreetly cover Mary's assumed sin.

What would happen if the world knew about all of our transgressions? "We all have sinned and come short of the glory of God..." (Rom 3:23). Thank God for His covering of love, Jesus Christ!

Proverbs 25:2 It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter.

Like Joseph covered Mary and God covers us through Christ, we should also cover the indiscretions of others while speaking the truth in love.

Eph 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for covering my sins with Your love. Help me to show that same love to others.

Verse of Day: 1 Peter 4:8 And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.

Living the Word Today: Covering with love is not condoning sin. Strive to model God's love by extending grace to others as He freely gives to us.



December 3

Fulfilled and Complete

Matthew 1:22-23 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

The birth of Jesus was the fulfillment of God's spoken Word. The finished work of Christ through His death, burial, and resurrection, allowed Believers to be made whole. We are complete and fulfilled in Christ.

Colossians 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:

Ephesians 3:14-19 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

Christ is the answer to that empty space in your life. When you feel like you can't take another step, know that He is with you, filling you and strengthening you.

Prayer Focus: God, thank You for making me whole.

Verse of the Day: Col 2:10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power.

Living the Word Today: When we are filled with Christ, there is no room for anything else - fear, anxiety, loneliness... we are complete in Him.



December 4

God Our Keeper and Provider

Luke 2:7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

When Mary was delivering Jesus, there was no room for her and her family in the inn; however, God made provision for them. Sometimes God provides for us in unconventional ways, but He still keeps us and gives us what we need.

1 Peter 1:3-5 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

We are kept by the power of the Almighty God. When we face tests and trials, the Lord is our source and strength. Be confident in Him.

John 10:27-29 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

Prayer Focus: Lord, thank You for keeping me!

Verse of the Day: Jude 1:24 (AMP) Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling or falling into sin, and to present you unblemished [blameless and faultless] in the presence of His glory with triumphant joy and unspeakable delight,

Living the Word Today: God puts a hedge of protection around us. No man can pluck us out of His hand.



December 5

The Power of Agreement

Luke 1:30-31,38 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her”

Matt 1:19-20;24 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife.

Mary received the word of God and agreed with that word. Joseph received the word from God and agreed with that word. Both Joseph and Mary agreed with each other and with the will of God. As a result, God blessed them to bring forth Jesus, the Savior of the world. The enemy uses disagreement to weaken and divide us, but when we agree with God and each other, we are strengthened.

Matthew 18:19-20 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

Prayer Focus: Father, help us to walk in alignment with Your will and agreement with each other.

Verse of the Day: 1 Corinthians 1:10 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

Living the Word Today: A three-fold cord is not easily broken. Let us follow Christ together so the power of agreement is at work in us.



December 6

Fear Not

Matt 1:20 But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.

Life can present challenges that can be scary - especially when a path is unclear or an outcome is unknown. It would not have been abnormal for Joseph to fear taking on a bride who was pregnant with another's child. But God - knowing the struggle Joseph faced, was gracious to send a messenger to assure him that everything would be okay.

Like God was with Joseph, He is also with us. He never leaves nor forsakes us. We have no reason to fear because God is for us. He cares enough about our feelings that He commands us over 365 times in His Word not to fear.

Isaiah 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.

Psalms 56:3 What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.

Whenever fear tries to creep in, make a conscious decision to cast it down and put your trust in God.

Prayer Focus: God, thank You for giving us power over fear. Help me to walk in that power every day.

Verse of the Day: Psalm 27:3 Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.

Living the Word Today: Cast down every fearful thought that tries enter your mind captive. Command that thought to healing power of God.



December 7

The Power of God Working Within

Matthew 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Because of the divine deposit from the Holy Spirit, Mary had a great power working within her that allowed her to produce an offspring of God - Christ our Savior! What kind of power is at work within you?

Eph 3:20 - Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, **according to the power that worketh in us.**

God is ALL POWERFUL, however, He works in the earth through His people. To maximize our experience of the power of God in our lives, we must be filled with His power through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. The power within us allows us to deliver and produce spiritual “offspring” of power.

Believers are carriers of the good news of Christ. The power at work within us allows us to be witnesses of Christ.

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Prayer Focus: Father, I receive your gift of the Holy Spirit and I will walk in Your power to show Your glory on the earth.

Verse of the Day: Luke 10:19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Living the Word Today: God’s power is at work in and through you. Stay connected to your source of power through prayer, time studying and meditating on God’s Word, and praying in the Spirit.



December 8

Remain Steadfast and Endure Unto the End

Matthew 1:24-25 Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

When Joseph received the news of Mary's supernatural pregnancy and was commanded to go through with the marriage and not to be physically intimate with his bride until after Jesus was born, he saw it through. That had to be tough - to be newly wed and unable to connect fully with your spouse.

Sometimes our assignments from God are tough. The journey to completion can be long, but through faith and patience, God gives us the ability to see difficult circumstances through.

Galatians 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Your harvest is coming! Remain steadfast and endure until the end. Great things are working in you and through you.

Romans 5:3-4 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope:

Prayer Focus: God, help me to remain faithful when things in life are challenging. Help me to keep my eyes on You, the Author and Finisher of my faith.

Verse of the Day: Hebrews 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

Living the Word Today: Stay focused on God. He will never fail you. When you face difficult tasks, keep looking unto Jesus as the Author and Finisher of your faith.



December 9

Earnest Expectation: Expect the Unexpected

Luke 1:34-35 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

Mary did not expect to get news that she was carrying the Son of God, especially since she had never experienced physical intimacy. Her willingness to accept the unexpected blessing of God led to the ultimate opportunity for salvation of the world. Something big happened because Mary did not draw back from the unexpected.

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

When we walk with God, we can expect every situation we face to have an end result that is for our good. The Spirit of Truth will guide us through unexpected situations.

John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

2 Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Prayer Focus: Thank you, Lord, for working all things together for my good. I trust Your guidance, Your will, and Your ways.

Verse of the Day: Jer 29:11 - 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.

Living the Word Today: Expect the best from God and give Him your best. It is His will to give us the Kingdom.



December 10

For With God, Nothing is Impossible

Luke 1:36-37 And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible.

Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist, was barren for years. When Mary conceived Jesus, an angel of God informed her that her relative, Elizabeth, was also with child - which was a miracle in her old age and barren state, proving that NOTHING is impossible with God.

Like Elizabeth, we may go through seasons of “barrenness” in our lives. These are extended periods of time that seem to be unfruitful. It may look like everyone around you is accomplishing great things and having success while you are stuck in place. Perhaps you feel too old to get that degree, to marry, to start that business - whatever that barren situation is in your life, rest assured that God has not forgotten you!

Luke 1:76 And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

Elizabeth’s blessing, John the Baptist, had a clear purpose: to prepare the way of the Lord. When God breaks our barrenness, we give birth to a blessing with purpose.

Prayer Focus: God, heal every barren place in my life and fill it with Your blessings.

Verse of the Day: Romans 8:25 But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

Living the Word Today: Make it a practice to take your eyes off of others and focus on God. Ask God what He wants to birth through you.



December 11

The Glory of God

Luke 2:9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

As we approach the Christmas holiday, it is good to reflect on the glory of God. God's glory - His splendor, His manifested presence, is shown throughout the scriptures. In the story of Jesus' birth, His glory was so great when His angel appeared to the shepherds in the field, that it caused them to be afraid.

Psalms 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

God wants to reveal His glory to us today. Look all around and see His wonders through His marvelous creation. Not only does God show us His glory, but He also crowns us with glory.

Psalms 8:3-6 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:

Hebrews 1:3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.

Prayer Focus: Lord, I thank you for crowning me with glory. You are amazing!

Verse of the Day: Romans 8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Living the Word Today: Behold and appreciate the glorious works of the Lord that we so often take for granted. The earth is full of God's glory. Let His glory shine through you.



December 12

Heavenly Host Praising God

Luke 2:13-14 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

When the angel brought the news of Jesus' birth to the shepherds who were guarding their flocks by night, a group of heavenly hosts begin to praise God. Isn't it amazing that heaven rejoices with God's people?

Did you know that God loves you so much that He rejoices and sings over you?

Zephaniah 3:17 The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.

Psalms 42:8 Yet the Lord will command his lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life.

Luke 15:10 Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

Know that you are special to God. He loves each one of us, and the heavens rejoice over us when we turn to Him.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank you for rejoicing over me. Help me to live in a way that is pleasing to You.

Verse of the Day: Psalm 147:11 The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy.

Living the Word Today: Be encouraged and embrace God's overwhelming love for you today



December 13

See What the Lord Has Made Known

Luke 2:15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

The shepherds heard the news of Christ's birth from the angel and believed. Their belief prompted action - they went to see Jesus for themselves.

In the same way, when we receive a word from God we should believe in that word and it should prompt us to take action that confirms our belief.

James 2:14 What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? Can faith save him?

James 1:22-25 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

Prayer Focus: Father, help me to hear Your voice and follow Your instructions.

Verse of the Day: Romans 10:17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Living the Word Today: Take every opportunity to hear the Word of God and put what you hear to work in your life.



December 14

Spread the Good News

Luke 2:17-18 And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

When the shepherds saw Jesus, they didn't hesitate to spread the news across the land causing others to marvel and believe. As Believers, we should never hesitate to share the good news of Christ. Our testimony can help others seek to know God for themselves.

1 Peter 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.

Always be ready to share your testimony of deliverance with others.

Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature

We are charged to share the gospel. It is a responsibility of all Believers.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for making salvation available to Your people through the birth, sacrifice, and resurrection of Your son. Put people in my path with whom I can share the good news of our redeeming Savior.

Verse of the Day: Rev 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death

Living the Word Today: Look for opportunities to share the gospel with others.



December 15

A Thankful Heart

Luke 2:20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Have you ever gone out of your way to do something special for someone and it seemed they did not appreciate or acknowledge your sacrifice? What a horrible feeling. God made the ultimate sacrifice for the world and He is unappreciated by so many every day.

1 Timothy 4:4-5 For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

Psalms 136:1 O give thanks unto the Lord ; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Praise God for His goodness, mercy, grace, and love towards us! Praise God for His wondrous works! Praise God for being the Creator of all. He is good, and His mercy endures forever.

Hebrews 12:28-29 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: For our God is a consuming fire.

Prayer Focus: Thank you, Lord, for Your compassion towards us.

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

Living the Word Today: Show gratitude to God by thanking Him daily.



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December 16

The Word Made Flesh

John 1:14 And the Word was made 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.

As we celebrate the Christmas holiday season, it is a good time to reflect on the fact that Jesus Christ is The Word, God's Word, revealed in flesh form. Because He took on the form of mankind, He experienced life as a human and He can relate to our experiences, our emotions, and our trials and tribulations.

Heb 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

Jesus came into the world and accomplished what no other man could - life without sin. He defeated the wages of sin for us so that we could reap the benefits of salvation through Him. He paid the penalty for our sins and now we can live. This is a cause for celebration,

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for sending Your Son to die for my sins.

Verse of the Day: Isaiah 53:5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Living the Word Today: Remain aware of the humanity that Christ experienced for us. Because of that, we now experience divinity within us when we follow Christ.



December 17

Consistently Speak Your Faith

Mark 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Every day is a new day and the enemy tries to come back in another way, therefore, we must consistently speak what we believe. Speak life, speak the word of God, and as you do so, victory is yours.

2 Corinthians 4:13 We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;

Isaiah 57:19 I create the fruit of the lips; Peace, peace to him that is far off, and to him that is near, saith the Lord ; and I will heal him.

What we say makes a difference - it creates our world. Don't get lazy about being radical concerning your faith. Speak your faith consistently as you watch and pray.

The words we speak can be a blessing to us or a curse to us. Consistently talk about prosperity, salvation, healing...all the things we believe God for. Speak life to others and to yourself.

Deut 30:14-16 But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it. See I have set before thee this day life and good, death and evil, in that I command thee this day to love the Lord thy God and walk in His ways...

Prayer Focus: God, help me to be consistent in speaking what I believe.

Verse of the Day: Prov 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

Living the Word Today: Choose life through the words you say, the life you live, and the actions you take.



December 18

Anchored in Hope

Hebrews 6:17-19 Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;

Thank God for hope being an anchor for our souls. The Lord loves us so much that He allows us to walk with Him in the Hope of His promises. We can be strong and have confidence in our God who does not change. When the waves of life are waging against you, your anchor holds in Christ.

Waves may come, the pressures of life may challenge us, but the good news is if you are anchored in the Lord, you will not drift away. You will stay on course with God,

Isaiah 44:3 For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring:

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for being steadfast and never letting me down. You give me victory and I am grateful.

Verse of the Day: Hebrews 7:25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

Living the Word Today: Look beyond today and see a better tomorrow. We have hope in God!



December 19

Take the Land

Numbers 13:30 And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.

Caleb wanted to go and possess the land that God had promised His people years before. The men who were with him were intimidated by the inhabitants of the land and how they seemed to be at a disadvantage.

Numbers 13:27-28 And they told him, and said, We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it. Nevertheless the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there.

It is important to watch who you hang out with. The men with him saw the inhabitants as giants and they saw themselves as grasshoppers. How do you see yourself? Do you recognize the greatness that God has created in you?

God knew who lived in the land when He promised it to the children of Israel. Forty years later, the people who doubted the promise and feared the inhabitants did not get to go into the promised land, however, Caleb got in the promised land. God blessed Caleb and allowed him to inherit the land because he believed the report of the Lord over the insecurities and doubts of men.

Prayer Focus: Thank you, God, for giving me the victory in situations that seem impossible.

Verse of the Day: Psalm 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Living the Word Today: Believe the report of the Lord. There may be giants in the land but God knows how to drive them out. He gives us the strength to overcome - victory is already ours.



December 20

Walk With God, Shun the World

John 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

We live in this world but we are not of this world. Jesus forewarned the disciples of impending troubles, but if we stay in Christ, we have peace. The key for the Believer is to stay in Christ and not get caught up in the systems of this world. God has conquered the world, therefore, we have victory.

John 15:18-19 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

We run counter-culturally to the world. Be of good cheer - walk with Christ and honor God with your lifestyle. We aren't in the world to start trouble for the sake of being in conflict with the world. God calls us to be peacemakers. But we should not partake in the destructive habits of the world to make the world love us.

James 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for the opportunity and privilege to walk in harmony with You.

Verse of the Day: **1 John 5:4** For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

Living the Word Today: Don't spend time and energy trying to make the world like you. You can't court the world and expect walk with God.



December 21

Consider Jesus

Hebrews 3:1 Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;

To consider means to think about carefully, especially in order to make a decision. As we make decisions for life and factor in what we believe, we must consider Jesus above our situation. How would Jesus have us handle or respond to things?

Deuteronomy 4:39 Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the Lord he is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else.

Often, when asked a question, we consider what we have and our ability. For example, if someone asks if we want to go on a trip, we may say, "No, I don't think I have the money to go." We don't always consult God first to see what He would have us to do. When we pray and ask God what to do in these situations, He can open doors to allow us to do what we could not do in our own strength and with our own resources.

Psalms 64:9 And all men shall fear, and shall declare the work of God; for they shall wisely consider of his doing. [10] The righteous shall be glad in the Lord, and shall trust in him; and all the upright in heart shall glory.

Prayer Focus: Thank You, Jesus, for sacrificing for us. Help me to look beyond what I can do and consider You.

Verse of the Day: Prov 3:6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Living the Word Today: Consider God in every decision you make. Ask Him for guidance and direction.



December 22

The Seeds of Your Lips

Proverbs 10:11 The mouth of a righteous man is a well of life: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.

When we are righteous, we speak words that have life. Speaking faith filled words blesses our lives as well as the lives of others. A well of life comes from the mouth of the righteous. When we walk with God, words of wisdom flow out of us.

Psalms 37:30 The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment.

Proverbs 10:13-14 In the lips of him that hath understanding wisdom is found: but a rod is for the back of him that is void of understanding. Wise men lay up knowledge: but the mouth of the foolish is near destruction.

James 3:8-9 But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God.

Eph 4:29 (Passion Translation) And never let ugly or hateful words come from your mouth, but instead let your words become beautiful gifts that encourage others; do this by speaking words of grace to help them.

Prayer Focus: Father, "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer." Ps 19:14

Verse of the Day: Col 4:6 Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

Living the Word Today: Resist every thought and action that contradicts the goodness that God has prepared for your life.



December 23

Be Not Overwhelmed

Psalm 142:3-5 When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then thou knewest my path. In the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a snare for me. I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul. I cried unto thee, O Lord : I said, Thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the living.

What do we do when life seems to be too much and we feel overwhelmed? Turn to the right one for help - Jesus Christ. The enemy wants us to believe that no one cares and we are alone, but that is a lie. Realize that our help is in the name of The Lord. Call on Him.

Psalm 124:8 Our help is in the name of the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.

All other things will fail us but God never fails. Cry out to the Lord like Peter did when he walked on the water and began to sink. He cried out, "Lord save me" .Jesus walked Him back to the boat.

Psalm 91:15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

A trick of the enemy is to isolate us when we go through hard times. Don't fall for that. Get around family and your spiritual family at church. God shows us love through others. He is with us.

Prayer Focus: God, thank You for loving me more than I deserve. I rest in You.

Verse of the Day: Jeremiah 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: Run to God and not from God in the midst of trouble.



December 24

The Eve of a Miracle

Luke 1:26-33 And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Purpose to Walk in God's Favor as Mary did. **God wants to birth something through you.** God extends grace and favor to us manifested by the Holy Spirit coming upon us, filling us with divine purpose.

Give Birth to Your Miracle. God often gives us a vision for something that is greater than what we can understand or perceive accomplishing on our own. Don't shy away from it in doubt and fear, aborting the mission. Allow God to take you to the finish line and deliver your spiritual baby.

Prayer Focus: Father, as I prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, I also celebrate the life you have placed in me. Help me to accomplish the mission You have assigned for my life.

Verse of the Day: Jer 29:11 (NIV) For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.

Living the Word Today: God wants to birth a miracle through you! Walk in His favor and watch Him do great things!



December 25

Merry Christmas

God is With Us (Emmanuel)

Matthew 1:23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Today we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! There is no other name whereby men might be saved. There is no name higher than His. There is no love greater than His. There is no power stronger than His. He is the only begotten Son of God, He is one with God. He is the Lamb that was slain as a sacrifice for the sins of the world. He is our Mighty Redeemer!

We celebrate Christmas by giving gifts to others and that is great, but be sure to remember the greatest Gift and Giver of all. It is only because of this great gift that we are able to give to others.

Prayer Focus: God, thank You for giving us Jesus! We celebrate Your gift of love today and every day.

Verse of the Day: John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory was as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Living the Word Today: God is with us! He lives and reigns forever! Celebrate this good news today.



December 26

Keep Looking Up

Psalm 121 I will lift up my eyes to the hills from whence comes my help? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber. The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

It's important to know where our help comes from. He is the Author and Finisher of our faith - the Keeper of our souls. Let's keep looking unto Jesus. Some people have great intentions for us but they are human and may fail us. God never fails. Fully rely on The Lord to meet your needs.

The government has proven that they can not solve the world's problems. They are not all-knowing as God is so they fail. Only God can fix our problems and turn our lives around. He will change us from the inside out.

Medical science does their best to fix illnesses and solve the issues of disease, but they are limited to earthly knowledge. God is our source and strength. He will not let His people be put to shame when we trust Him.

Prayer Focus: Father, I look to You for my health, life, and strength. I put my trust and confidence in You.

Verse of the Day: Psalm 37:7 Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

Living the Word Today: See God as your present help in the time of trouble.



December 27

Finish Strong

Matt 10:22 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

James 1:12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

Matt 24:13 But he who endures to the end shall be saved. Keep doing well! God will reward our efforts when we purpose in our hearts to please Him.

Gal 6:10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

Endure temptation so that you will receive a great reward. James 1:12-15 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

Get Past "Almost" - Acts 26:28-29 Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian. And Paul said, I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except these bonds.

Prayer Focus: Father, strengthen me to finish this year strong.

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: With four days left in this year, make a point to finish strong in The Lord.



December 28

Let Go

Isa 43:18 – 19 Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. 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.

Heb 12:14 – 15 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled.

Let Go Of:

1. **Offenses**
2. **Hurts**
3. **Disappointments**
4. **Failures**
5. **Pains**

Forgive Quickly. Colossians 3:13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

Walk in Love. 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 sweet smelling savour.

Cast Your Cares on The Lord. 1 Pet 5:7 (AMP) Casting all your cares [all your anxieties, all your worries, and all your concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares about you [with deepest affection, and watches over you very carefully].

Prayer Focus: Lord, help us me to trust You enough to let go of the hurts and disappointments of my past.

Verse of the Day: Isa 43:18 Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old.

Living the Word Today: Decide to forgive and move forward today. Let go of the weights that so easily beset you.



December 29

Dump the Baggage

Josh 3:5- 7 And Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves: for to morrow the Lord will do wonders among you. And Joshua spake unto the priests, saying, Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass over before the people. And they took up the ark of the covenant, and went before the people. And the Lord said unto Joshua, This day will I begin to magnify thee in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee.

Purge Yourself. 1 Cor 5:7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

Repent and Be Converted. 2 Cor 7:10 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

Lay Aside the Weight. Heb 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.

Run. Heb 12:1-2 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Prayer Focus: Father, give me the wisdom, knowledge, and understanding to recognize the unnecessary baggage I carry and show me how to get rid of it.

Verse of the Day: Ephesians 4:31-32 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: and be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Living the Word Today: Pack light on the road of life. The less baggage you carry, the farther you will be able to go.



December 30

Stay on Course

Matt 7:13 – 14 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

God has a course planned for your life. We may make plans for ourselves, but God's will prevails and His way is the best way.

Prov 19:21 (NIV) Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.

Our plans may seem like the best way but carnal things reap a carnal reward - death. Build your hope on things that are eternal - God's way leads to life everlasting.

Prov 14:12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

Everyone can't go with you. Matt 7:14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

God's Course is Blessed. Psalm 81:13 Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, and Israel had walked in my ways! I should soon have subdued their enemies, and turned my hand against their adversaries.

Prayer Focus: Father, I appreciate the good plans that You have for my life. Help me to stay focused and on your course for me.

Verse of the Day: Jer 29:11 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.

Living the Word Today: Keep your mind on Jesus. He will guide your steps.



December 31

Inherit the Promises

Heb 6:12-14 That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises. For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he swore by himself, saying, surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.

God's promises are insured by His name - the highest authority of all. Through our acceptance of the finished work of Christ, we are heirs to inherit all of His promises.

Deuteronomy 7:9 Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;

God promises to be all we need. Ex 3:14 I Am That I Am.

God promises never to leave nor forsake us. Heb 13:5

God promises to never allow us to be tested above what we can bear. 1 Cor 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

God promises to strengthen and help us. 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.

Prayer Focus: Father, I appreciate the good plans that You have for my life. Help me to stay focused and on your course for me.

Verse of the Day: Ps 25:14 The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.

Living the Word Today: Through faith in God's Word and patience, inherit the promises of God.



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John 3:16
Romans 10:13
Romans 5:8
Romans 3:23
Ephesians 2:8
Romans 10:9
Romans 6:23

Pray this: Dear God, I come in the name of Jesus asking forgiveness for my sin. I invite Jesus to come into my heart to be my Lord and Savior. Save me, Lord. I yield my life unto you this day. Thank you Lord for saving me. Amen

Do this now:

1. Tell someone else about your new faith in Christ
2. Spend time with God each day in prayer and Bible reading
3. Seek fellowship with other Christians
4. Faithfully attend church



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