



Greetings in the Wonderful Name of Jesus!

As we approach the wonderful occasion of Mother's Day, I am reminded of Isaiah 66:13: "As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem." On this special day, we turn our hearts and minds to honor the mothers among us, especially our own cherished mothers.

It is with great joy that we extend a heartfelt invitation to you and your family to join us at Greenville Community Christian Church this Mother's Day. We have planned an exceptional service to honor and celebrate all mothers. It is a time to acknowledge their profound influence and sacrifices in our lives and our community.

Additionally, I wish to extend my warmest congratulations to those who have recently reached significant life milestones. Your achievements are a testament to the faithfulness and goodness of God.

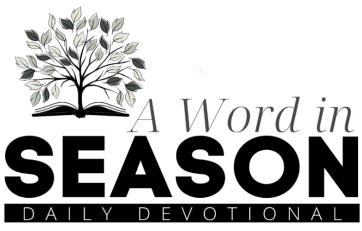
"A Word in Season" is written to be a blessing to you. I trust you are strengthened by each daily devotion. Your responses and generous support have indeed been a great encouragement to this ministry. Lady Sarah and I cherish your involvement and are continually grateful for your prayers and support.

We love and appreciate each one of you deeply. May God's grace abound in your life, and may you feel His comforting presence this Mother's Day.

Yours in Christ,

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Chosen by God

1 Sam 16:7 But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.

God's criteria for choosing individuals are vastly different from the world's standards. Humans often judge based on outward appearances or worldly accomplishments, but God looks beyond the superficial and sees into the depths of the heart, discerning sincerity, humility, and faithfulness.

Matt 22:14 For many are called, but few are chosen.

God invites all, but not all heed the call. Among those who respond, God selects and commissions certain individuals for specific purposes. Being chosen by God is not about personal merit or entitlement but stems from His divine purpose and sovereignty.

John 15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

Jesus reminds His disciples that their selection and commissioning come from Him. He chooses them not for their inherent greatness but for their willingness to bear fruit for His kingdom. This verse emphasizes the importance of obedience and perseverance in fulfilling God's calling.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for choosing me according to Your divine purpose and grace. Give me the strength and wisdom to fulfill the calling You have placed on my life.

Verse of the Day: 1 Cor 1:27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty

Living the Word Today: Surrender to God's will and become a vessel through which His love and grace can flow.

The Transforming Power of Repentance

2 Chr 7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Repentance is a foundational concept in the Christian faith, yet its significance often gets overlooked or misunderstood. Genuine repentance involves humility, prayer, seeking God's face, and turning away from sinful ways. When we meet these conditions, God promises to forgive us, heal our land, and restore our relationship with Him. Repentance is a cause for celebration in the heavenly realm. It signifies a turning point in one's life, a decision to leave behind sin and embrace God's grace and mercy.

Luke 15:7 I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

Judges 16:28 And Samson called unto the Lord, and said, O Lord God, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes.

Samson's story is a powerful illustration of repentance and restoration. Despite his failings and the consequences of his actions, Samson humbly turned to God in repentance. In his final moments, he acknowledged his need for God's strength and sought redemption.

Prayer Focus: Father, give me the grace to repent sincerely, turning away from sin and turning toward You.

Verse of the Day: Psa 31:3 For thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me.

Living the Word Today: Repentance is turning away from sin and turning toward God. Repentance requires humility, honesty, and a willingness to change.

Touch Not the Dead Things

Num 6:6-7 All the days that he separateth himself unto the Lord he shall come at no dead body. He shall not make himself unclean for his father, or for his mother, for his brother, or for his sister, when they die: because the consecration of his God is upon his head.

In our Christian journey, we encounter situations that may appear lifeless, stagnant, or devoid of God's presence. However, the scriptures remind us to "touch not the dead things" and to steer clear of anything that opposes the life and vitality that God desires for us.

Samson's parents presented him under the Nazir Vow. The Nazir vow is outlined in the book of Numbers. Those under this vow were instructed to avoid contact with dead bodies, symbolizing a separation from the impurities and defilements of the world. This vow reminds us of the importance of avoiding spiritual deadness and defilement in our lives.

2 Cor 6:17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.

As Christians, we are called to live holy and set-apart lives, avoiding anything that defiles our relationship with God. Touching spiritually dead situations hinders our spiritual growth and intimacy with the Lord.

Prayer Focus: Father, help me to discern and avoid spiritually dead situations that hinder my walk with You. Grant me the wisdom to separate myself from anything that defiles my relationship with You.

Verse of the Day: Psa 31:20 Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man: thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.

Living the Word Today: Engaging with spiritually dead situations not only defiles us but also distances us from the life and vitality found in Christ. Engulf yourself with the life, love, and presence of God.

Living in Purity

1 Tim 1:12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

In a world saturated with impurity and moral decay, the call to live with purity stands as a beacon of light and righteousness. As Christians, we are called to uphold purity in every aspect of our lives – in our thoughts, actions, and relationships. Whether young or old, we are called to demonstrate purity in our speech, conduct, love, faith, and integrity. Our lives should reflect the holiness and righteousness of Christ.

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

Our minds are battlegrounds where purity clashes with impurity. By focusing on what is true, honorable, just, and pure, we guard our hearts and minds against the contaminating influences of the world. As believers, our hope in the redemptive work of Jesus Christ motivates us to purify ourselves from sin and unrighteousness. Just as Christ is pure, we are called to strive for purity in our thoughts, words, and deeds.

1 John 3:3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for Your call to live with purity and holiness. Help me to guard my heart and mind, and to flee from anything that tarnishes my relationship with You.

Verse of the Day: Nah 1:7 The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him.

Living the Word Today: Living with purity is a reflection of our commitment to Christ. It involves surrendering our desires, thoughts, and actions to the lordship of Jesus Christ. As we yield to God's guidance and sanctifying power, we experience the beauty and freedom of living a life marked by purity.

The Abundance of God's Grace

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

Grace is a word often mentioned in Christian circles, yet its depth and magnitude can sometimes escape our grasp. Our salvation is entirely by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. We cannot earn or merit God's favor; it is a gift freely given by God out of His boundless love and mercy. Our good works cannot save us; rather, they are the fruit of our gratitude for the grace we have received.

Rom 5:20 Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound.

No matter the depth of our sin or the magnitude of our mistakes, God's grace surpasses them all. His grace is greater than our failures, and it covers a multitude of sins, offering forgiveness and redemption to all who believe. God's grace is not only abundant but also sufficient to sustain us in every circumstance. In our weaknesses and struggles, His grace empowers us to persevere and experience His strength made perfect.

2 Cor 12:9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for the abundance of Your grace poured out upon me through Jesus Christ. Help me to fully comprehend the depth of Your love and mercy towards me.

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

Living the Word Today: God's grace exceeds our understanding, surpasses our sinfulness, and sustains us in every season of life. As recipients of God's grace, may we respond with gratitude, humility, and a desire to extend grace to others.

Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness

1 Chron 16:29 Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Worshipping the Lord in the beauty of holiness is not just a religious duty; it's a transformative act that yields remarkable results in our lives. As Christians, our worship is not confined to a mere ritual but encompasses every aspect of our being, reflecting the holiness and glory of God. When we approach God with pure hearts and sincere adoration, we acknowledge His greatness and give Him the glory He deserves. True worship flows from a heart that is set apart for God, and it brings about a deep intimacy with Him.

Psa 29:2 Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Worshiping the Lord in holiness is an act of acknowledging His sovereignty, majesty, and worthiness. As we exalt God in the beauty of holiness, His presence fills our lives, bringing peace, joy, and fulfillment. Our worship is not limited by geography or circumstance; it is a universal call to honor God with reverence and awe. As we exalt Him in holiness, His glory is revealed, drawing others to encounter His power.

Psa 96:9 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for the privilege of worshiping You in the beauty of holiness. Fill my heart with Your presence.

Verse of the Day: Psa 100:1 Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

Living the Word Today: When we worship God with pure hearts and minds, our worship becomes a conduit for His presence and power.

God Watches Over His Word to Perform It

Jer 1:12 Then said the Lord unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten my word to perform it.

Throughout scripture, we see evidence of God's faithfulness in fulfilling His promises and bringing His plans to fruition. God assured Jeremiah that He would fulfill His word with promptness and precision. Just as He spoke to Jeremiah, God's word is not empty or void; it carries the power to accomplish what He intends. When God speaks, it is certain that His word will come to pass.

Isa 55:11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Isaiah's prophecy echoes the assurance that God's word will accomplish its intended purpose. When God speaks, His word carries the authority and power to bring about the fulfillment of His plans. His word is trustworthy and reliable, never failing to achieve what He desires. Unlike human beings who may fail or change their minds, God remains steadfast and faithful. His word is a sure foundation upon which we can build our lives and trust His promises.

Num 23:19 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?

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

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

Living the Word Today: Promises are often broken, but we can trust in the faithfulness of God's word. His promises are not empty rhetoric but carry the power to bring about change, fulfillment, and blessings.

God's Timing

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

There is a divine schedule for everything. Our lives are composed of seasons—moments of joy, trials, growth, and rest. Each phase serves a purpose under heaven, meticulously planned and executed by God. This verse calls us to embrace the season we are in, understanding that it is part of a grander design, ordained by God for His glory and our ultimate good.

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

Waiting is not a passive act but a form of spiritual warfare. It is in the quiet of waiting that our hearts are fortified. God's timing often requires us to wait, to trust in His unseen work. David's encouragement reminds us that strength and courage are found not in the immediacy of answers but in the depth of our trust.

Hab 2:3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

Prayer Focus: Father, teach me to trust in Your timing, to embrace each season with faith, knowing that You are with me through every moment. Grant me the patience to wait on Your promises, the strength to endure the journey, and the wisdom to see Your hand at work in all things.

Verse of the Day: Isa 60:22 A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I the Lord will hasten it in his time.

Living the Word Today: Understanding God's timing is an exercise in faith. It teaches us to rely not on our understanding but on the trustworthiness of God who sees the end from the beginning.

The Power to Change

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.

A common mishap of humans as we age is to become stuck in our ways of thinking and being. Change is necessary for growth. The good news is that God gives us the power to change. The most significant transformations occur not on the outside but within the depths of our hearts, sparked by the divine touch of our Creator.

Being in Christ means more than a change of habits; it signifies a rebirth of our very selves. The old life, bound by sin and its consequences, is replaced by a new existence, marked by grace and redemption. This change is not the just result of human effort but a divine intervention, a miraculous work of God within us.

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

Change begins with how we think. By immersing ourselves in God's Word and allowing the Holy Spirit to guide our thoughts, our perspectives shift. We start to discern God's will more clearly, walking in ways that reflect His goodness and perfection.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for the gift of transformation that You offer through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Help me to lay down my old self and embrace the new creation You have made me to be.

Verse of the Day: Eph 4:24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Living the Word Today: The journey of excellence in Christ is about becoming more like Jesus, reflecting His love, grace, and truth in every area of our lives. This process is ongoing, challenging, and often requires us to step out in faith, leaving behind the familiar to embrace the new life God has for us.

Forgiveness Is Power

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

The ability to forgive others stems from the profound forgiveness we have received from God through Christ. It is a powerful call to mirror God's forgiveness in our interactions, transforming our relationships and communities.

Matt 18:21-22 Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.

The term "seventy times seven" is not to be taken literally but symbolizes an infinite capacity to forgive, pointing to the boundless nature of God's forgiveness towards us. This teaching challenges us to extend forgiveness freely, without keeping score, as a testament to our understanding of God's grace.

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

Quarrels and offenses are inevitable. However, the mandate remains clear: forgive as Christ forgave. This perspective positions forgiveness as an active choice and a powerful expression of love and obedience to God.

Prayer Focus: Father, teach me to forgive as freely and fully as You have forgiven me. Help me to let go of bitterness, anger, and resentment, that I may walk in the freedom and peace of Your love.

Verse of the Day: Luke 6:37 Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven:

Living the Word Today: Forgiveness is indeed power—a divine power that breaks chains of bitterness, heals deep wounds, and restores broken relationships. Walk in forgiveness today.

Your Gifts Will Bring You Before Great Men

Prov 18:16 A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men.

The Bible speaks volumes about the importance of gifts—both spiritual and natural—and their potential to impact the world and fulfill God's purpose for our lives. These gifts, bestowed upon us by our Creator, are not just for personal edification but are designed to be shared with others, connecting us to larger opportunities and divine appointments. They can open doors that would otherwise remain closed. It's not about the talent or skill itself but the willingness to use it for the benefit of others and for the glory of God. Whether it's a spiritual gift of prophecy or a natural gift of artistry, when used in service to God's kingdom, it paves the way for unprecedented favor and divine appointments.

1 Pet 4:10 As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

We have a responsibility to steward our gifts wisely, not hoarding them for personal gain but using them to serve one another. In doing so, we not only bless others but also fulfill our calling, demonstrating the variety and richness of God's grace in tangible ways.

Prayer Focus: Father, help me to recognize my gifts, develop them, and use them for Your glory. Give me the courage and generosity to share them with others, knowing that in doing so, I am fulfilling Your purpose for my life.

Verse of the Day: Matt 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Living the Word Today: Our gifts, both spiritual and natural, are indeed opportunities—entrusted to us by God not just for our own benefit but for the advancement of His kingdom. When we use our gifts, we align ourselves with God's purpose, becoming outlets of His grace and love.

Having a Form of Godliness

2 Tim 3:5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

There is a danger in maintaining an outward appearance of piety while denying the very essence that empowers it—faith in Christ and the working of the Holy Spirit. This form of godliness is hollow, lacking the capacity to change lives or bring one closer to God. Paul's instruction to "turn away" from such superficiality underscores the importance of seeking a faith that is alive, dynamic, and transformative.

Matt 23:27-28 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

Jesus' rebuke of the scribes and Pharisees is a powerful indictment against superficial religion. He compares them to whitewashed tombs—beautiful on the outside but containing death within. This is a caution against developing an external appearance of righteousness that masks an inner reality of spiritual decay. True godliness springs from a heart transformed by the Gospel, not from a facade maintained for the approval of others.

Prayer Focus: Lord, help me not to be satisfied with a form of godliness but to seek a deep, genuine relationship with You. Forgive me for the times I've focused more on appearances than on the condition of my heart.

Verse of the Day: 1 Sam 16:7 But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.

Living the Word Today: We are called to move beyond the superficial and embrace a relationship with God that transforms us from the inside out. This change produces the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control within us.

Many Are the Afflictions of the Righteous

Psa 34:19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.

Afflictions will come, and they may be many. However, deliverance is not just a possibility; it is a certainty for the righteous. The assurance that the Lord delivers His people from every trial highlights His sovereignty and unwavering faithfulness. This promise does not mean that we will be spared from hardship, but that we will be guided through it, emerging stronger and more deeply rooted in our faith.

2 Cor 4:8-9 We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

Despite being surrounded by trials, true faith in Christ equips us to face these challenges without succumbing to despair. This resilience is not of our own making but is a testament to the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit, ensuring that even in persecution, we are never abandoned. The trials may be relentless, but so too is the divine strength that sustains us.

1 Pet 4:12-13 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

Prayer Focus: Father, in the midst of my afflictions, I cling to Your promises. I acknowledge that though the path of righteousness may lead through valleys of trial, You are with me every step of the way.

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

Living the Word Today: As Christians, we are not promised a life free from trouble, but we are guaranteed a Companion who will never leave us nor forsake us in our trials. The Lord's deliverance may not always come in the form we expect or desire, but it comes nonetheless—tailored to deepen our faith, refine our character, and glorify His name.

Hold Your Peace

Exodus 14:14 The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

In the face of seemingly insurmountable obstacles, the command to hold one's peace is not about inaction but about active trust in God's intervention. It's a call to silence our fears, complaints, and doubts, allowing God to work on our behalf.

Psa 46:10 Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

To "be still" is to hold our peace in a world of turmoil, acknowledging God's ultimate authority and control. This verse encourages believers to pause, reflect, and find rest in the knowledge of God's omnipotence and His purposeful action in the world.

Jas 1:19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:

Holding our peace, in this context, is about being deliberate in our response to life's provocations, choosing to listen and understand before speaking or acting. This principle fosters peace within us and in our relationships, reflecting the gentleness and patience of Christ.

Prayer Focus: Father, teach me to trust in Your sovereignty and to rest in the assurance that You are fighting my battles. Grant me the wisdom to be still and know that You are God, the patience to listen before I speak, and the strength to remain calm in the face of frustration.

Verse of the Day: Isa 30:15 For thus saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: but ye would not.

Living the Word Today: In moments of fear, confusion, or anger, there is a divine strength available to those who choose to surrender their need to control or respond immediately. Holding our peace allows us to create space for God to move, to hear His voice more clearly, and to allow His will to unfold in His timing.

God's Eternal Love

Jer 31:3 The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

Unlike human affection, which can waver and fade, God's love is everlasting, predating our existence and extending beyond the limits of time. It is a love that not only persists regardless of our actions but actively draws us into a closer relationship with Him through lovingkindness.

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

God's love is so powerful that no force—be it spiritual or physical, present or future—can sever the bond it creates between God and His children. This passage assures us of the security that comes from being enveloped in God's love, a security that transcends circumstances and trials.

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

To dwell in love is to dwell in God Himself, and vice versa. This emphasizes the depth of the relationship we are invited into, one that is founded and sustained by eternal love.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for loving me with an everlasting love, for drawing me close with Your lovingkindness, and for assuring me that nothing can separate me from Your love in Christ Jesus.

Verse of the Day: Eph 3:19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

Living the Word Today: In moments of doubt or loneliness, cling to the truth of God's unchanging affection, finding solace and strength in His promises.

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Learn How to Rest

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.

In our fast-paced, always-on society, the art of rest is often undervalued and misunderstood. We live in a time when busyness is equated with productivity, and stillness is mistaken for idleness. Jesus extends an open invitation to all who are weary and burdened to come to Him for rest. This rest is more than mere physical relaxation; it is a deep, soulful rest that comes from being in relationship with Christ. By taking His yoke upon us, we learn from His meekness and humility, finding a rest that permeates our being and lightens our burdens.

Exo 20:8-11 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

The commandment to observe the Sabbath is a divine mandate for rest. By setting aside one day a week to cease from labor, we acknowledge our reliance on God, celebrate His provision, and rejuvenate our bodies and spirits in preparation for the work He has called us to do.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank you for the gift of rest.

Verse of the Day: Psa 23:2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

Living the Word Today: In a culture that glorifies busyness, let us reclaim the biblical value of rest, recognizing it as a gift that nourishes our relationship with God, restores our beings, and empowers us for service.

It Is Finished

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

The declaration Jesus made on the cross, "It is finished," (John 19:30) was not one of defeat but a triumphant announcement that the work He came to do was completed. Through His sacrifice, Jesus accomplished all that was necessary for our healing, deliverance, and salvation. Hundreds of years before Christ's crucifixion, the prophet Isaiah foretold the suffering He would endure for our sake. Through Jesus' stripes, we are healed. His suffering was not in vain; it was the very means by which we receive healing—both spiritually and physically. In Christ, the promise of healing is not just a future hope but a present reality.

Col 2:14-15 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

At the cross, Jesus disarmed the forces that stood against us, securing our deliverance from sin and death. The legal demands and decrees that condemned us were abolished, freeing us to live in the liberty of God's grace. This victory over spiritual principalities assures us of our authority in Christ.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for the healing, deliverance, and salvation accomplished through Christ's sacrifice. Help me to live in the fullness of this victory, walking confidently in the freedom You have given me.

Verse of the Day: Heb 10:12 But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;

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

Praying from a Position of Rest

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

Our prayers are most powerful when they emerge from a position of rest. This isn't about physical relaxation but a deeper, spiritual calm that we find in God. God sets the ultimate example by resting on the seventh day after His work of creation (Genesis 2:2-3). This rest wasn't due to fatigue but signified completeness and satisfaction in His finished work. Similarly, when we approach Him in prayer, we are invited to enter into His rest, acknowledging the completeness of His work in Jesus Christ. He calls us to lay down our burdens at His feet and embrace the peace that comes from trusting in His provision and sovereignty.

Matt 11:28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Resting in prayer involves trusting in God's timing and His perfect will. It's a recognition that our prayers are not just being heard but answered in the way that is best for us.

1 John 5:14-15 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

Prayer Focus: Father, in a world filled with noise and chaos, help me to find my quiet place in You. Teach me to lay down my burdens and to pray from a position of rest, fully trusting in Your sovereignty and grace.

Verse of the Day: Psa 62:1 Truly my soul waiteth upon God: from him cometh my salvation.

Living the Word Today: Let this day be a testament to the power of resting in God's presence, where our prayers become the most potent.

Renewing the Mind

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

Renewing of our minds is not just beneficial; it's essential for our spiritual health and growth. It is a directive for those wishing to live a life in alignment with God's will. The renewing of the mind is a continuous process of letting go of worldly patterns and embracing godly wisdom.

Psa 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

By immersing ourselves in Scripture, we not only avoid sin but begin to think and act in ways that reflect God's character. The pursuit of godly wisdom is vital in the renewing of our minds. It's through seeking God and His wisdom that we begin to view the world through a lens of divine understanding and discernment.

Prov 4:7 "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

Col 3:2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

With a mind renewed by the Word and Spirit of God, believers are equipped to discern and do God's will, bearing fruit in every good work.

Prayer Focus: Father, I pray for the renewal of my mind through Your Word and Spirit. Help me to resist being shaped by the patterns of this world and instead, transform me from the inside out.

Verse of the Day: Isa 26:3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

Living the Word Today: Renewing our minds is a daily journey that draws us closer to the heart of God, enabling us to live out His will with clarity and purpose. Commit to this process, seeking the things above and saturating your mind with the truth of God's Word.

Our Daily Garments

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.

Belt of Truth: **John 17:17** *Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.* As we immerse ourselves in God's Word, we are girded with His truth, protecting us from deception.

Breastplate of Righteousness: Phil 3:9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith. Our righteousness is found in Christ, shielding our hearts from the accusations and guilt the enemy throws our way.

Shoes of Peace: Rom 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Shield of Faith: Faith enables us to quench the fiery darts of the wicked. Heb 11:1 "...the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Helmet of Salvation: Salvation is our assurance and protection for our minds. **1 Thes 5:8** But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

Sword of the Spirit: The Word of God is our offensive weapon. **Heb 4:12** For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for providing the Armor of God for my daily battles.

Verse of the Day: Isa 59:17 For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloke.

Living the Word Today: Remember to clothe yourself in the Armor of God, standing firm in His might and power. Through His strength we can overcome and emerge victorious.

The Importance of Believing God's Promises

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

God's promises are the foundation upon which we can build our lives, faith, and future. The Bible is full of promises from God to His people—promises of provision, protection, presence, and salvation. Believing in these promises is crucial for our spiritual well-being and growth. Faith is the assurance we cling to when we believe in God's promises, even when those promises seem distant or impossible from our human perspective.

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

God is committed to meeting our needs. Believing in this promise requires trusting that God knows what we need and will provide for us in His perfect timing and will. No matter what we face in life, we are never alone. God is with us in every trial, every joy, and every ordinary moment. The most significant promise in the Bible is the promise of eternal salvation. This promise offers eternal life and a relationship with God through faith in Jesus Christ.

Heb 13:5 ... I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

Rom 10:9 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 Focus: Father, thank You for Your precious promises that guide me, protect me, and give me hope.

Verse of the Day: 2 Pet 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Living the Word Today: Anchor your life in the promises of God, where we find strength to face each day with confidence, knowing that our God is with us, for us, and in us, fulfilling His word in and through our lives.

You in Christ and Christ in You

John 15:4-5 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches.

One of the most profound mysteries and blessings of the Christian faith is the believer's union with Christ. This union is a living, breathing reality that impacts every aspect of our lives. Understanding the dynamics of this union helps us grasp the depth of God's love for us and the power available to us in our daily walk with Him. Abiding in Him is a continual, living connection. In Him, we are not just improved versions of ourselves but entirely new creations, redeemed and restored.

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.

Christ dwelling in us is the very foundation of our hope—not just for eternity but for the glory we can manifest here and now. His presence within us empowers us to live lives worthy of the Gospel.

Col 1:27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for the mystery and blessing of my union with You. Help me to grasp what it means to be in You and to have You dwelling within me.

Verse of the Day: Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Living the Word Today: Continue to explore and appreciate the divine union we have with Christ, and grow in the grace and knowledge of Him.

God, Our Father

1 John 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

God chooses to relate to us most intimately as our Father. This title, rich with affection and authority, summarizes the depth of God's love and commitment towards us. We are called children of God, a privilege that brings us into a special relationship with Him, marked by His profound love.

Matt 6:31-32 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

God is our provider, meeting our needs out of the abundance of His riches. We are to seek His kingdom first, trusting in His provision. Along with provision, He also disciplines us out of fatherly love.

Heb 12:6-7 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for the privilege of being called Your child and for Your love that knows no bounds, Your provision that meets my every need, Your discipline that guides me towards righteousness, and the access I have to You through Jesus Christ.

Verse of the Day: Psa 68:5 A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, is God in his holy habitation.

Living the Word Today: As we continue to grow in our understanding of Him as our Father, may our hearts be filled with gratitude and trust, secure in the knowledge that we are His beloved children.

Unleash the Force of Faith

Mark 11:22-23 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

Faith is a dynamic force that has the power to transform lives, move mountains, and unleash the fullness of God's kingdom here on earth. When we truly believe, our faith connects us to the power of the Almighty, enabling us to do what seems impossible. Faith is a shield that can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

Hab 2:4 Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.

Faith is not a one-time act but a way of life. It is by faith that we stand justified before God, and by faith, we are to live out our days, trusting in His promises and provision. Armed with faith, we can stand firm, deflecting doubts and fears, and advance in our spiritual battles.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for the gift of faith that connects me to Your infinite power and love. Help me to cultivate a faith that does not doubt but believes wholeheartedly in Your Word and Your promises.

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

Living the Word Today: Trust in God's Word and promises, and unleash the force of faith that can move mountains, overcome obstacles, and draw you closer to the heart of God.

Trust God to Teach You How to Profit

Isa 48:17 Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.

Success is often measured by material wealth and personal achievement, but the biblical concept of "profit" stands out with a distinctively divine perspective. The Scripture enlightens us that true profit, the kind that endures beyond this life, is rooted in wisdom, understanding, and righteousness. It's a profound truth that God desires to teach us how to profit in ways that honor Him and enrich our lives both spiritually and materially. The Lord, in His infinite wisdom and love, shows us the way we should go, not just for our temporal gain but for our eternal benefit.

Prov 3:13-14 Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold.

Wisdom and understanding are portrayed as the ultimate profit, surpassing even the most valued material wealth. This divine wisdom, which comes from fearing the Lord and shunning evil, leads to life, righteousness, and honor—true markers of success in God's eyes. Our investments in the kingdom of God—whether through acts of kindness, sharing the gospel, or living righteously—are investments that yield eternal dividends.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for Your promise to teach me how to profit in ways that truly matter. Give me wisdom and understanding to discern the paths You have laid out for me.

Verse of the Day: 3 John 1:2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

Living the Word Today: Walk in obedience to God's Word and guidance to be assured of the most profitable journey, one that leads to eternal life and joy in His presence.

The Transformative Power of Faith

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

Faith in the Almighty is not a static, passive belief but a dynamic, active force that reshapes our lives, perceptions, and destinies in accordance with God's will and purpose. Faith has the power to transform, leading us from despair to hope, from fear to courage, and from darkness to light.

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

The metaphor of moving mountains speaks to the incredible outcomes faith can achieve — not by human strength, but through divine intervention. Faith in Jesus' power to heal not only restores physical health but also brings peace to our soul. It brings spiritual rebirth and salvation.

Mark 5:34 And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plaque.

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for the gift of faith, a powerful force that transforms lives from the inside out. Help me to nurture and grow my faith in You, believing in Your promises, trusting in Your timing, and relying on Your strength.

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

Living the Word Today: The journey of faith is one that reshapes our hearts, renews our minds, and redirects our paths. Lean into the transformative power of faith and be empowered to overcome obstacles and equipped to fulfill your God-given destiny.

Using Our Authority as Believers

Eph 2:6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

The authority given to believers is not for domination or personal gain but for advancing the Kingdom of God, combating spiritual darkness, and living victoriously in a fallen world. It stems from our union with Christ. Believers are positioned in authority that comes directly from our relationship with God. This spiritual positioning allows us to exercise divine authority on earth.

Matt 28:18-19 ...All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

We are empowered to proclaim the Gospel, make disciples, and stand against the forces of darkness in His name. We have authority over demonic forces, protecting us from spiritual harm and enabling us to deliver those oppressed by the enemy.

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

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for the authority You have given me through Christ. Help me to understand the magnitude of this gift and to use it wisely and humbly for Your glory.

Verse of the Day: 2 Cor 10:8 For though I should boast somewhat more of our authority, which the Lord hath given us for edification, and not for your destruction, I would not be ashamed.

Living the Word Today: Step into your God-given identity and mission with faith and boldness. Recognize your position in Christ and use the power He has entrusted to you to make a difference in the world. In doing so, you become a outlet of His grace, love, and power, visibly manifesting the reality of God's Kingdom on earth.

Embracing the Blessing of Grace

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

Grace is the unmerited favor of God — a divine blessing that we cannot earn through our own efforts. It's the foundation upon which our faith is built and the source from which all spiritual blessings flow. Salvation is a gift, freely given, not a reward for good behavior or deeds. This truth liberates us from the burden of trying to earn God's love and acceptance, allowing us to live in the freedom of His grace.

2 Cor 12:9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.

God's grace is not only for salvation but also sustains us through trials, transforming our weaknesses into platforms for His power and glory. Grace overcomes the power of sin by fulfilling the law in Christ. Under grace, we are not only forgiven but also empowered to live righteous lives that reflect the heart of God.

Rom 5:21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for the incredible gift of Your grace. Help me to truly understand and embrace this blessing, knowing that it is by grace I am saved, sustained, and sanctified.

Verse of the Day: Tit 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men

Living the Word Today: Grace is not just a theological concept but a living, active presence in our lives. It's the hand of God extended to us in love, offering forgiveness, strength, and guidance. Embrace the blessing of grace to enter into a deeper relationship with God, marked by gratitude, humility, and a desire to live in a way that honors the Giver of this most precious gift.

Actively Waiting

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

In our fast-paced world, waiting is often seen as a passive state, a period of inactivity where nothing significant happens. However, in the Christian life, waiting on the Lord is a dynamic and active posture that involves trust, patience, and engagement with God's purposes. Trust is a crucial element of waiting. To wait on the Lord is to remain steadfast in faith, believing in His goodness and timing, even when the path ahead is unclear. This trust is active; it involves seeking God, meditating on His Word, and finding strength in His promises.

Rom 8:25 But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

Patience is another vital component of actively waiting. It is a period of growth, where believers are molded and prepared for the plans God has for them. It's an opportunity to develop perseverance, character, and hope, all of which are essential qualities for the Christian journey.

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

Prayer Focus: Father, teach me to wait on You actively, with a heart full of trust and patience. Help me see periods of waiting as opportunities for growth, deepening my reliance on You and preparing me for Your plans.

Verse of the Day: Lam 3:26 It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD.

Living the Word Today: Active waiting is not about biding our time until something happens; it's about engaging deeply with God and growing in faith and character. Today, let's embrace the waiting seasons as divine appointments, where God shapes us and readies us for the journey ahead.

Keeping God First

Mark 12:30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

Keeping God first in our lives is a daily decision that requires intentional commitment. Loving God with our entire being is the foundation upon which all other commandments and principles rest. It's an active, whole-hearted devotion that influences every decision, thought, and action.

Matt 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Prioritize God's kingdom and His righteousness above worldly concerns and needs. When God's purposes and principles take precedence in our lives, He promises to provide for our needs, showing His faithfulness to those who put Him first. Honouring God with our first and best reflects our trust and reliance on Him, and it invites His blessing and provision into our lives.

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.

Prayer Focus: Father, help me to keep You first in every area of my life. Teach me to love You with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength.

Verse of the Day: 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.

Living the Word Today: Keeping God first is the key to balance, fulfillment, and direction in life. Examine your heart and life to see if God truly holds the first place, and make the necessary adjustments to ensure He does. When God is first, everything else falls into its rightful place.

Owning Verses Possessing the Land

Gen 12:1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

God's promise to Abraham in this verse marks the beginning of a divine promise — the ownership of a land flowing with milk and honey. This promise was not just about physical territory but symbolized a place of blessing, provision, and rest that God had prepared for His people. "Owning" the land refers to the inheritance or promise given by God, whereas "possessing" the land involves taking active steps to live in and fully experience the promises of God.

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

Ownership of the land was unconditional; it was a gift from God to His people. However, possessing the land required action. They had to move forward in faith to take hold of what God has promised. It requires faith, obedience, and often, warfare against existing giants and kingdoms.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for Your promises and the spiritual inheritance You have given me in Christ. Grant me the faith and courage to not only own but also possess all that You have prepared for me. Help me overcome the obstacles in my path, relying on Your strength and guidance.

Verse of the Day: Josh 18:3 And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, How long are ye slack to go to possess the land, which the LORD God of your fathers hath given you?

Living the Word Today: Embrace the promises of God and take the necessary steps to actively live in those promises, experiencing the richness of God's blessings and fulfilling your God-given destiny.

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> GOD OFFERS A FREE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE

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

ROMANS 10:9

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

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.

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