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Greetings in the Wonderful Name of Jesus!

Happy Thanksgiving. Having a national day of thanksgiving should remind us of how blessed we are. We should be thankful to God for blessing us with His sav-ing grace. The fact that we are still living is also reason enough to be thankful. We should do as 1 Thessalonians 5:18 says, "In everything give thanks..."

Military veterans and active-duty military personnel, thank you for your service that allows us to enjoy freedom. At Greenville Community Christian Church, we will honor all veterans during both services (10am and 7:30 pm) on Wednesday, November 10. Thank for your service.

I trust that A Word in Season is a continual blessing to you. AWIS is designed to be a part of your daily time of devotion. Your prayers and testimonies bless, encourage, and inspire us. Your offerings of financial support help us to keep publishing AWIS.

Remember, Lady Sarah and I love and appreciate you. You are constantly in our prayers. **HAPPY THANKSGIV-ING!**

Love and Blessings,

Pastor James D. Corbett

Happy Thanksgiving!

Veterans, thanks for your service!

The Mission of Jesus

Matt 1:21 – And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.

Jesus came into the world to:

- **To bring light to a dark, dying, hurting world** - John 1:1-5 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...In Him was life, and the life was **the light** of men...
- **Bring salvation to sinners** - Matt 15:24 - But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."
- **Bring eternal life, abundantly** - John 10:10 - The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have **life**, and that they may have it more **abundantly**.
- **To bring deliverance** - I Tim 1:15 – This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.
- **To bring LIFE** - 2 Cor 5:17 – Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.
- **Preach repentance and awareness of sin** – Acts 3:26 - To you first, God, having raised up His Servant Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one *of you* from your iniquities.
- **Destroy works of the devil** – I John 3:8 - He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might **destroy the works of the devil**.

Prayer Focus: Father, help us to yield ourselves completely to you. We look to you for eternal, abundant life.

Verse of Day: John 3:17 - For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Living the Word Today: Reach out to the world to share the good news of Jesus Christ with a dying, hurting world.

Overcome Offenses in Your Family

Luke 17:3-5 Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, 'I repent,' you shall forgive him.

Families have a way to access our emotions that others do not, therefore, it can be difficult to get over family offenses as they leave deep-rooted scars, but we should face these things in a godly way.

Prayer FIRST! – Don't confront the problem with another until you talk to God about it and let God give you a strategy to deal with the person. Ask God to show you why you are feeling offended to be sure your heart is right. Sometimes we are the problem.

Expose the wound – Get it out in the open so that you can deal with it. If you don't expose the wound, it will grow like a cancer and eat away at your relationships from the inside out. Be frank. Be honest but polite – "speak the truth in love."

Resist the temptation to be judgmental. Luke 6:37 Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned. Judging a person will cause you to attack their character rather than dealing with the issue at hand. Strive to separate the action from the person.

Remember, you have also offended others and have needed forgiveness. Luke 6:37: Forgive and you shall be forgiven. Rather intentionally or not, we have all been guilty of offending others.

Prayer Focus: Father, help us to represent you by extending grace to others as you have extended grace towards us.

Verse of Day: Colossians 4:6 - Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. -

Living the Word Today: Let go of offenses so that you will not allow it to destroy your relationships.

Hold Your Winning Position in Faith

Exodus 14:13-14 - ...And Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians you see today, you will never see again. The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still."

In the face of adversity, resist the urge to complain and lose faith. Just as Moses commanded the Israelites after he led them out of the bondage of Pharaoh, stand still. When you hold your position of faith, you have the most strategic position available to defeat the enemy. Remaining in that place allows God to fight for us, and that is a war strategy that cannot be defeated.

Heb 10:23 - Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) Profess your faith. Strengthen your faith stance by speaking it out loud. Professing our faith means to declare it publicly. The Bible teaches that "faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God" (Romans 10:17). The good thing is that when we speak, we also hear what we speak. Profess God's Word over your situation and watch your faith get stronger each day.

Prayer Focus: Father, help us to be firm in our belief in Your Word. Help us to anchor our faith in Your truth.

Verse of the Day: I Cor 15:58 - Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.

Living the Word Today: Drop an anchor in faith by declaring God's word over your life. When things look contrary and the winds of doubt blow, you may drift a bit, but your faith anchor will hold, and you will remain in the winning position of faith.

Stand on Guard

Matt 26:41 - Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Three Reasons to Guard Your Heart and Mind:

So that you won't fall for the enemy's tactics. Sin opens us to destruction spiritually, mentally, and even physically. It pays a wage of death that can set off a slow process of dying to the convictions that keep us whole in Christ.

So that your prayers won't be hindered. 1 Peter 4:7 (AMP) says, "The end and culmination of all things is near. Therefore, be sound-minded and self-controlled for the purpose of prayer staying balanced and focused on the things of God so that your communication will be clear, reasonable, specific, and pleasing to Him."

Because we serve God with our minds. Romans 7:25 says, "I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin."

How to stand on guard

Walk in the Spirit - Gal 5:16 - This I say then, walk in the spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

Pray - Phil 4:6-7 - Be anxious for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Renew your mind with God's Word - Romans 12:2 - Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Prayer Focus: Father, help me to guard my heart and mind.

Verse of the Day: Prov 4:23 NLT - Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.

Living the Word Today: Pray for the strengthening and renewing of minds in the body of Christ.

Dealing with Anger – Part 1

Prov 15:1 A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

We should have our words, heart, and attitudes right before God. Even when we are not prone to an angry demeanor, the enemy will sometimes use people to provoke anger.

James 1:19-20 So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

Don't forget where God has brought you from. If we allow someone to make us lose our temper (self-control), that person is really controlling our lives.

Prov 14:16-17 A wise *man* fears and departs from evil, but a fool rages and is self-confident. A quick-tempered *man* acts foolishly, and a man of wicked intentions is hated.

Purpose to walk in love – Prov 17:9 - He who covers a transgression seeks love, but he who repeats a matter separates friends. Resist exposing faults and shortcomings and walk in love. Everything in life is tied to the attitude of your heart. Healing, prosperity, wisdom...all these things are tied to the condition of your heart. When we keep our hearts right before God, we can overcome anger.

Prayer Focus: Father, give us peace within. Cleanse us from the wrath of anger and bitterness. Thank you for forgiveness, healing, and deliverance.

Verse of the Day: 1 Peter 4:8 - And above all things have fervent love for one another, for love will cover a multitude of sins.

Living the Word Today: Strive to maintain a clean, pure heart before God so that we see others the way He sees them and us.

Dealing with Anger – Part 2

James 1:22-24 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror, for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.

Sometimes we are upset about something that is not worth the frustration. It is wise to take time to understand why we are angry. The bible teaches in Ephesians 4:26 to “be angry and sin not.” Having an angry moment is not a sin but be cautious to not allow yourself to operate in anger.

Cover the sins and faults of others.

Prov 10:12 - Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all sins.

Close the door of your heart to the devil.

Eph 4:26 - Be angry, and do not sin: do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil. **Forgive quickly** so that you are not allowing the enemy to have a place of entry into your heart.

Prayer Focus: Father, help us to love the way You love us. Let us be quick to forgive others as we have been forgiven by You.

Verse of the Day: Prov 19:11 - The discretion of a man makes him slow to anger, and his glory *is* to overlook a transgression.

Living the Word Today: Make it your goal to forgive quickly and walk in love.

Be Established in God

2 Thes 2:1-2 - Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, that ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

Jesus is soon to return. Look at how the pressures of the world are growing. There are wars and rumors of wars, floods, fires, strange weather patterns. Don't be troubled by these things – look up for your redemption draweth nigh.

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

Be busy, “occupy,” until the Lord returns. We have a world to reach. Families need the good news of Christ that we are to share. Who will be ready when the rapture comes? The ministry that we carry is intended to prevent people from perishing.

I Pet 5:10 NIV - And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.

God's saving power and grace are at work in us, and He will establish us. Don't be swayed by disasters and things like the pandemic and world turmoil. There is a constant in this world full of variables, and that constant is our salvation through the finished work of Jesus Christ. Hold on to that.

Prayer Focus: Father, help me to stand firm in my hope and assurance in Your word and will.

Verse of the Day: 1 Cor 3:11 - For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Living the Word Today: Find a firm, permanent home in your walk of faith in God through Christ.

Healing from Offense When You Are in the Wrong

Psalms 41:1- Blessed are those who have regard for the weak; the Lord delivers them in times of trouble. The Lord protects and preserves them— they are counted among the blessed in the land—he does not give them over to the desire of their foes. The Lord sustains them on their sickbed and restores them from their bed of illness. I said, “**Have mercy on me, Lord; heal me, for I have sinned against you.**”

We often talk about offenses when others have wronged us, but what happens when we are the ones who are wrong?

1. **Admit you are wrong**
2. **Accept responsibility** – avoid saying you did wrong because wrong was done to you. Apologize – accept the wrong that you committed, and it will help you think before doing it again.
3. **Fix it if you can.** Ask yourself how you can make it right with your brother/sister before going to God. Reconciliation with our brother is mandated in the Bible. **Matthew 25:23-34** - Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; leave there thy gift before the altar and go thy way; **first be reconciled to thy brother**, and then come and offer thy gift.
4. **Repent.** Stop the offensive behavior and turn it completely around for the better.
5. **Ask for forgiveness.** Forgiveness allows for a release from the offense. It is not contingent upon the offended person's willingness to forgive, but rather, your heart's desire and obedience to make it right before God.

Prayer Focus: Father, I ask You to heal relationships. Fix it like only You can.

Verse of the Day: Matt 18:15 - If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.

Living the Word Today: Healing from either side of offense begins in YOUR heart.

God is Our Source

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.

If you find yourself in a tough season, focus on coming out of it. Keep your eyes on The Lord, the author and finisher of your faith, and He will take you to the other side. Like Jesus told the disciples on the ship during a storm,

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.

The Lord keeps us, protects us when we find ourselves in hard places. It is easy to get caught up in fear and anxiety. We can't close ourselves off to the world because we have to be the light. We must say that we will live and not die to declare the works of the Lord.

John 16:33 - Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

Matt 12:36-37 - But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment.

Prov 3:5-6 - Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall [a]direct your paths.

Prayer Focus: Thank you, Lord, for keeping us in all of our ways and giving us peace that passes all understanding.

Verse of the Day: Psalm 91:10 - No evil shall befall thee neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

Living the Word Today: Acknowledge God as your source. Acknowledge Him as your strength, healer, supplier, and deliverer.

Walk in The Spirit

Romans 8:14 - For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

We must be led by The Spirit to walk in sonship, but we have to learn how to walk in the Spirit.

Gal 5:16 - I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

How to Walk in the Spirit

1. **Make Jesus Lord of Your Life.** Live God's way and honor Him with your life choices.
2. **Spend Time with God.** Personal devotion, worship, pray, meditate on His word. We need corporate and private times of worship.
3. **Have Fellowship of Faith.** Be around people of faith who lift you up and encourages you.
4. **Sowing to spirit. Gal 6:8** - The one who sows to please his flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; but the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.
5. **Resist Temptation.** Quiet the flesh to awaken the spirit.
6. **Acknowledge God as Lord.** Trust Him to lead and guide you. **Prov 3:6** - In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Doing these things sharpens your sensitivity to The Spirit. Learn to hear the voice of God by seeking Him in the small things and it will be easier to hear Him during tough trials.

Prayer Focus: God, help us to continually seek You in all that we do.

Verse of the Day: John 16:13 - When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

Living the Word Today: Practice hearing and obeying the voice of God in your daily life.

Abide in Christ

John 15:4-7 – Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you[a] will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

As you abide in God, you will bear fruit (be productive) in life. Lives are changed through abiding in Christ. Christ empowers us and gives us strength.

When our lives are broken and separated from Christ, we are unable to produce good fruit. Connecting with God through prayer, fellowship, worship, service, reading the Word, and living a life that pleases Him causes growth to happen in life.

Isa 60:4-6- Lift up your eyes all around, and see: they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be nursed at your side. Then you shall see and become radiant, and your heart shall swell with joy; because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you. The multitude of camels shall cover your land, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come; they shall bring gold and incense, and they shall proclaim the praises of the Lord.

Prayer Focus: Lord, I thank you for Your glory being upon me.

Verse of the Day: Isa 20:63 – Thou will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee.

Living the Word Today: Continue on with God despite everything that is going on around you.

Trusting in God

Psalm 22:4-5 - Our fathers trusted in You; They trusted, and You delivered them. They cried to You, and were delivered; They trusted in You, and were not ashamed.

Remember how the saints of old trusted in God even without the resources we now have, and God saw them through. When we trust God, we will not be disappointed.

Psalm 37:3 Trust in the Lord and do good.

Psalm 37:5 Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass.

Whatever the “it” is for you God will bring it to pass. When you feel overwhelmed, put your trust in God. Friends may be able to bail you out of trouble sometimes but there are limitations to what they can do. When you trust God, there are no limits to His delivering power.

Psalm 31:23-24 - Oh, love the Lord, all you His saints! For the Lord preserves the faithful, and fully repays the proud person. Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all you who hope in the Lord.

Jer 17:7-8 Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, and whose hope is the Lord. For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots by the river, and will not [c]fear when heat comes; but its leaf will be green and will not be anxious in the year of drought, nor will cease from yielding fruit.

Prayer Focus: Lord, I look to You as my source and strength. I put my trust in You.

Verse of the Day: And the Lord shall help them and deliver them; He shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in Him.

Living the Word Today: When you put your confidence in the living God, He will see you through.

The Joy of The Lord

Psalm 146:1-2 Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! While I live, I will praise the Lord; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Praise Him – make a conscious decision to give God praise no matter what is going on in life. He is the source of our lives.

Psalm 146:3-5 Do not put your trust in princes, nor in a son of man, in whom there is no help. His spirit departs, he returns to his earth; in that very day his plans perish.

We should put our trust in confidence in God alone. Leaders and political figures will fail us. God never fails! He helps us walk above our circumstances. His reign is eternal.

Hosea 14:1-2 O Israel, return to the Lord your God, for you have stumbled because of your iniquity; take words with you, and return to the Lord. Say to Him, “Take away all iniquity; receive us graciously, for we will offer the sacrifices of our lips.”

Repentance is necessary to walk in the joy of the Lord.

Hosea 14:4 “I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely.

When we repent, The Lord heals our sins with His love.

Prayer Focus: Father, help us to renew our joy in You. You are good we rejoice in You!

Verse of the day: Psalm 146:5 Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God.

Living the Word Today: Keep praising God. Speak good things about The Lord.

The Mercy of God

Lamentations 3:22-23 It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

God loves us so much that, each day, He wipes our slates clean and gives us a fresh start. As merciful as He is to us, shouldn't we be merciful to others? Even though we are undeserving, God does not hold our sins to our charge when we confess to Him.

Psalms 33:18-22 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine. Our soul waiteth for the Lord: he is our help and our shield. For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name. Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.

Psalms 130:1-4 Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications. If thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.

Thank God that we already have forgiveness in Him. He is our deliverer, and we can put our trust and confidence in Him.

Prayer Focus: Father, forgive us for our sins. Thank you for making us clean by extending your loving mercy toward us.

Verse of the Day: Heb 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Living the Word Today: God shows us new mercies every day. Let us be loving and merciful to others following God's example.

We are Redeemed from Sin

Psalm 111:9 He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend is his name.

Romans 6:23 The wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life.

Because of the original sin of man, we were all sold to sin. Thanks be unto God for the gift of His Son – His extension of grace that redeemed us, giving us access to abundant, eternal life. Since we have been redeemed, the guilt and stain of sin has no more power over us. It cannot stand in the way of our successful healing, prosperity.

Jesus paid the price that we could not. Praise God for redemption! In the Old Testament, there were strict rules about the payment for sin. Sin can no longer hold us in bondage.

When you enter covenant with God, no one can pluck you from His hand. We should obey and live for God, and we should publicly and privately proclaim His praises.

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

Verse of the Day: Psalm 111:4 He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

Living the Word Today: Make it a point to show gratitude to God daily for redeeming us from the curse of the law.

When You Receive a Bad Report

Isa 38:1-5 In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came unto him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Set thine house in order: for thou shalt die, and not live. Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed unto the LORD, and said, Remember now, O LORD, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore. Then came the word of the LORD to Isaiah, saying, Go, and say to Hezekiah, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will add unto thy days fifteen years.

Hezekiah was healed and set free because of the goodness of God. When your situation looks impossible, know that with God, ALL things are possible. There is nothing too hard for God.

When you receive a bad report, turn your face toward the wall and cry out to God. He will hear you and deliver. Just as God restored years to Hezekiah, He is able to restore your physical, spiritual, emotional, and financial health.

Prayer Focus: Father, I ask You to add life to our years. Give us Your supernatural intervention in situations that look hopeless.

Verse of the Day: Eph 3:20-21 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Living the Word Today: Ask God to show you how to adjust your lifestyle and decisions to accommodate the health and wealth that you desire.

The Lord is Our Refuge

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

No matter what kind of trouble we are facing, thank God that He is our present help. We can be at peace knowing that the Lord will bring calm to all of our storms.

Nahum 1:7 The LORD *is* good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and He knows those who trust in Him.

Don't you want God to know you?

II Cor 4:8-9 We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed.

Even though the ministry of Paul was not smooth sailing all the time, he kept faith in God. He walked by faith and did not back down from his assignment just because trouble came his way. We ought to follow Paul's example.

II Cor 4:13 And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak.

Prayer Focus: God, we look to You as our strength and our source. Thank you for victory and peace on every side.

Verse of the Day: II Cor 4:17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory

Living the Word Today: Focus on the good things that God has done in your life and watch God open doors for you that no man can shut.

No Lack

Psalm 34:10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger; but those who seek the LORD shall not lack any good thing.

We should seek the face of God – not just His hands (what He can do for us). Purpose in your heart to fellowship with God – spend time getting to know Him.

Isa 44:3 For I will pour water on him who is thirsty, and floods on the dry ground; I will pour My Spirit on your descendants, and My blessing on your offspring.

Seeking The Lord and putting Him first causes blessings to flow through your family for generations to come - not only for you. The Lord will make all grace abound towards you.

Psalm 37:3 Trust in the Lord and do good, so shall thy dwell in the land and, verily, thou shall be fed.

Keep your trust in The Lord. He will save and keep you. God can bless you beyond your income level. Ephesians 3:20 teaches that God "...can do exceedingly, abundantly, above all we can ask or think." You will have more life because you serve God.

Luke 12:32 Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for Your hand of provision. We trust You to provide more than enough for us according to Your word.

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

Living the Word Today: Be grateful for what you already have and trust God to meet your needs.

Walk in The Spirit

Matt 26:52-53 But Jesus said to him, “Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will [a]perish by the sword. 53 Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels?

We can approach issues in a natural way but, as believers, God has called us to walk in the Spirit and not according to the flesh. Many things that we try to attack “with the sword,” (naturally), need to be attacked in the spiritual realm. Doing so allows us to see the hand of God move on our behalf. We limit ourselves to our abilities when we handle things in the flesh.

We are sons and daughters of God; therefore, we have access to kingdom resources and benefits that cause us to triumph. Thank God for medical professionals who help us get better when we are sick but know that healing comes from God.

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

Heb 1:7 And of the angels He says: But to which of the angels has He ever said: “Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool”? Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?

Prayer Focus: God, thank You for ministering angels that You send to work on our behalf.

Verse of the Day: **Heb 1:7** And of the angels He says: “Who makes His angels spirits and His ministers a flame of fire.”

Living the Word Today: Allow the Lord to work in you, through you, and for you. Yield to His word and ways.

Power Over Thorns

II Cor 12:7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore, I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

What was that “thorn in the flesh” that Paul was referring to? It was a demonic spirit sent to harass him – a “messenger from Satan.” A messenger comes to deliver a message. When we wrestle with messages from Satan such as thoughts of not being good enough, or any negative thoughts, we have a thorn in our flesh.

The good news is that we have power and authority over these thorns. We have to deal with these things in the realm of the spirit. These messages try to throw us off course, but God has anointed us to overcome them. Flesh against flesh makes a mess – speak to that thing in the realm of the spirit. We are more than conquerors through Christ!

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for giving us authority to overcome the thorns that come to torment our flesh. We receive that authority and declare total victory in Jesus' name!

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: Overcome thorns in the flesh by speaking the Word of God – say what God says about your situation.

Attack Bitterness at the Root

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;

We must walk by faith and not by sight. If you allow bitterness to take root in your heart, it will cause you to live a troubled life. Whatever was said or done to cause the bitterness, forgive and be free from that. Anger and bitterness turn to hatred and the Bible teaches that hate leads to murder.

Bitterness in your life will spill over into the lives of others if we don't let it go. It will cause our bodies to react negatively – hardened arteries, stress...so many physical ailments can be traced to bitterness. The effects of bitterness are contagious and will wreak havoc in your family if left untreated. Bitterness hinders your ability to speak positively about someone. It has no place in the life of a Christian.

When Jesus went to the cross, He took all the bitterness and sin to the cross and we were made free, therefore, bitterness has no place in our lives. He loved us enough to forgive mankind though the world hated Him to the point of crucifixion. Set your heart to walk in forgiveness and love.

Prayer Focus: Lord, we thank You for Your delivering power keeping us in all our ways and allowing us to let go of bitterness.

Verse of the Day: Eph 4:31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.

Living the Word Today: Be intentional about forgiving others, especially within families, when you know that there is a tendency to be offended. Prepare your heart before entering into situations that can cause bitterness.

Qualified for the Kingdom

Col 1:9-12 For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; giving thanks unto the Father, **which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light.**

The Lord has qualified us to partake in His inheritance. We are already delivered and we are no longer under the control of the kingdom of darkness. We have been translated into the family of God. Jesus set us free through His shed blood. He took back the keys that were handed to satan after the original sin of mankind.

The fear of death does not rule over us. We have kingdom benefits – we are heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ. Overtaking blessings belong to us. Don't ever look back to the darkness of sin. We have been redeemed and we are free indeed. When sin tries to come into your life, fight the good fight of faith and declare to satan that we are no longer under his curse. Sickness and disease are trespassing when they try to dominate your mind. Take authority over that by declaring your kingdom-qualified status.

Prayer Focus: Thank You, Lord, for making us partakers in Your heavenly kingdom. Help us to walk in Your light.

Verse of the Day: Rom 8:37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

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

God Effectively Works in Us

I John 4:4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

God has anointed us to overcome every opposing spirit that comes against the goodness of God. The Greater One inside of us gives us total victory. When the devil comes to tempt you, he will find nothing of his in you because you belong to Christ.

Things going on in the world today have the potential to cause us to be overwhelmed if we do not use the power of God to combat those things. The weapons of our warfare are not carnal – we have the power of holy living and God's word that works within us effectively. We are set up to triumph.

I Thess 2:13 For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.

II Cor 2:14 Now thanks be to God, who always maketh us to triumph in Christ Jesus, and manifesteth the odour of his knowledge by us in every place.

Do not fear what the enemy is doing. Make it ordinary to see yourself walking in victory. You are the winner in every situation through Christ. We are not lifted up in pride, but our trust and confidence lies in God. Walk in your victory.

Prayer Focus: Father, live big in us. Show Yourself strong on our behalf.

Verse of the Day: Phil 4:13 I can do all things through Christ that strengthens me.

Living the Word Today: Thank God for sending Jesus to live in us, giving us victory day by day.

We Will Rise

Rom 8:11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

Our physical bodies are capable of dying, but because the Spirit of God lives in us, we will rise again! Serve God with gladness – serve Him and walk in faith. When the Lord comes, we will live and not die and our work here on earth will not be in vain.

The life that was raised with Jesus “quickens our mortal bodies,” which means we can take advantage of that renewed life before the resurrection. In the now, the Spirit of Christ is the life force within us, causing healing and constant restoration. The body with the Spirit is alive.

Think of a natural house. As long as the house is occupied with tenants, repairs may be needed but the house still stands. When a house is uninhabited, that house slowly goes to ruin and deteriorates the longer no one is living inside. In the same way, without the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in us, our inner man slowly deteriorates unto death. We must allow Christ, our Hope of Glory, to live within us to keep our life force going.

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Sin causes spiritual death, and the cure for that sin is Christ. God gave us this precious gift of eternal life, Jesus Christ, to combat the fatal disease of sin. As Believers, whenever there is death through sin, **we will rise** through repentance and acceptance of Christ's finished work.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for sending the Holy Spirit to restore and maintain life within us.

Verse of the Day: Eph 2:1 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins.

Living the Word Today: Go throughout the day remembering the work of Christ that has given us access to life everlasting.

Cast Your Cares Upon the Lord

I Pet 5:7-9 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

Cast your cares, worries, and concerns upon the Lord. People can not always handle our cares when we vent to them. Our hope lies in God, not man. Our burdens can be too heavy for others to handle and they can cause others to take on bitterness and depression. We must avoid dumping our cares and troubles of our lives onto others.

Eph 4:29-31 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. And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice.

Christians must guard what comes out of our mouths. People should be blessed by what you say, and lives should be enriched by the words that you speak. Any conversation that tears down, casts doubt or fear, or demeans others is idol talk and should not be part of our lives.

Prayer Focus: God, help us to bring our cares to You. We trust Your ability to handle everything that comes our way.

Verse of the Day: Eph 4:32 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: When life issues happen, make it a habit to run to God in prayer instead of picking up a phone to call others. He is willing to help, comfort, strengthen, and keep you.

Established in Purpose

Dan 1:8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

We can not allow ourselves to be defiled by this world because it will pull us from our purpose. What has God allowed, ordained, or planned for your life? God has set a vision in your heart on purpose. He has established you in a local church on purpose.

The enemy knows you have purpose over your life, and he seeks to get you off of your purpose and away from the anointing that God has for your life. God anointed you to change others, edify and build up people for kingdom building. When Eve ate of the Tree of Good and Evil, it affected her accomplishing her purpose. Adam and Eve were no longer as effective in their purpose as they were before.

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 things of the world come to undermine you and take away the things that God ordained for you. God can use us in a powerful way when we take a stand for Him. He will raise us up amid captivity and oppression when we do not conform to this world.

Prayer Focus: Father, we choose to walk with You and serve You with our lives. We choose Your word above everything else.

Verse of the Day: I John 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

Living the Word Today: Do not let people push you out of the will of God and miss the opportunities He has for you. Be steadfast.

Risen With Christ

Col 3:1-3 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

We have to do the seeking if we be in Christ. We are risen with Christ, so we must be sure that we identify with Christ-like things. In Him we live, move, and have our being. Christ in us allows us to rise above circumstances and things of this earth. We must keep our hearts in tune with God and set our affections on things above because He is our life.

Gal 2:19-20 For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God. I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless, I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Because we walk by grace, we have risen above the law. We live unto God because we are risen with Christ and His laws are written on our hearts. We live because Christ lives in us. We live by the faith in the Son of God. He fills us so much that the life force of the Holy Spirit causes us to live above circumstances.

God loves us. Jesus gave Himself FOR US. Our old man is crucified WITH Christ. We have the mind of Christ so we must put our old nature to death.

Prayer Focus: God, thank You for giving us the mind of Christ. Help us live above the pull of the flesh.

Verse of the Day: 2 Cor 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Living the Word Today: Combat the pulls of the flesh by speaking and declaring your freedom through Christ.

Partaking in God's Goodness

I John 4:9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

God wants you to have fullness of life. Walking in His ways requires us to die to our own, so we partake of His good things and our lives are enriched. When we put our trust and confidence in Him, He renews our strength.

John 10:11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

Psalms 91:15-16 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him. With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

Psalms 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?

Psalms 103:5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

One of the ways that God renews our youth is that He satisfies us with good things. That means we need to put the right things in our bodies so that our youth can be renewed. As we progress through life, we can't eat everything that we could in youth. We have to change the way we eat and carry ourselves to take advantage of the satisfaction God provides.

Prayer Focus: Lord, help us to fill our mouths and bodies with good things according to Your word.

Verse of the Day: Isa 1:19 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

Living the Word Today: God has given us access to good things. Today, choose His goodness consciously.

God, Our Shepherd

Psalm 118:17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

Jesus came that we might have abundant life. He satisfies our mouths with good things and renews our youth.

John 10:27 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.

The enemy can not pull us out of God's hand because we are sheep of His pasture.

Psalm 100:3 Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Psalm 23 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

As our shepherd, God leads us into optimal places under optimal positions. He protects us and empowers us to prosper. His anointing heals and maintains us - it keeps us from cracking up.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for being our shepherd and leading us into goodness.

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

Living the Word Today: Stay with the Lord so that you can have abundant life. Let His life flow in and drive everything else out.

From Death to Life

John 11:25-26 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

Do you believe in the resurrecting power of God? Do you trust God to revive any dead situation in your life? The same Spirit that raised Lazarus and Jesus from the dead will raise us out of dead situations today. We have resurrection and life on the inside of us. All the grave clothes have to fall off. Even if forces of death are all around us, we have power over death through Christ. Resurrection is ours after death, but it is also ours while in this mortal body.

Rom 8:11 (Amp) And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, then He who raised up Christ from the dead will also restore your life.

Resurrection power brings us from sickness to health. It brings us to a place of wealth from poverty. It restores life to dead marriages. God wants to bring us to abundant living. The life force of God takes us from disaster to victory, failure to success, shattered dreams to new life. He will bring peace to the storms of your life.

Prayer Focus: Father, for every bad report that your people experience, let your resurrecting power flow and set us free.

Verse of the Day: Isa 54:17 No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment You shall condemn.

Living the Word Today: Combat any dead thing in your life with the living word of God.



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