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Greetings in the Wonderful Name of Jesus!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. It brings joy to my heart to share with you the abundant blessings and mighty moves of God within our beloved Greenville Community Christian Church. Truly, the hand of the Lord is upon us, as souls are being saved and our congregation is experiencing unprecedented growth.

As we embark upon this new season, I am filled with anticipation for the glorious celebration of Resurrection Sunday, Easter, on March 31, 2024. We invite you to join us for a powerful service filled with special music and anointed ministry, culminating in a profound illustrated service that will inspire and uplift your spirit. There will be abundant blessings for the entire family as we come together in worship and fellowship.

I am confident that A Word in Season (AWIS) continues to be a source of spiritual nourishment and edification in your life. Your prayers and unwavering support are deeply appreciated, as they enable us to faithfully publish AWIS, spreading the message of hope and salvation to all.

In closing, let me extend heartfelt gratitude on behalf of Lady Sarah and myself. Your love and commitment to the Lord's work at Greenville Community Christian Church do not go unnoticed. May the peace and love of Christ abide with you always. We love and appreciate you.

Love and Blessings,
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Walking in Financial Excellence

Mal 3:10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

Tithing is a fundamental principle of financial excellence. By faithfully giving back to God, we acknowledge His provision and invite His blessings into our lives. God promises to open the windows of heaven and pour out blessings when we honor Him with our finances. Honoring the Lord with our substance involves recognizing God as the source of our financial blessings. By giving Him the firstfruits of our increase, we position ourselves for abundance and overflow in our financial endeavors.

Prov 3:9-10 Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

Prov 22:7 The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.

One key principle of financial excellence is avoiding unnecessary debt. The Bible reminds us that being in debt can lead to servitude. By managing our finances wisely and living within our means, we position ourselves for financial freedom.

Prayer Focus: Father, guide me in walking in financial excellence. Grant me wisdom to manage resources wisely, the discipline to avoid unnecessary debt, and the faithfulness to honor You with my tithes and offerings.

Verse of the Day: Deut 28:12 The Lord shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.

Living the Word Today: Decide to walk in financial excellence, trusting in God's provision and stewarding the resources He has entrusted to you.

Understanding Biblical Stewardship

Gen 2:15 And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

Biblical stewardship is more than just managing our resources; it's a mindset and lifestyle rooted in the principles of God's Word. The concept of stewardship is introduced in the very beginning, as God entrusts Adam with the responsibility to cultivate and protect the Garden of Eden. This verse establishes the foundational idea that stewardship involves caring for and responsibly managing the resources God has placed in our hands.

As stewards of God's blessings, we are called to be faithful in managing our time, talents, and treasures. This includes being accountable for the gifts and resources God has given us, using them in ways that align with His will and purpose.

1 Cor 4:2 Moreover, it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

Our stewardship is tested and proven in the small things. Faithfulness in managing even the smallest resources reflects our readiness to handle greater responsibilities. God entrusts us with more when He sees us faithfully stewarding what we already have.

Luke 16:10 He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

Prayer Focus: Father, align my heart with Your will. Help me to be a faithful steward, using my time, talents, and treasures to bring glory to Your name.

Verse of the Day: Matt 25:21 … Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.

Living the Word Today: Embrace the call to be a faithful steward. Let your life reflect a deep commitment to managing all that God has given for His glory.

Giving: An Act of Worship

2 Cor 9:7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

On our Christian journey, the act of giving extends beyond a financial transaction; it becomes a sacred expression of worship. Giving, when done with a joyful and purposeful heart, becomes an act of worship that pleases God. It is not about compulsion or reluctance, but stems from a desire to honor God with a cheerful and willing spirit. God delights in those who give cheerfully, knowing that their generosity flows from a heart aligned with His will.

Luke 6:38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

Giving sacrificially demonstrates our trust in God's provision and acknowledges His sovereignty over our lives. As we sow into the kingdom of God, He promises to bless us abundantly, not only in material blessings but also in spiritual abundance.

Prayer Focus: Father, teach me to give as an act of worship, with joy, purpose, and a cheerful spirit. Help my giving reflect my love and devotion to You.

Verse of the Day: 2 Cor 9:6 But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

Living the Word Today: Let your giving be a joyous response to God's love, an acknowledgment of His provision, and an active participation in the divine blessings He promises to pour out upon us.

God Is a Consuming Fire

Heb 12:29 For our God is a consuming fire.

God's consuming fire represents His holiness and purity. His divine nature is a force that consumes sin and refines the hearts of those who draw near to Him. It calls us to approach God with reverence and awe, acknowledging His sovereignty.

Deut 4:24 For the Lord thy God is a consuming fire, even a jealous God.

In Deuteronomy, the emphasis on God's jealousy stresses His exclusive claim on our worship and devotion. His consuming fire is not only purifying but also protective, ensuring that His people remain wholly devoted to Him.

Exo 24:17 And the sight of the glory of the Lord was like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel.

The visual portrayal of God's glory as devouring fire on Mount Sinai emphasizes the overwhelming majesty of His presence. It stirs up a sense of reverence and highlights the need for a holy and righteous response when encountering the Almighty.

Prayer Focus: Father, let my heart be open to Your refining work, and help me to approach You with reverence and devotion.

Verse of the Day: Mal 3:2 But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap.

Living the Word Today: Recognize and receive the purifying and protective nature of God's refining, consuming fire. Let it clean up anything that is not like Him.

The Presence of God

Exo 33:14 And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.

In the journey of life, God promises His abiding presence. His presence brings not only rest to our weary souls but also assurance that we are never alone. As we navigate the complexities of life, the presence of God provides comfort and peace.

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

The presence of God is not just a place of solace but a source of abounding joy. In His presence, we discover the path of life and the eternal pleasures that come from being close to our Creator. It's a place of true fulfillment and lasting joy.

Psa 139:7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

God's presence is omnipresent; there is nowhere we can go to escape it. This truth reassures us of His constant and unwavering nearness. In times of triumph and trial, we can find solace in knowing that God's presence is with us, guiding and comforting our hearts.

Prayer Focus: God, thank You for the precious gift of Your presence in my life. Help me to be ever aware of Your nearness, finding rest, joy, and fulfillment in Your abiding presence.

Verse of the Day: Psa 16:11 … In thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Living the Word Today: Meditate on the profound truth that God's presence is our constant companion. In His presence, we find rest, joy, and the path of life. No matter where we are, His presence surrounds us with love and assurance.

Greater Works

John 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

The concept of "greater works" is a powerful promise spoken by Jesus Himself, inspiring believers to step into a realm of faith and service beyond what seems humanly possible. Jesus assures us that those who believe in Him will not only perform the works He did but will also accomplish greater works. This promise hinges on our faith and the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit.

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

With the Holy Spirit dwelling within us, we are equipped to be witnesses of Christ's love and power to the ends of the earth, surpassing the boundaries of time and space. The assurance that God can do exceedingly abundantly above all we ask or think reminds us that the source of our ability to accomplish greater works is rooted in His infinite power working within us through the Holy Spirit.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for the promise of greater works through the power of the Holy Spirit. Grant me unwavering faith, and help me tap into the limitless power available to me.

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

Living the Word Today: Step into a life of faith that surpasses your expectations. Boldly embrace the calling to accomplish greater works for the glory of God, knowing that His power within us makes all things possible.

March 7

Your First Love

Rev 2:4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.

In the book of Revelation, Jesus addresses the church in Ephesus, expressing disappointment that they had forsaken their first love. This verse serves as a poignant reminder to prioritize our relationship with God above all else, avoiding the distractions that may lead us away from the intimacy we once had with Him.

Matt 22:37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

In Matthew, Jesus emphasizes the foundational commandment to love God with all our being. This comprehensive love requires our wholehearted devotion, reflecting the depth of our first love for Him. The essence of our first love is rooted in God's plan. As we reflect on His love for us, we are moved to reciprocate with a profound, heartfelt love. Our ability to love God stems from the understanding that He loved us first.

1 John 4:19 We love him, because he first loved us.

Prayer Focus: Father, forgive me for any distractions or lukewarmness that may have crept into my relationship with You. Ignite in me a fervent passion to love You with all my heart, soul, and mind.

Verse of the Day: Rev 2:4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.

Living the Word Today: Have you allowed distractions or busyness to diminish your fervor for God? Today, let’s rekindle the flame of our first love, prioritizing our relationship with God above all else.

March 8

Hot or Not: Avoid Lukewarmness

Rev 3:15-16 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

In the letter to the church in Laodicea, Jesus vividly portrays the dangers of lukewarmness. A lukewarm faith is neither fervent nor cold, lacking the passion and dedication that God desires. This state of indifference is met with divine disapproval.

Matt 24:12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

The prevalence of sin can lead to a chilling of spiritual fervor. It is crucial to guard against the influences of the world that may cool our passion for God and cause our love to grow cold. In Romans, Paul encourages believers to be fervent in spirit. Lukewarmness can manifest as spiritual slothfulness. Instead, we are called to be fervent, zealous, and enthusiastic in our service to the Lord.

Rom 12:11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord.

Prayer Focus: Father, stir within me a fervent spirit, a passion for Your presence, and a dedication to serve You wholeheartedly. Guard me from the influences that may cool my love for You.

Verse of the Day: Rom 12:11 TPT Be enthusiastic to serve the Lord, keeping your passion toward him boiling hot!

Living the Word Today: May your love for God be ignited, and your service to Him be marked by passionate enthusiasm.

March 9

A City Set on a Hill

Matt 5:14-16 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick, and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

In these verses from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages believers to shine their light brightly for all to see. Being a city set on a hill is a call to live a life that reflects the goodness and glory of God, influencing those around us through our actions and character.

Psa 48:1 Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.

This Psalm highlights the greatness of the Lord in the city of our God. As a city set on a hill, our lives should be a testimony to the greatness of our God. Our praise and worship are not confined to a physical location but manifest in the way we live our lives before the world.

Being a city set on a hill means standing out as blameless and harmless, embodying the light of Christ in a world that desperately needs the hope and salvation found in Him.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for calling me to be a city set on a hill, shining the light of Your love and truth in a dark world. Empower me to live blamelessly and to reflect Your holiness.

Verse of the Day: Phil 2:15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world.

Living the Word Today: Are you shining the light of Christ in the world, or hiding it under a bushel? Purposefully live as a city set on a hill, bringing glory to God through your actions, words, and the testimony of a transformed life.

March 10

The Enduring Mercy of God

Lam 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.

Despite our shortcomings and failures, God's compassion never wanes. Each new day is a testament to His faithfulness, as His mercies are renewed, allowing us to have a fresh experience of His steadfast love. God is merciful, gracious, and abounding in compassion. His patience and abundant mercy extend to all who seek Him, underscoring the enduring nature of His love for His children.

Psa 103:8 The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

Unlike human forgiveness, God not only pardons iniquity but also passes over transgressions. His delight in mercy far surpasses His anger, emphasizing His desire to extend forgiveness and grace to those who turn to Him.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for Your enduring mercy and Your faithfulness that allows us to experience new mercies each day. In moments of weakness and failure, help me find relief in the boundless compassion You extend.

Verse of the Day: Mic 7:18 Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? He retaineth not his anger forever, because he delighteth in mercy.

Living the Word Today: Every day we are recipients of God's unfailing love, and His mercy knows no bounds. May this truth inspire gratitude in our hearts, prompting us to extend mercy and compassion to others as we have received from our gracious Heavenly Father.

March 11

Commit to Serve

Josh 24:15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

In the Kingdom of God, the call to serve is both an invitation and a command. Joshua's declaration is a powerful reminder of the importance of making a conscious choice to serve the Lord. The commitment to serve is a foundational decision that sets the course for our lives and the legacy we leave for future generations. Jesus set the ultimate example of servanthood. As followers of Christ, we are called to emulate His sacrificial love and commitment to serving others. True greatness, according to Jesus, lies in a heart dedicated to serving, not being served.

Gal 5:13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

The apostle Paul underscores the connection between liberty and service. Our freedom in Christ is not a license for self-indulgence but an opportunity to express love through service. Serving one another becomes an authentic reflection of our gratitude for the liberty found in Christ.

Prayer Focus: Father, help me to follow the example of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve. Teach me to use my liberty in Christ as an opportunity to express love through selfless service to others.

Verse of the Day: Mark 10:45 For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Living the Word Today: Are we using our freedom to serve others in love? Today, let your heart be stirred with a renewed dedication to the noble act of service, following the example of Christ and leaving a legacy that echoes, *"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord (Josh 24:15)."*

March 12

God’s Laws Written in Our Hearts

Heb 8:10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people.

Hebrews speaks of a new covenant where God's laws are not only external commandments but are written within the very fabric of our minds and hearts. This internalization signifies a personal and transformative relationship with God. Paul emphasizes that believers are living letters, a testimony of Christ's work in their hearts. The transformation brought about by God's Spirit writes His laws on the fleshy tablets of our hearts, creating an enduring impact.

2 Cor 3:3 Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.

When God’s laws are engraved within us, our steps are steadied, and we are guarded against stumbling. His law, instead of being external, becomes a natural part of who we are.

Psa 37:31 The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.

Prayer Focus: Lord, write Your laws in my heart that I may walk in the path of righteousness. Let the internalization of Your truth guide my steps, securing me in Your love. I surrender my heart to You, asking for a deeper understanding and revelation of Your Word.

Verse of the Day: Jer 31:33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Living the Word Today: Invite the Spirit of the living God to inscribe His laws in the fleshy tablet of your heart, transforming you into a living testimony of His grace and love.

March 13

Formed by His Hands

Isa 64:8 But now, O Lord, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand.

The imagery of being formed by God's hands is a beautiful testament to the craftsmanship and care with which our Creator has fashioned each one of us. Isaiah poetically portrays God as the Potter and us as the clay. This vivid metaphor conveys the intimate relationship between the Creator and His creation. Every individual is uniquely shaped by the skilled hands of the Master Potter.

Psa 139:13-14 For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

We are fearfully and wonderfully made. The hands of God are intimately involved in forming us even before our birth, showcasing His deliberate craftsmanship. The hands of God have fashioned us with the intention that we would walk in the good works preordained for us in Christ.

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for forming me with such intricate care and purpose. I yield to Your hands, allowing You to mold me into a vessel of honor for Your glory.

Verse of the Day: Job 10:8 Thine hands have made me and fashioned me together round about; yet thou dost destroy me.

Living the Word Today: The works of God's hands are marvelous! We are fearfully and wonderfully made. May this awareness inspire gratitude and a deeper commitment to walk in the good works prepared for us by the Master Craftsman.

Faith that Catches God's Attention

Heb 11:6 But without faith, it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Faith is the key that unlocks the doors of divine favor and intervention. Hebrews makes it clear that faith is the essential element in pleasing God. True faith acknowledges the existence of God and believes in His nature as a rewarder of those who earnestly seek Him. This kind of faith captures God's attention.

Mat 9:29 Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you.

In this healing encounter, Jesus emphasizes the direct correlation between the individuals' faith and the manifestation of the miracle. Our faith acts as a conduit through which God's power flows into our lives. Faith is not merely a passive belief but is accompanied by corresponding actions. Faith that catches God's attention is alive and demonstrated through righteous deeds.

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

Prayer Focus: Father, teach me to diligently seek You and to anchor my faith in Your promises. Let my faith be vibrant and active, producing works that glorify Your name.

Verse of the Day: 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.

Living the Word Today: Let your heart be stirred to cultivate a dynamic and active faith that pleases God. May your prayers be marked by unwavering belief, and may your life be a testament to the power of genuine, God-honoring faith.

Sources of Spiritual Power: Part 1 (Righteousness, The Holy Spirit, and Submission)

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

Just as our homes are powered by electricity, allowing light bulbs to illuminate our surroundings and appliances to function, our spiritual journey is fueled by divine power sources that allow us to navigate life's challenges and shine the light of faith. Righteousness, the Holy Spirit, and submission serve as spiritual power outlets that connect us to the supernatural, illuminating the path of faith and energizing our journey with God.

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

Being in right standing with God (**righteousness**) is a source of spiritual power. Living by faith in God's righteousness positions believers to access divine, sustaining power. **The Holy Spirit** is the divine source of power promised by Jesus. His indwelling empowers us to be effective witnesses and enables us to live victoriously in the face of life's challenges.

Submission to God's will and authority is a powerful source of spiritual strength. By surrendering to God, we gain the strength to resist the schemes of the enemy, and the devil is compelled to flee.
Jas 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Prayer Focus: Father, I acknowledge Your righteousness and my need to live by faith. Thank You for the Holy Spirit, the divine source of power dwelling within me. Help me submit to Your will, resist the enemy, and experience victory.

Verse of the Day: Eph 2:6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

Living the Word Today: Tap into the sources of spiritual power to walk in victory every day.

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Sources of Spiritual Power: Part 2 (Agreement, Fasting, and Confession)

Matthew 18:19 - Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

Agreement in prayer is a powerful source of spiritual power. Jesus assures us that when believers unite in faith and agreement, their petitions will be granted by our Heavenly Father. There is extraordinary power when the Body of Christ comes together in harmony.

Fasting: Matthew 17:21 Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.
Fasting is a spiritual discipline that intensifies our connection with God. In moments of fasting, we humble ourselves before the Lord, seeking His strength and guidance. It is a source of spiritual power that breaks strongholds and brings about deliverance.

Confession: Proverbs 18:21 - Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.
Confession, the spoken declaration of our faith, is a potent source of spiritual power. The words we speak shape our reality. By aligning our confession with God's Word, we release power that transforms circumstances and brings life into every situation.

Prayer Focus: Father, grant me the grace to pray in agreement, to fast with a humble heart, and to confess Your truth with boldness.

Verse of the Day: 1 John 3:24 And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.

Living the Word Today: Join in agreement with fellow believers, engage in purposeful fasting, and speak words of life and faith. Allow these sources of spiritual power to become fundamental traits of your walk with Christ, leading you to a deeper and more victorious Christian life.

How to Gain Boldness in Christ

Prov 28:1 The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.

Boldness in Christ begins with righteousness. As we align ourselves with God's ways, we inherit a boldness that empowers us to face challenges without fear. The righteous, rooted in God's truth, stand firm and fearless. Prayer, coupled with the filling of the Holy Spirit, is a powerful catalyst for boldness. The early disciples, after seeking God in prayer, were filled with boldness to proclaim His Word. Our communion with God brings a divine boldness that transcends human limitations.

Acts 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

Paul's prayer for boldness in proclaiming the Gospel underscores the importance of relying on God for the courage to share our faith. Boldness is a gift from God that equips us to fearlessly declare the truths of the Gospel.

Eph 6:19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel.

Boldness extends to our approach to God's throne. As believers, we are invited to come boldly before the throne of grace, knowing that God provides mercy and grace in our times of need. This assurance emboldens our faith and trust in Him.

Prayer Focus: Father, give me righteousness that leads to a lion-like boldness. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit as I seek You in prayer, empowering me to speak Your Word with confidence.

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: Live boldly for Christ, trust in His righteousness, seek Him fervently in prayer, proclaim His Word courageously, and approach His throne with unwavering confidence.

And They That Shall Be of Thee": Rebuilding Foundations Through Restoration

Isa 58:12 And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.

In the prophetic words of Isaiah 58:12, we find a powerful promise that echoes the divine intention to restore and rebuild. Isaiah paints a vivid picture of restoration and rebuilding, emphasizing our role as repairers of the breach and restorers of paths. The promise extends beyond personal blessings to becoming instruments of healing and renewal for generations to come. To be repairers and restorers, we must start with personal renewal. David's plea for a clean heart and a right spirit reflects the foundational aspect of restoration – a heart aligned with God's will.

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

God's thoughts toward us are thoughts of peace and restoration. Embracing His plans for our lives aligns us with the promise of an expected end – a future filled with hope and purpose. His promise of restoration extends to the years lost to trials and challenges. His redemptive power can bring renewal and make up for what may have seemed irreparably damaged.

Jer 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

Prayer Focus: Father, let Your thoughts of peace guide my life, and in Your mercy, restore the years that have been lost.

Verse of the Day: Joel 2:25 And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.

Living the Word Today: Seek God for personal renewal and align your heart with His. He will restore!

Shedding Unnecessary Baggage

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

On our Christian journey, there are times when we find ourselves burdened by unnecessary baggage that hinders our spiritual growth and stifles our progress. Isaiah highlights the essence of true fasting, which involves releasing heavy burdens and breaking yokes. Shedding unnecessary baggage is not only a personal journey but a call to extend freedom and relief to those around us.

Matt 11:28-30 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Jesus invites us to exchange our heavy burdens for the ease and lightness found in Him. We are to forget the past and press toward the high calling of God, releasing the baggage of our past mistakes and failures. Shedding dead weight involves a deliberate choice to run with endurance.

Prayer Focus: Father, give me the strength and wisdom to shed the unnecessary burdens and yokes that hinder my spiritual growth. Help me to exchange my heavy loads for the light yoke of Christ.

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

Living the Word Today: As we shed unnecessary baggage, may we find renewed strength to run the race set before us, pressing toward the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Cast your cares upon Jesus.

Be Planted in God

Psa 1:3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither, and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Being planted as a Christian means establishing a deep and unshakable connection with Jesus Christ. This involves accepting Him as Lord and Savior and building one's life on the solid foundation of faith in Him. Christians who are planted find their roots in the Word of God. Regular study, meditation, and application of biblical principles nourish and sustain their spiritual growth. The Bible becomes the source of guidance, wisdom, and strength. Like a tree near flowing water, those rooted in God's Word bear fruit, remain vibrant, and prosper in all they do.

Jer 17:7-8 Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

Those who trust in the Lord, like a well-rooted tree, remain fruitful even in challenging times. Being planted as a Christian brings stability to our faith, which enables us to weather the storms of life, remaining steadfast in our commitment to Christ regardless of external circumstances. A planted Christian draws nourishment from the living water of Christ and bears spiritual fruit such as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23)

Prayer Focus: Father, help me to be like a tree rooted by living waters, bearing fruit in abundance. Strengthen my faith and establish me in Your truth.

Verse of the Day: Col 2:6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:

Living the Word Today: Stand firm in your commitment to God's Word and produce fruit that glorifies Him.

How to Keep Your Joy Full

Isa 61:10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.

Walking in light of our salvation brings joy. Acknowledge the fact that you are saved and where God has brought you from. Let that knowledge saturate your being. True and lasting joy is found in the presence of God. Keeping our joy full involves consistently seeking and dwelling in the presence of the Lord.

Psa 13:5 But I have trusted in thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation.

Keeping our joy full is a conscious choice, rooted in our relationship with the Lord. It transcends circumstances and is anchored in the unchanging nature of God. Jesus teaches us the importance of prayer in maintaining fullness of joy. Asking in His name and receiving from the Father contributes to a deep and abiding sense of joy that goes beyond temporal happiness.

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, help me to rejoice always, even in the midst of challenges. Teach me the power of prayer, that I may receive from You and experience lasting joy.

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

Living the Word Today: Let your heart be filled with the joy that surpasses circumstances, a joy that is anchored in the unchanging character of our Lord. Find strength in the joy of the Lord, allowing it to permeate every aspect of your life.

Your Service to God Is Not in Vain

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

Our labor in God's work is not without purpose; it holds eternal significance. God takes note of our labor of love and service to His name. Our acts of kindness and ministering to others are not overlooked; they are remembered by the righteous and loving God. In due time, we will reap the rewards of our faithful service if we do not lose heart. Even in our eternal rest, our works continue to follow us, leaving a lasting legacy for the glory of the Lord.

Heb 6:10 For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

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

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Prayer Focus: Father, I am grateful for the assurance that my service to You is never in vain. Strengthen me when weariness sets in and remind me of the eternal impact my labor holds.

Verse of the Day: Rev 14:13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

Living the Word Today: May the truth of God's Word resonate in your heart, renewing your dedication to His work. Press on in well-doing, confident that your labor holds eternal value and will be remembered by the righteous and loving God.

Walking in Divine Favor

Prov 3:4 So shalt thou find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

As we trust in the Lord and lean not on our understanding, we find favor not only in the eyes of God but also in the sight of those around us. Divine favor leads to good understanding and harmony with both God and humanity.

Psa 84:11 For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

Walking uprightly in the Lord results in divine favor. God, as our sun and shield, bestows grace, glory, and withholds no good thing from those who seek Him.

Luke 2:52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

The life of Jesus serves as a model for us. As we grow in wisdom, stature, and favor with God and man, we position ourselves to walk in divine favor, reflecting the character of Christ. As in the story of Esther, divine favor can open doors and influence the perception of those around us. As we trust in God's guidance, we can obtain favor in the sight of others.

Prayer Focus: Father, open my eyes to recognize the opportunities You place before me, and help me to reflect the character of Christ in all I do. Thank You for favoring me.

Verse of the Day: Est 2:15 Now when the turn of Esther, the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her for his daughter, was come to go in unto the king, she required nothing but what Hegai the king's chamberlain, the keeper of the women, appointed. And Esther obtained favor in the sight of all them that looked upon her.

Living the Word Today: Trust in God's leading, knowing that as you walk uprightly, you position yourself to receive His abundant grace and blessings.

March 24

The Lord Is Always with Us

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.

The Lord's command to Joshua resonates with us today. His presence is our source of strength and courage. As we go about our daily lives, we can be confident that God is with us every step of the way. His presence is not limited by space or circumstance. Whether in heaven or in the depths, God is with us, guiding and holding us in His steadfast love.

Psa 139:7-10 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

Matt 28:20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

In times of contentment or lack, God’s assurance remains: He will never leave nor forsake us.

Prayer Focus: Father, help me to be mindful of Your constant companionship and find solace in Your abiding love.

Verse of the Day: Heb 13:5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

Living the Word Today: God goes before us and remains by our side. May this truth anchor your soul, bringing peace and confidence in every step of your journey.

March 25

Do Everything in the Name of the Lord

Col 3:17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

Living a life that honors and glorifies the Lord involves doing everything in His name. Even mundane activities like eating and drinking can become acts of worship when done with a heart dedicated to the glory of God.

1 Cor 10:31 Whether therefore ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

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

The wisdom of Proverbs teaches us that acknowledging God in all our ways, big or small, ensures His guidance and direction. A life lived in the name of the Lord is a life surrendered to His leading. We should align not only our actions but also our thoughts and words with the Lord. It acknowledges God as our strength and redeemer.

Prayer Focus: Father, may the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to You. Guide me in acknowledging You in every aspect of my life, seeking Your direction and strength.

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

Living the Word Today: Are there areas where you can more intentionally acknowledge God and seek His glory? Today, be inspired by the Scriptures to lead a life that aligns with the name of the Lord Jesus. Let every word, deed, and thought be an offering to Him, our strength and redeemer.

Let the Strong in Faith Carry the Doubts of the Weak

Rom 15:1-2 We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification.

On our Christian journey, the call to bear the qualms of the weak resonates as a thread of compassion and understanding. True strength lies in selfless service rather than self-gratification. Compassion, comfort, and patience are vital components of bearing the qualms of those struggling in faith.

1 Thes 5:14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.

Galatians emphasizes the communal aspect of faith, urging believers to share in each other's burdens. In doing so, they fulfill the law of Christ, which is rooted in love and compassion. We should avoid actions that might cause stumbling for those weaker in their convictions.

Gal 6:2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Prayer Focus: Father, give me the wisdom to fulfill the law of Christ by supporting, comforting, and patiently walking alongside my brothers and sisters. Help my actions to be rooted in love, reflecting the selfless nature of Christ.

Verse of the Day: 1 Cor 8:9 But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumblingblock to them that are weak.

Living the Word Today: Purpose to be sensitive to the needs of others, cultivating a community of love where the strong willingly bear the burdens of the weak.

Sow in the Times of Famine

Prov 18:24 A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

Life often presents us with seasons of famine – be it in relationships, finances, joy, or peace. Proverbs encourages us to cultivate friendship and to be a friend ourselves. In times of relational famine, reaching out, and being friendly can lead to connections that are steadfast and supportive.

Phil 4:19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

God is our ultimate provider. In the midst of financial famine, trust in His promise that He will supply all our needs according to His riches. In seasons of joy famine, Psalm 30:5 offers hope. It assures us that joy will come, and God's favor is the source of life. The night may be long, but joy is promised with the dawn.

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.
In times of famine in peace, Jesus' words in John 14:27 bring comfort. His peace is not of this world, and it has the power to calm troubled hearts and dispel fear.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Prayer Focus: Father, in times of famine, I turn to You as my source of provision, joy, and peace. Give me strength and wisdom to navigate these challenges, knowing that You are faithful and will sustain me.

Verse of the Day: Gal 6:7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

Living the Word Today: Continue to sow in times of famine. God will cause increase to come your way.

How to Crucify Our Flesh

Gal 5:24-25 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Crucifying our flesh begins with understanding that, just because something is legal to do, it doesn't mean it is right for us to do. We must walk in the spirit not the legalities of the law. Flesh is our human nature. We need to tell our flesh what to do instead of following its promptings, and it is a continual process of surrendering our desires and aligning them with Christ's will. Walk in obedience to God. In Romans, Paul urges believers to put to death the deeds of the body through the Holy Spirit. This act of mortifying the flesh is a conscious effort to live in accordance with the Spirit, leading to abundant life.

Rom 8:13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

Col 3:5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

Prayer Focus: Father, I ask for discernment to identify areas of my life that need surrendering. Empower me through Your Spirit to mortify the deeds of the body.

Verse of the Day: 1 Cor 9:27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

Living the Word Today: Actively participate in the ongoing work of crucifying your flesh, allowing the Holy Spirit to guide you toward a life that reflects the likeness of Christ.

Fearing God

Prov 1:7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

As we have a reverential fear of God, we tap into His knowledge and what He has for us. He can give us things that are beyond our understanding. Take the time to acknowledge God in all your ways and He will direct your paths.

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

A deep reverence for the Almighty should permeate every facet of our lives. It shapes our understanding of His holiness and makes us wise. Our duty as humans is to fear God and keep His commandments.

Prov 9:10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.

Ecc 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

Prayer Focus: Father, give me the wisdom to seek Your guidance, to keep Your commandments, and to experience the confidence and refuge found in fearing You.

Verse of the Day: Prov 14:26 In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge.

Living the Word Today: Stand in awe of God. Be obedient to Him and respect Him. Honor His creation and thank Him for the people He places in your life.

See it Before You See It

Heb 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

As Christians, our faith calls us to envision God's promises before they come to fruition. Faith provides a substantial foundation for our hopes and serves as evidence for things we cannot yet see. Seeing with the eyes of faith precedes the manifestation of God's promises.

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.

Seeing the fulfillment of our desires begins with a firm belief and confidence that God is faithful to answer our prayers. In Romans, we see Abraham's faith in a God who calls things into existence before they physically manifest. This principle encourages us to speak and envision God's promises into existence.

Rom 4:17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

Prayer Focus: Father, help me to see with the eyes of faith, to pray with confidence, and to speak into existence those things that align with Your will. Strengthen my vision that I may walk in the assurance of things hoped for.

Verse of the Day: 2 Cor 4:18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

Living the Word Today: Through faith, prayer, and a focus on the unseen, witness the manifestation of God's promises in your life, bringing glory to His name.

Overcome All Fear

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

Fear can be a formidable adversary, but as Christians, we are called to overcome all fear through the power of God's Word. Fear does not come from God. Instead, He has equipped us with the spirit of power, love, and a sound mind.

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.

Isaiah provides a powerful assurance of God's presence and support, urging us not to fear. His promise to strengthen, help, and uphold us instills confidence in the face of fear. His presence dispels all fear, and we can confidently face any challenge. When we anchor ourselves in God's love, fear loses its grip, and we experience His perfect peace.

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

Prayer Focus: Father, Your Word assures me that fear does not come from You, and in Your presence, there is perfect love that casts out all fear. Give me the courage to face challenges with confidence, knowing that You are with me, strengthening and upholding me.

Verse of the Day: 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.

Living the Word Today: Confront fear with faith, trusting in God’s power, love, and perfect peace.

Romans Road to Salvation

ROMANS 3:23

WE ARE ALL BORN AS SINNERS

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

ROMANS 6:23

GOD OFFERS A FREE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE

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

ROMANS 5:8

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

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

ROMANS 10:9

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

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

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

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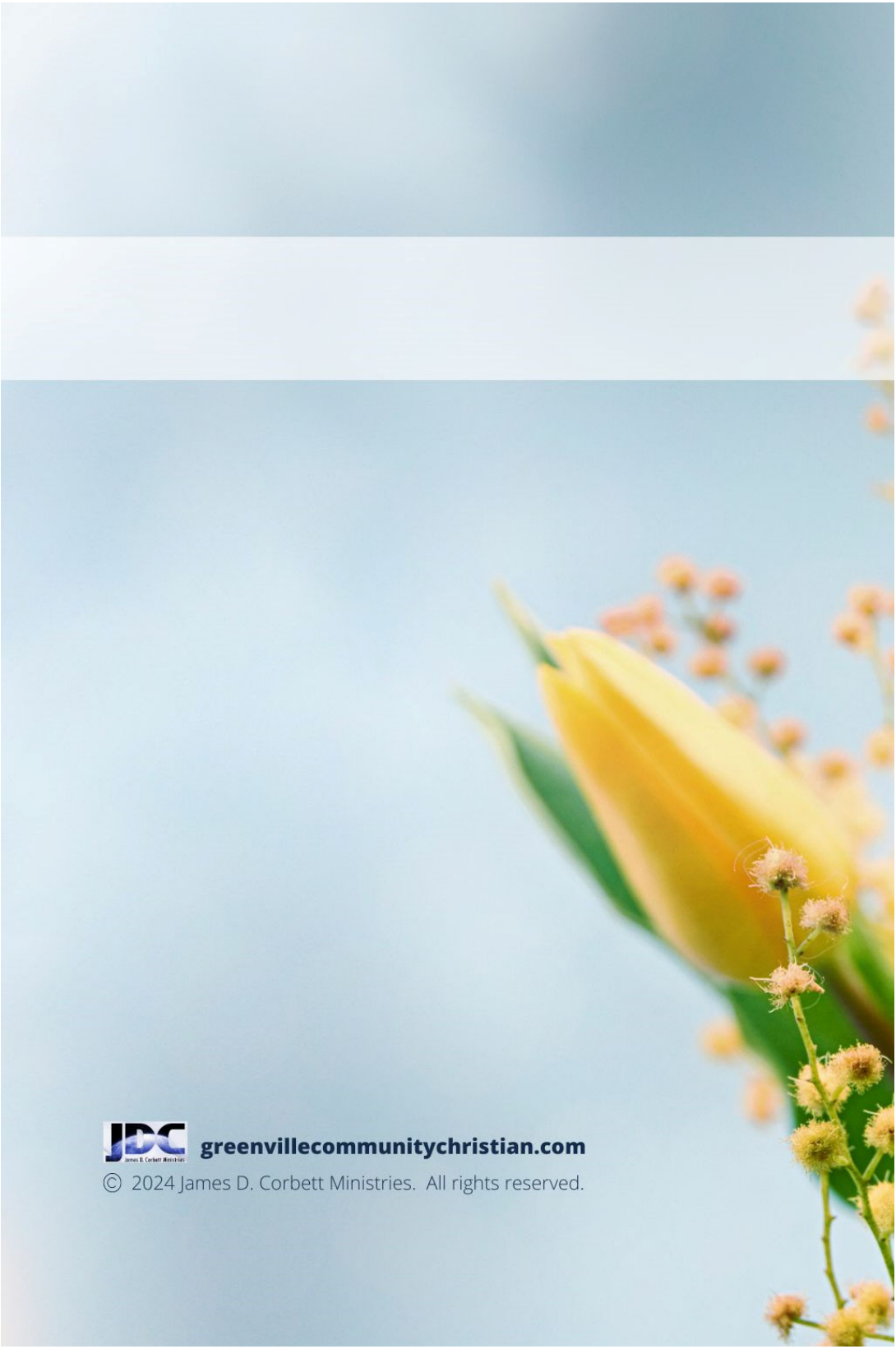

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