



Greetings in the Wonderful Name of Jesus!

The season of summer is here. Flowers are in full bloom. Summer is a fruitful time - in the middle of the "growing season." Let's embrace this time as the "summer of ministry and spiritual growth." We should be in full bloom in our spiritual walk. Also, labor to make this a fruitful time of evangelism. We should serve faithfully in this "growing season" to bring in the harvest of souls.

Happy Father's Day to the faithful fathers. Fathers are men who are there for their children. Abraham was an example of a faithful father. Talking about Abraham, God said, "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him" (Genesis 18:19). Remember God instructed us to honor our father and mother.

Every summer Greenville Community Christian Church has "Summer Surge". We challenge our members to give special offerings to help us surge rather than slump during the summer. We often target special projects (e.g., Media Equipment). This year our emphasis is on soulwinning. Join us in making a special effort to share the gospel with as many as possible. God doesn't want anyone to perish. He has done His part, now we must fervently preach the Gospel with an urgency. I ask for your prayers, participation, and partnership in soulwinning. Thanks in advance.

Remember, Lady Sarah and I love and appreciate you. We would love to hear from you. We trust that AWIS is a continual blessing to you.

Yours in Christ,

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Don't Compare Yourself to Others

2 Cor 10:12 For we dare not make ourselves of the number or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.

We are not competing with one another. Christians are on the same team, with the goal of reaching the world for Christ. We should not compare ourselves to one another in the sense of competing. Every day you should wake up with a goal to outdo yourself - be all that God would have you to be. Being as good as another doesn't mean we're doing well enough by God's standards. We can get complacent when using others as our standard for success. Purpose to please God and fulfill His purpose for your life.

Gal 6:4 But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

Acts 20:24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for creating me uniquely. Help me to rise to the standards that You have set for me and not to be distracted by the successes or failures of others.

Verse of the Day: Proverbs 27:2 Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips.

Living the Word Today: Jesus Christ is our standard - our example of how to operate as a human on this earth. We should compare ourselves to Him and strive to be more Christlike.

God's Protection

Psa 91:4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

The Word of God here uses the analogy of a mother hen protecting her baby chicks to illustrate God's protection for His children. In times of danger, the mother hen calls the baby chicks to gather around her feet, spreads her wings and covers them. She is then guarding them with her life. The Word says, God covers us with His wings. Psalms 119:114 says, Thou art my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word.

God is your protection. A shield is a portable protective wall that protects from the enemy's spears, rocks, arrows, etc. A buckler is a smaller shield used in close contact fighting. God shields us from things that we never know about. We just must stay behind the shield.

Keep the shield in place by:

Obeying the Word of God

Psalms 81:13 Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, and Israel had walked in my ways! 14 I should soon have subdued their enemies and turned my hand against their adversaries.

Prayer

Psalms 18:3 I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

Living by Faith

2 Thessalonians 3:3 But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil.

Maintaining a Right Confession

Psalms 23:4 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.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for Your hedge of protection.

Verse of the Day: Prov 18:10 The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it and is safe.

Living the Word Today: Trust God's protection. Follow His leadership. Walk in victory.

We Have Need of Patience

Heb 10:36 For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

Patience is the ability to endure tests and trials calmly without murmuring or complaining. The Bible says that we have need of patience AF-TER we have done the will of God. That means we have done the will of God but have not seen the results of His promises yet. Impatience is the enemy of our souls. When we become impatient, we try to force things to happen. When we wait on the Lord, we will see the hand of God move on our behalf.

Sometimes His answers come in a way that we do not expect nor understand, but rest assured that His promises will come to pass. When we rest in the Lord, we avoid becoming stressed out and fretful.

Isaiah 28:16 Therefore thus says the Lord God, Behold, I am laying in Zion for a foundation a Stone, a tested Stone, a precious Cornerstone of sure foundation; he who believes (trusts in, relies on, and adheres to that Stone) will not be ashamed or give way or hasten away [in sudden panic].

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Col 1:10-11 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.

Prayer Focus: Father, help me to patiently wait on You. I know Your promises are true.

Verse of the Day: Ecc 7:8 Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof: and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.

Living the Word Today: God wants us to see the end results of our faith. He wants to bless us. Do not get weary - rest in the promises of God.

Fellowship with God

Rev 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

God wants to have a time of fellowship with us. He wants to spend time with His people. If we open our hearts to Him, we can have intimacy with Him. We can't get in His presence and remain the same. Our lives change - we grow when we are with God. The anointing on our lives increases. When we take time to reflect on the blessings in our lives, we can cultivate a sense of gratitude and joy. Spending time with God can help us see the beauty and goodness in the world around us, even in the midst of difficult times.

In our fast-paced and hectic world, it's easy to get caught up in the daily grind and forget about the things that truly matter. One of the most important things we can do for ourselves is to take time to connect with God, taking time to reflect, meditate, and be still will have a profound impact on your life. Spending time with God can help you see the big picture and gain perspective on your life. When we feel connected to God, we can approach our relationships with more compassion, empathy, and understanding.

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

Prayer Focus: Father, let me have a hunger and thirst for You and Your righteousness.

Verse of the Day: Jas 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

Living the Word Today: Get in a place where it is just you and God. Spend time in His presence. Fellowship with the Lord in prayer and in worship.

Reaching for the Things That Are Before

Phil 3:13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before

We have to learn to focus on our future and let go of our past. Sometimes things in the past will hinder us. Don't spend your life looking back, thinking about what you should have done. Pain from the past can paralyze you and cause you not to reach forth to things ahead. God wants to do a new thing in us.

Even focusing on past failures can keep us from moving forward. Learn from those things and push forth to new experiences. The good things we've experienced can keep us in reflective mode as well, and cause us to miss out on what's happening right now.

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.

Prayer Focus: God, thank You for giving me a future that I can hope for and count on. Help me to let go of the past and move forward.

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: Look ahead! God has great things in store for you.

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Mark 11:22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.

Notice in this scripture that God did not merely say, "Have faith," but He added to have faith "in God." We all have faith in something or somebody, but to get the results we want in life, we must have faith in God. Are you trusting your abilities, what someone else has said, what the doctors have diagnosed you with...? Are these things greater than your faith in God?

God is so powerful and mighty. Your situation is not too hard for God. In the New Testament, Jesus repeatedly emphasized the importance of faith. He told his disciples that if they had faith as small as a mustard seed, they could move mountains (Matthew 17:20). He also praised individuals who demonstrated great faith, such as the woman who touched his cloak and was healed (Matthew 9:22) and the Roman centurion who believed that Jesus could heal his servant from afar (Matthew 8:5-13).

Having faith in God is not just about believing in His existence, but also trusting in His character and His promises. The Bible is full of promises from God, such as "I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5) and "all things work together for good to those who love God" (Romans 8:28). Believers who put their faith in God can trust that He will be with them through all of life's challenges and that He will ultimately work everything together for their good.

Prayer Focus: God, thank You for being a trustworthy, safe place for me to apply my faith.

Verse of the Day: Psalms 37:3-5 Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. 4 Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. 5 Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

Living the Word Today: Direct your faith to the One who made You. He will not fail you.

God Goes Before Us and Prepares the Way

Isa 45:2-3 I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron: And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel.

God goes before us to make all the crooked places straight in our lives. He will open doors that no one can shut, and cause favor to rest strongly upon your life. Don't get in a hurry. Follow God into straight paths. He will cause hearts of people to be made right before I get to my destinations. He will cause situations to work out before we arrive on the scene. When we go for jobs, talk to God before we go and He will turn things around.

This does not mean that we should sit back and wait for things to happen. Rather, we should continue to work hard and make efforts towards our goals, while trusting that God will guide us along the way. In James 2:17, it says, "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone." This verse reminds us that we should have faith in God's plan, but we should also take action towards achieving our goals.

Prayer Focus: Father, help me to trust and follow Your lead.

Verse of the Day: Prov 16:9 A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps.

Living the Word Today: God prepares things ahead of time and opens doors for us. That should bring comfort and reassurance during times of uncertainty. As we navigate through life, let us trust in God's plan while continuing to work towards our dreams.

Where Is Your Faith?

Luke 8:22-25 Now it came to pass on a certain day, that he went into a ship with his disciples: and he said unto them, Let us go over unto the other side of the lake. And they launched forth. But as they sailed he fell asleep: and there came down a storm of wind on the lake; and they were filled with water, and were in jeopardy. And they came to him, and awoke him, saying, Master, master, we perish. Then he arose, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm. And he said unto them, Where is your faith? And they being afraid wondered, saying one to another, What manner of man is this! for he commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey him.

Where is your faith? Faith is not really absent in our lives, but often our faith is misplaced and is in the wrong thing. In the above scripture, the disciples had faith in the wind and the storm. They were looking at the situation and they believed in the power of the storm. We can fall victim to that same mentality. We need to have faith in God. He keeps us, blesses us, and causes us to triumph.

Rom 1:17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

Prayer Focus: Father, forgive me for the times when I have trusted in the wrong things. Help me to put my trust in You.

Verse of the Day: Psa 20:7 Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.

Living the Word Today: Do you really trust God? Take time to think about that today. If there is fear in your heart, you may be trusting a false source.

Living Your Life to the Fullest

Psalm 36:7-9 How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings. [8] They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures. [9] For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light.

Jesus came that we might have life and that we might have it more abundantly. He gives us all good things to enjoy. The Bible says if we are willing and obedient, we shall eat the good of the land Look in the Word of God and see what the Lord has for you.

According to St. John Chapter 3 Verse 16, Jesus came that we might have eternal life. 2 Corinthians 8:9 says that Jesus became poor that we might be made rich. 1 Timothy 6:17 says God gives us richly all things to enjoy. Receive all that God has provided for you. God wants you to walk in His blessings.

Prayer Focus: Father, I receive the blessings you provided for me through Jesus Christ. Thank you, Heavenly Father.

Verse of the Day: Psalm 103:2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

Living the Word Today: Purpose to live the Christian life with joy.

You Can Overcome

Prov 20:12 The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the LORD hath made even both of them.

Helen Keller became blind and deaf at the early age of 19 months, but her remarkable life journey serves as an inspiration to millions. Throughout her life, Keller fought against the odds, broke barriers, and became an influential advocate for disabled individuals. Her parents provided a great teacher for her, and she learned how to spell with her fingers on the palms of hands. She went on to master Braille and graduated cum laude from Radcliffe College as the first deaf-blind person to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree.

No weapon that is formed against us shall be able to prosper. We can look at how bad our situations may appear, but God can turn them into advantages. Like Helen Keller, we can overcome every day. God's grace is sufficient for us to overcome all challenges. When obstacles try to hold you back, declare, "I can do all things through Christ!"

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for taking me from where I am to where You would have me to go. I take authority over anything that can be considered a disadvantage in my life and turn it into an advantage.

Verse of the Day: Rom 8:37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

Living the Word Today: You can rise above and beyond any disadvantage you face. Whatever was meant to harm you, trust God to turn it around in your favor.

Be Different to Make a Difference

Jude 21-25 Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. And of some have compassion, making a difference: And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh. Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

We have to be different to make a difference. We have to keep our lives in such a way that we are a blessing to others. There are people who are on their way to a devil's hell, and Believers are to pull them out of the fire. We are here to make a difference and save lives. There is a tendency to want to fit in, but we are not called to do so. God has given us a fresh start, and He put His Spirit in us so that we can make a difference. Keep talking about what God has done, where He brought you from... be a shining light to others.

Prayer Focus: Father, help me to embrace the uniqueness of my calling. Help me to be a light to others.

Verse of the Day: Matt 5:13 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

Living the Word Today: Dare to be different and stand out for the glory of God! Give the world a shining example of a Christian.

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Jesus: Our Refuge and Strength

Psa 37:39-40 But the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD: he is their strength in the time of trouble. And the LORD shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him.

Refuge means a place of shelter, protection and safety. Proverbs 18:10 says, "The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe." The Bible also teaches that the Lord hides (protects) us under the shadow of His wings (Psa 91:4). Being in Christ is a place of safety.

The Lord is our salvation, strength, and helper in the times of trouble. When the wicked try to come against us, we have salvation in Him. We can put our trust and confidence in Him. He keeps us from the evil of this world. When we call on the Lord, He is always there.

Psa 46:1-3 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.

Prayer Focus: Lord, thank You for the victory I have in You. Thank You for being always present with me.

Verse of the Day: Psa 60:11 Give us help from trouble: for vain is the help of man.

Living the Word Today: God is our help, our source, and our strength. He always causes us to triumph and walk in victory. Continue in Christ.

Receive the Medicine of God's Word

Prov 18:20-21 A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; and with the increase of his lips shall he be filled. Death and life are in the power of the tongue and those that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

The Word of God has to be in your heart so that it can come out of your mouth. "But what saith it? The Word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the Word of faith, which we preach (Rom 10:8)." We can't back away from the Word even when the pressures of life come, because it is His engrafted Word that saves us.

The Word of God has power. It shall not return unto Him void. He sent His Word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions (Ps 107:20). The Word of God is medicine to our souls. It heals, renews our minds, restores; it has resurrecting power. When you preach His Word, He confirms it with signs following.

The Word of God has to be settled in your heart. Ps 119:89-90 says "Forever, O Lord, Thy Word is settled in heaven. Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: Thou hast established the earth, and it abideth." God said He will create the fruit of our lips.

God is our Present Help. Jesus took our sicknesses, weaknesses and distresses and carried away our sorrow and pain. Weapons may form but they shall not prosper. Do not cast away your confidence because you'll lose faith in God.

STAND FIRM IN HIS WORD! Stand firm in the Word of God at all times and at all stands

Prayer Focus: Father, I will receive Your Word

Verse of the Day: 1Thess 5:24 Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it.

Living the Word Today: Receive the engrafted Word of God which is able to save your soul.

Remain in a State of Readiness

Luke 12:35-40 Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately. Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants. And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through. Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.

We all must stay in a state of readiness because we do not know when the Lord will come. He will come unexpectedly. I used to be in a combat support hospital unit similar to the old show, MASH. We had to be ready within a two-hour window to deploy. There were no warnings, no time to gather family and friends for a farewell party... we had to have a bag packed and things in place to leave immediately. Believers are expected to be the same way - always ready for the return of Christ.

1 Thes 5:2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

Prayer Focus: Father, prepare me for Jesus' return. Help me to identify what I need to let go of and what to embrace, so that I am in a constant state of readiness.

Verse of the Day: Matt 24:42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

Living the Word Today: Keep your temple clean and your families in order, because we won't have time to fix ourselves when Jesus returns.

Seek God and You Will Find Him

Jer 29:11-13 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. Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

When we take the time to put God first, pray, and seek Him with our whole heart... when we want God more than anything and anyone, He will not let us down. He is waiting for us with open arms. When we pray, He hears us and He is ready to come to our rescue.

Matt 7:7-8 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

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.

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

Prayer Focus: God, thank You for Your goodness and mercy. Thanks for being a present help in the times of trouble. I look to You for my deliverance and salvation.

Verse of the Day: Prov 8:17 I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.

Living the Word Today: Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually. (1 Chr 16:11)

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Overcome and Reap Your Reward

Rev 3:20-21 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

Jesus overcame everything He faced as a human on earth and gained the reward of sitting on the throne with His Father. Likewise, when we overcome the pressures and trials of life, we reap an eternal reward with God our Father. Jesus set the example for us, showing us the victory that awaits on the other side of our pain.

Rev 2:11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

When we overcome sin, God promises to make us a pillar - an immovable object, strong enough to withstand any pressure.

Rev 3:12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for giving me the strength to be an overcomer! I look forward to the reward that awaits with gratitude.

Verse of the Day: Rev 2:7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

Living the Word Today: No matter what life throws your way, you have the power to overcome! Not only that, but you will receive a reward when you do. Push forward and overcome in Jesus' mighty name!

Overcoming Discouragement

Psa 2:8 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

As Believers, one thing that we must guard against is discouragement. Sometimes we can be serving God and the voice of the enemy will try to discourage us. Don't be dismayed. Victory is ours! Discouragement comes from the root word, courage. The pre-fix, dis, means the opposite of that. So discouragement is when you lose your courage, which is the plan of the enemy. He wants us to operate in fear, but we can overcome this.

Put your trust and confidence in the Lord. Rom 10:13 - For whoso-ever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. While this verse talks about our eternal salvation, it also refers to the Lord saving us right now from the things that try to take away our courage.

Believe in the power of God that works through prayer. 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. Know that you can take everything to God in prayer and cast our cares on Him. We don't have to carry burdens on our own.

Find encouragement through others. 1 Thes 5:11 - Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do. Have a prayer partner. Fellowship with like-minded saints. There is safety in counsel and power in partnerships. (Deut 32:30 - How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, except their Rock had sold them, and the LORD had shut them up?)

Prayer Focus: Father, help me to stay encouraged in You.

Verse of the Day: Isa 41:13 For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.

Living the Word Today: Stay encouraged in the Lord, even if you must encourage yourself. Do not allow the enemy to steal your courage.

Hope in the Lord

Ps 38:15 For in thee O Lord, do I hope: Thou wilt hear, O Lord my God.

You can't believe without hope. To often people have gotten to a place where they've lost hope because of the things going on in the world; yet, hope is the essential ingredient of faith. Without hope, there is no faith. Hebrews 11:1 says; "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the

evidence of things not seen. Faith and hope say, we believe without seeing.

Believers trust God without Him having to show us first. We must trust God in spite of not being able to see the things we are believing for. We trust Him because He cannot lie. This trust gives us hope, the basis of faith. Trust leads to blessings. "Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is (Jer 17:7)." When the pressures of life come your way, you will not be moved.

When the Lord is your hope, the winds of adversity will not shake your faith. Put your trust and confidence in the living God and expect His blessings.

Prayer Focus: Father, my trust is in You. Thank You for being my hope.

Verse of the Day: Rom 15:13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

Living the Word Today: Start singing! Give praises unto the God who is above all, in Jesus' Name. Amen

Hope in the Lord (Part 2)

When you hope in the Lord, you wait patiently on Him. He will keep you in perfect peace when your mind is stayed on Him (Is 26:3). You're able to demonstrate patience when your hope is in the Lord. Your joy is full because your hope in Him produces happiness. God will cause all things to work together for your good because you love Him and are called according to His purpose (Rom 8:28). God promises to fill us with joy and peace through faith. His Word declares we will abound in hope (Rom 15:13).

The promises of God are true. You can rest assured knowing God will fulfill His promises. He watches over His Word to make sure it is carried out. Do not lose hope by allowing your faith to waver like a wave of the sea; driven with the winds and tossed (James 1:6).

Declare the Word of the Lord with boldness and confidence. Through the word of God we have Victory. 1 John 5:4 says, "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." Victory is yours! Hallelujah!!!! Amen!

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Living the Word Today: Rejoice in hope. Expect God's blessings.

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Let Your Hope Remain in the Lord

Heb 13:5 (AMP) He has said, I will never under any circumstances desert you nor give you up nor leave you without support, nor will I in any degree leave you helpless, nor will I forsake or let you down or relax My hold on you.

We can certainly depend on the promises of God. For all His promises for us are yes and in Him, Amen (2Cor 1:20). As believers, we are destined to make it with God on our side. Our hope shall remain in God. Even when the winds of adversity are destructive, we can still count on God to bring us through.

Moreover, when Jesus faced oppositions and adversities, He could have grown weary and given up. Instead, He remained faithful and continued to endure and persevere. His hope and faith were in the Father. Stand firm in hope because there is nothing too hard for the God we serve. Jesus said in 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."

Remain dependent upon God. He is able to turn all situations around. Speak to the storm by faith. "Death and life are in the power of the tongue and those that love it shall eat the fruit thereof (Prov 18:21). You have to encourage yourself as David did. (1 Sam 30:6) Gird up the loins of your mind by faith. Trust Jesus. He is the One that brings you through to victory. He is the Author and the Finisher of your faith; Our God is the Promise Keeper whose Word shall never return unto Him void.

Prayer Focus: Thank You Father for giving me a future full of hope.

Verse of the Day: Jeremiah 29:11 (NKJV) For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Living the Word Today: Expect God's overtaking blessings.

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God Is With Us Through All Seasons of Life

Isa 46:4-5 And even to your old age I am he; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you. To whom will ye liken me, and make me equal, and compare me, that we may be like?

The Lord is the One who carries us throughout life. There is no God like ours. He is in a class all by Himself. No one can tell you what He looks like. He's more than enough. He's our Savior and Deliverer. No matter what season of life we are in, we can put our trust and confidence in Him because He is our Keeper.

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.

Psa 48:14 For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death.

Psa 118:6-9 The LORD is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me? The LORD taketh my part with them that help me: therefore shall I see my desire upon them that hate me. It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man. It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for being my God through every season of life.

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

Living the Word Today: God is with you always!

Commune with God

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

Communing with God is not just about what we say with our mouths, but also, what we say in our hearts. To commune means to converse or talk together, usually with intimacy. We get to know God more by talking to Him. We learn to recognize His voice and focus on Him. We develop spiritual sensitivity and get answers to prayer. It quiets our flesh and brings peace. We tune out things around us when we commune with Him. Isa 26:3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

Meditate in His Word. Psa 1:1-2 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

Get your heart right before God. Psa 66:18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me.

Be thankful to God. Heb 13:15 By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for the privilege of communing with You.

Verse of the Day: John 17:23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

Living the Word Today: Remember who you are in Christ. Pray and commune with God so He will saturate your being.

Let's Go to the Other Side

Mark 4:35-40 And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side. And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships. And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish? And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?

Jesus was at peace, resting during the storm. He had given the instructions already, "Let us pass over unto the other side." We must believe God's Word. If He says that we're going to the other side, then that's what He means and we need to trust Him to get us to whatever that other side is in our lives. Have faith in the future that God has for you. Don't let the things that happen in between "here" and "the other side" bother you and cause you to fear. The winds and raging sea cannot compete against God's Word.

We have the same authority to speak to the raging winds and sea and command them to be still. Sometimes when I get on an airplane, I touch the sides and say, "Let's go to the other side," and I go to sleep. Have faith in the direction God is taking you.

Prayer Focus: Father, I trust You to navigate the winds and the waves and carry me safely through to the other side.

Verse of the Day: Isa 43:2 When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

Living the Word Today: Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. (Isa 26:3)

Overcoming Fear

Psa 23:4 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.

God has not given us the spirit of fear. Fear has bondage and torment. God has delivered us from that so that we can live a victorious life. We don't have to fear the evil of this world. There are all kinds of horror movies and things that are supposed to be scary, but as Believers, we should not operate in fear. In our everyday lives, we may fear letting others into our lives and may fear seeking others to introduce them to Christ. Here are some tools to combat fear:

The Word. Being saturated in God's Word increases our faith which drives out fear. Faith does to fear what light does to darkness - it dispels it. **Rom 10:17** So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Prayer. Pray for boldness and in the Holy Ghost. In Acts 4, they prayed for boldness and as they prayed, they overcame fear. **Acts 4:29** And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word.

Worship the Lord. Worship brings us into the presence of God, and in His presence, there is joy and fear does not exist. **Psa 16:11** Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Love. Love overcomes fear. **1 John 4:18** There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for helping me to overcome fear.

Verse of the Day: Psa 23:4 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.

Living the Word Today: Speak faith-filled words and resist the temptation to fear.

Rekindle Your Joy

John 15:11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

Isa 12:3-5 Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation. And in that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted. Sing unto the LORD; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth.

God wants us to live a life full of joy, but we have to stir up and rekindle that joy. How do we stir up that joy? By the words that we speak. Declare, "This is the day that the Lord has made...Thank You, Lord, for joy peace, and happiness..." Resist the temptation to be sad.

When the enemy brings sad thoughts your way, refuse to accept them and refocus your attention on the good things that God has done for you. When things aren't going the way we want, the Bible teaches us to count it all joy. Recognize that it is a temporary situation, trouble does not last always. See yourself on the other side walking in victory. Stay in God's Word and worship Him.

John 16:24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for giving me unspeakable joy.

Verse of the Day: Phil 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.

Living the Word Today: Keep a full tank of joy. When you're running empty, fill up quickly on God's Word and worship Him.

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Confront Issues and Attack in the Spirit Realm

Mark 5:25-34 And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. For she said. If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague. And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes? And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and savest thou. Who touched me? And he looked round about to see her that done this thina. an fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth. And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.

Jesus told this woman with the issue of blood that her faith is what made her whole. She confronted her situation, she had suffered, she heard of Jesus, pressed through the crowd, and took her healing. We have to be willing to confront things in the spirit realm, not just with head knowledge. Tap into the supernatural and combat attacks in the spirit. God will cause resources to come your way, He'll give you creative ideas, we must do things by the Spirit of God.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for giving me power to confront and attack issues in the spirit realm. Nothing is too hard for You.

Verse of the Day: 2 Cor 10:4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

Living the Word Today: If God can heal the woman with the issue of blood for 18 years, He can heal our bodies and whatever situations we face.

Discern the Seasons

1 Pet 1:6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations.

Seasons are temporary. They are also recurring. You may be facing a heavy season or a season of temptation, but thank God that it is just temporary. There is a season for all things, but no matter what, we should discern it and realize the temporal nature of it so that we are prepared and we have the strength to endure. Each season has a different requirement. Winter requires that we pull out warm clothes. Summer may require that we wear sunscreen. Discerning the seasons of life will help us to be prepared to face them successfully.

Discerning the seasons of life is not always easy, especially during times of hardship and uncertainty. However, Romans 8:28 reminds us that God works all things together for the good of those who love Him. Even in the darkest of seasons, we can find hope in the knowledge that God is working for our ultimate good. He can bring beauty out of brokenness and purpose out of pain. By clinging to this promise, we can face the changing seasons with courage and faith, knowing that God's plans are greater than our own.

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

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for being greater than the hardships of the changing seasons. Thank You for bringing me through each one.

Verse of the Day: Ecc 3:1 To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.

Living the Word Today: Triumph in whatever season you find yourself.

It is temporary, and God will carry you through.

Speak God's Promises

2 Cor 1:20 For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

Isa 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.

In this life, it is tempting to speak about our problems and discuss them with others. Doing so breathes life into the problem and magnifies it over the promises of God. The words we speak are vitally important to us, so we must learn to speak God's promises. The word, problem, does not appear in the King James version of the Bible. Promises are in there many times.

The dictionary refers to the word "problem" as any question or matter involving doubt, uncertainty, or difficulty. When we are certain about things, we don't see them as problems, but when we don't know the answer to something, we see a problem. Believers, we have the answer! Jesus is the answer to all of life's problems.

By shifting our focus from our problems to God's promises, we tap into a wellspring of hope, faith, and strength. God is faithful and unchanging. His promises are rooted in His character and His Word. Numbers 23:19 declares, "God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?" God's promises are trustworthy and will come to pass. Speaking His promises reminds us of His faithfulness and builds our faith in His ability to bring about the desired outcome.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for being faithful to perform Your promises.

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: Instead of verbalizing problems and reinforcing negative thoughts, choose to speak the promises of God so that you align your words with God's truth. Watch how He opens doors and blesses you!

God Shields Us from the Enemy

Deut 33:27 The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them.

The devil is the enemy of our soul. He uses things like fear and temptation to destroy us, but God is our place of safety. He is our refuge and dwelling place, and He covers us from the evils of this world. Put your trust and confidence in Him. We can't resist evil in our own strength, but with God, we are more than conquerors.

Throughout history, humanity has faced numerous challenges and temptations orchestrated by the forces of darkness. However, as Believers, we find solace and strength in the firm belief that God, in His infinite wisdom and love, provides a divine shield of protection against the schemes of the devil. We should do our part by putting on His armor of protection.

Eph 6:11-12 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for the hedge of protection that You have placed over me.

Verse of the Day: Psa 91:4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Living the Word Today: God promises to shield and guard us in times of trouble. Just as a loving parent shields their child from harm, God provides a safe haven for His children. Seek refuge in Him.

Set Healthy Boundaries

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

Setting boundaries is a vital practice for maintaining healthy relationships and personal well-being. It protects our hearts and minds from negative influences that can hinder our growth and well-being. This can involve limiting exposure to toxic relationships, unhealthy habits, or negative environments. Failing to set boundaries can hinder our spiritual, emotional, and mental health.

By setting boundaries, we honor our sacredness and acknowledge our responsibility to take care of the gift of life God entrusted to us. We glorify God by setting boundaries. 1 Cor 6:19-20 teaches us the importance of our bodies: "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

Boundaries help create a balance between honoring our own needs and being considerate of others, fostering healthy connections built on mutual respect. **Eph 4:2** With all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for helping me to be a good steward of my earthly temple by setting healthy boundaries.

Verse of the Day: Prov 22:3 A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.

Living the Word Today: Guard against harmful influences and communicate needs with love and grace by using the Word of God. With God's guidance, we can establish boundaries that foster growth, respect, and emotional well-being in our lives and relationships.



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ROMANS 3:23

WE ARE ALL BORN

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> GOD OFFERS A FREE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE

ROMANS 5:8

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

ROMANS 10:9

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

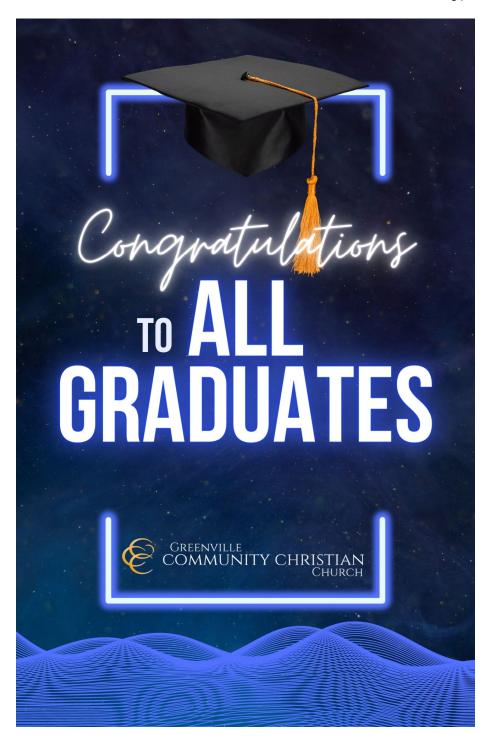
For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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

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





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