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# **Greetings in the Name of Our Lord!**



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Happy Mother's Day to all wonderful mothers. Motherhood is a high calling, and God grants mothers grace to give birth to and nurture children while carrying out multiple responsibilities. Always honor your mother but show extra honor on Mother's Day. At GCCC, we will honor mothers with a special gift.

Congratulations spring graduates. You reached an important milestone. Pause to celebrate, then continue to run with your vision. You are at a new beginning and we are proud of your great accomplishment. May God's blessings abound as you continue life's journey.

Jesus is our peace in the midst of a troubled world. No matter what things look like, we are blessed. When the pressures of life come your way, boldly confess, "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?" (Ps 27:1). Remember Isa 54:17: "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper..." Keep walking by faith. Victory is yours.

I pray that A Word in Season (AWIS) is a blessing to you. My wife and I read scripture, pray, and read AWIS daily. Many tell me that each day was especially for them. I believe God will use AWIS to minister to you. Remember, Lady Sarah and I love and appreciate you.

Yours in Christ, James D. Orbett

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# The Compassionate Nature of God

**Psa 145:8-9** The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy. The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.

God is full of compassion towards us, and compassion produces great mercy. God's mercy is shown in His grace that brings salvation to everyone who will receive it. Compassion grows out of love, and God loves us, so He has compassion for us. As Jesus ministered on earth, He was moved by compassion and healed the sick.

**Matt 14:14** And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.

Jesus had great compassion for the lost. Jesus came to seek and save the lost. In **Matt 9:36**, Jesus *"when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd."* The multitude had come out to hear Jesus minister and the disciples wanted to send them away, but Jesus knew they would faint along the way so His compassion led Him to take a boy's lunch, miraculously multiply it, and feed the crowd.

We must have compassion for others to be godly and Christ-like. "Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous." (**1 Peter 3:8**)

**Prayer Focus:** Father, thank You for Your grace and compassion towards us.

**Verse of the Day: Rom 9:15** For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.

**Living the Word Today:** Receive God's compassion and let it flow through us to others. That is the nature of God.

# Share the Good News

**2 Cor 6:2** For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succored thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

Thank God for this era that we live in. This is the day of salvation. The Word of God declares that whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. I am so grateful to live in an age where everyone can be saved. Jesus Christ came to give us abundant life.

**Rom 10:13-15** For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

We all have a part in proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ. Sometimes we are to defend those who proclaim the good news. Sometimes we are the ones who are supposed to proclaim the good news. Either way, we need to be a part of reaching the endtime harvest for Jesus Christ.

**Prayer Focus:** Father, give me boldness to share your gospel with the world.

**Verse of the Day: Matt 28:19-20** Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

**Living the Word Today:** Now is the time to live for God. Share the good news of Jesus Christ whenever you have the

# Speak Faith

**Rom 10:17** So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Faith comes by continually hearing the word of God. Christians are charged to live by faith. Feeding on the Word of God causes our faith to grow. Faith allows us to reach into the realm of the spirit and take hold of what is rightfully ours. It allows us to access the kind of miracles that the Centurion experienced in Matthew chapter 8. His faith was strong enough to trust Jesus to only speak a word of healing and he was confident his servant would be healed. "And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour." (Matt 8:13)

**Matt 8:5-8** And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him. The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.

Faith is released through our words. Our faith is not activated until we release it with our mouths. That's why we must continually speak faith and continually hear faith. *"We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak."* (2 Cor 4:13)

**Prayer Focus:** Father, help me to hear faith, speak faith, and live faith. It is in You that we live, move, and have our being.

**Verse of the Day: Heb 10:35** Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward.

**Living the Word Today:** Faith works by love, and perfect love casts out fear. Continue on in the Word of God and develop yourself in faith. Speak your faith.

# Seek God as the Deer Seeks the Water Brook

**Psa 42:1** As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

A hart is a deer. We know how much a deer or any animal thirsts for water when they've been through a dry season. They seek for it to quench their thirst, knowing that without it, they will not make it very long. The brook has running water that is fresh. A water brook is also a place of protection for the deer. They can swim or maybe jump across to escape predators. Going through the water masks their scent to the predators. The water brook is vital to the survival of the deer.

God's presence is vital to our spiritual walk. We should seek Him as the deer seeks the water brook. Jer 29:13 says, And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

**Prov 18:10** The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.

If we thirst after God and get in His presence, not only does He satisfy our thirst, but He also becomes our place of protection.

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

**Prayer Focus:** Father, let our hunger and thirst be satisfied by Your Word. Thank You for Your thirst-quenching, protective love.

**Verse of the Day: Jer 29:13** And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

**Living the Word Today:** God not only wants to satisfy our thirst for Him, but He also wants to cover us safely under His wings. Seek Him with all of your heart.

# You Are Kept Alive for a Purpose

**Josh 14:10** And now, behold, the Lord hath kept me alive, as he said, these forty and five years, even since the Lord spake this word unto Moses, while the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness: and now, lo, I am this day fourscore and five years old. As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in. Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the Lord spake in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the Anakims were there, and that the cities were great and fenced: if so be the Lord will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the Lord said.

Years have passed, things have changed around the world, but God is still our keeper. He is the one who restores our youth. He is still our source and He has more in store for us. We can dream again! Don't let the world tell you that because you are getting older, you need to stop and let life come. According to the Word of God, you should expect God to do something fresh and new in your life. He has kept you alive for a purpose.

**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.

Acts 2:17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

**Prayer Focus:** Father, I thank you and praise you for giving my life purpose and meaning. Help me to live in a way that You get the maximum amount of glory from my life.

**Verse of the Day: Psa 103:5** Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**Living the Word Today:** Stay strong in the Lord and the power of His might. Your life is not over, so continue to live for the glory of God.

# **Refuse to Compromise**

**Titus 2:11-13** For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ

God has graced us to go through life. He keeps us so that we can deny unrighteousness, ungodliness, and worldly lusts. We can live righteously and soberly because of His grace. We must make up our minds that we refuse to compromise in our walk with God and with our morality.

In the third chapter of Daniel we see how Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were faced with the choice of worshipping the king's idol or being cast into a fiery furnace. They refused to compromise. They answered, "If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up." (Dan 3:17-18) They were cast into the fire. God protected them from all harm, and they were not burned.

**Ps 121:1-3** I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

**Prayer Focus:** Father, in Jesus' name, create in me a clean heart and renew a right spirit within me. Help me to stand firm in my convictions and follow you without compromising.

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

**Living the Word Today: Rom 13:14** But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

# We are Delivered

**Col 1:13** Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.

Many believers go to the altar during church services to pray for deliverance from evil influences and evil spirits. The truth is, we have already been delivered. "You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:32)

Jesus, the Greater One within became sin for us so we could become righteous. He paid the price for our deliverance with His own blood. Imagine a person having an inheritance that's worth millions of dollars in the bank, but living in poverty because he or she didn't know it was there. That person could be living free of poverty if he or she knew the truth about the bank account. Likewise, when we know the truth about the deliverance God has provided for us through Christ, we can be free of all bondages.

We have to walk in the deliverance that God has already provided for us. Deliverance is free to us because Jesus paid the price for us. Fear has to go. Depression must leave because the Lord has set us free. The God who lives in us is greater than any evil that tries to come against us." If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." (John 8:36)

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

**Prayer Focus:** Father, thank You for living inside of me and freeing me from the bondage of evil.

**Verse of the Day: James 4:7** Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

**Living the Word Today:** We are free in Christ! Do not accept nor submit to evil. We have the power to overcome evil by receiving the finished work of Christ.

# Be Fruitful and Multiply

**Gen 1:28** And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

The first commandment God gave Adam and Eve was to be fruitful and to multiply – to fill the earth. To be fruitful means to reproduce after your own kind. As Believers, we need to reproduce fruit after our own kind. We should be fruitful in the works that we do, and also fruitful in reproducing other Believers. We should want to cause others to come to know God as we do and serve Him as we do.

**Col 3:23-24** And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.

Too often, saints of God know how to do different things and we love what we do, but we fail to train another generation to do what we do. God wants us to sow into the lives of others, pouring what we do and who we are into the lives of others so that they can reach or exceed that same level. Most importantly, give God another generation. Train another generation to know Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior.

**Prayer Focus:** Father, we thank and praise You, and we ask that You help us to become fruitful and multiply. We give You the glory and honor for a fruitful life.

**Verse of the Day: 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.

**Living the Word Today:** Purpose to be fruitful. Purpose to multiply for the glory of God.

# Thou Shall Not Lack

**Psa 34:10** The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.

When we believe God and seek Him for ourselves and on behalf of others, He causes good things to happen in our lives. We should have an expectancy to prosper when we seek the Lord. We can count on Him to meet all of our needs according to His infinite riches in glory.

Sometimes, financially, everything seems to be going wrong at once. In the midst of financially challenging situations remember, God is your source. Just know that God will supply everything that you need. He already has, so we must ask for His wisdom and guidance when we don't see how to navigate the challenges. Start praising God in the midst of the hard times. He will not fail you.

Boldly confess, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Phil 4:19) Trust God "to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work." (2 Cor 9:8) Remember, the Lord teaches you to profit, gives you the power to get wealth and, He creates the fruit of your lips.

References: Is 48:17; Deut. 8:18; Is 57:19

**Prayer Focus:** Father, we thank You for giving me more than enough, a full supply, pressed down, shaken together, and running over.

**Verse of the Day: Ps 37:3-4** Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

**Living the Word Today:** Walk in the fullness of life and joy in Christ. He has given you everything you need to live abundantly.

# **God Will Multiply**

**Mark 6:41-42** And when he had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before them; and the two fishes divided he among them all. And they did all eat, and were filled.

God will take what you have and multiply it when you give it to Him. When we give our lives to Him, we may be broken, but God will put the pieces together and multiply it, allowing you to feed the multitude. God will take what we give to Him and cause us to do things and go places that we never dreamed we could. Even when we go through seasons where we face things that aren't going our way, God will take that situation and turn it for the good.

**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.

**Heb 6:13-15** For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he sware by himself, Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee. And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

**Prayer Focus**: Father, thank You for causing us to feed the multitude even when we are broken. Thank You for multiplying whatever I give to You.

**Verse of the Day: Rom 8:32** He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

**Living the Word Today:** Whatever we have to give is enough for God. If we are willing to give what we have to Him, He will make something beautiful with it.

# Continue in the Faith

**Col 1:23** If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister.

Continue in the faith. Continue walking with the Lord in light of our salvation. Weariness may try to set in but continue in the faith. It may seem like you asked God for something, yet you are not where you want to be, but keep walking with God. Job had his doctrine a little wrong - he thought God was doing bad things to him, but he still had a right heart attitude as shown in Job 13:

**Job 13:15-16** Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him. He also shall be my salvation: for an hypocrite shall not come before him.

The Lord is the strength of your life. Our confidence should rest in the Lord rather than our own strength or abilities. He alone is our keeper. **Psa 27:1-3**: *"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? When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident."* 

**Heb 10:35** Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward.

**Prayer Focus:** Father, we purpose to continue in the faith. We know You are with us and You know what is best for us.

Verse of the Day: 2 Cor 5:7 For we walk by faith, not by sight.

**Living the Word Today:** Stay strong in the Lord and continue to walk with Him. Don't give up on God.

## Gather the Harvest in Season

**Matt 9:37-38** Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

Harvest time is a time of opportunity for us, but it is also a short time. Many times, church people say things like, "This is the year of the harvest," and that's good. But remember, harvest is a time of intense work, labor, and effort. If we are going to bring the harvest in, we have to be willing to work for it. We must be about our Father's business. When harvest time comes, we should remember the saying, "An opportunity, once lost, can not be regained."

We thank God for the opportunities that we have, but when it's harvest time, we must work during that time. If we do the work later, we may not have the same opportunity and we may not have the same laborers, or we may have the same laborers but a different harvest.

The children of Israel were supposed to go into the promised land. The Lord told them what day to go up, but they went to spy the land and came back with a bad report, refusing to go up that day. The next day they repented and decided to go back, but they were run back home.

**Prayer Focus:** Lord, we thank You for sending the harvest. We ask You to send laborers to gather what You have provided.

**Verse of the Day: John 9:4** I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

**Living the Word Today:** Whenever God puts something or someone on your heart, be sure to seize the opportunity at that time. Delayed obedience can cause you to miss your harvest.

## Year of Jubilee

**Deut 15:1-2** At the end of every seven years thou shalt make a release. And this is the manner of the release: Every creditor that lendeth ought unto his neighbour shall release it; he shall not exact it of his neighbour, or of his brother; because it is called the Lord's release.

That was the way debt and credit was handled in the Old Testament. Every seven years all loans were canceled, and people didn't owe anything else. It was a year of release for people, and it was also a year of jubilee where all property would go back to its original owners. We don't have that under our current system of law today, but we do have it in the realm of the spirit. Claim this as your year of release – whether it's for your health, finances, Christian walk, etc.

Jesus brought us a spiritual jubilee. He canceled the debt of sin on our behalf. He led captivity captive. The good news is we don't have to wait 7 years. Today is the day(age) of salvation. Whosoever calls upon Jesus as Savior shall be saved. Salvation restores us back to our creator and rightful owner, God our Father. This spiritual jubilee gives us victory over sin, deliverance from all bondages, and the power to get wealth. Declare your jubilee. Shout the victory shout!

**Col 1:13-14** Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: 14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

**Deut 8:18** But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth.

**Prayer Focus:** Father, thank you for a year of release in Jesus' name.

**Verse of the Day: Matt 6:12** And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

**Living the Word Today:** Give God thanks for your release. Claim out loud that this is your year of jubilee and walk into the fulfilled promises of God.

# Stand Fast

**Phil 4:1** Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved.

We need to stand fast in the Lord. Many things come to try to shake your faith. Some things come to distract you. Sometimes we don't see the results of our prayers as fast as we would like but be strong and stand fast in the faith. Stand fast means maintaining a firm, fixed, and settled position. 1 Cor 16:13 says "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, guit you like men, be strong."

"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." (Gal 5:1) The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made us free for the law of sin and death. Walk in the grace of the New Testament rather than trying to live by the letter of the law in the Old Testament.

Stand fast in you opposition to the devil and his temptations. "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world." (1 John 4:4) The Word of God says, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." (James 4:7)

Stand fast in your Christian walk and in the work of the Lord. 1 Cor 15:58 says, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." Keep on serving God. Remain faithful in kingdom work!

**Prayer Focus:** Father, strengthen me to stand fast in You.

**Verse of the Day: Heb 10:38-39** Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

**Living the Word Today:** Jesus Christ, the Greater One, lives inside us. He is on our side. Be strong in Christ.

# **Reap the Harvest**

**John 4:38** I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours.

Believers are pretty active in sowing because we believe God for a harvest. While we sow, God does not do the reaping for us. God causes crops to grow, but laborers have to go out into the field to reap the harvest. Start asking God for wisdom on how to take what is rightfully yours, how to make wise decisions, how to cause things to work in your favor

# The type of harvest we receive is determined by the <u>type</u> of seed we sow.

**Gal 6:7-8** Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

# The size of the harvest is determined by the <u>amount</u> of seed we sow.

**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.

#### The blessings of the harvest come by reaping.

**Ecc 3:1-2** To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted."

**Prayer Focus:** God, give me the wisdom, knowledge, and understanding to know how to gather Your harvest. Thank you, Lord, for the harvest.

**Verse of the Day: Prov 14:23** In all labour there is profit: but the talk of the lips tendeth only to penury.

**Living the Word Today:** Receive your harvest. Ask Him how to gather it and what to do with it to cause it to multiply.

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# Don't Quit

**2 Tim 4:9-11** Do thy diligence to come shortly unto me: For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry.

Demas was mentioned in greetings in Colossians and Philemon, but when Paul was writing his epistles, Demas had gone back to the world and he had forsaken the call. Be encouraged to stay with God. Do not quit like Demas by loving this present world. The world has a strong pull with a great delusion that contradicts the Bible. Demas was a minister that served with Paul. No matter what your position or title, be sure to keep your focus, love, and trust in God. "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." (1 John 2:15)

We have to get rid of distractions and remain focused on our purpose. Jesus remained focused on our redemption. He knew why He was here. Let's follow His example. "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." (Heb 12:1-23)

**Prayer Focus:** Father, help me not to become weary in serving You.

**Verse of the Day: 2 Chron 15:7** Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded.

**Living the Word Today:** Lay aside every weight – any distraction that pulls your focus away from God.

# God's Word at Work

**Isa 55:8-11** For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: 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.

Thank God that His word works in our lives. He said His word will not return to Him void. It is a seed that produces a harvest in our lives and causes us to triumph. Expect God's word to continually work in your life. His words strengthen us for the journey of life.

**John 6:63** It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

**James 1:21** Receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls."

The Word of God is the truth that sets us free. The Word of God heals and delivers us from destruction. It is food and nourishment for your soul. The Word of God brings transformation to the lives of those that receive it. The Word is powerful and empowering.

**Prayer Focus:** Father, thank You for Your word that is always working.

**Verse of the Day: Phil 2:16** Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.

**Living the Word Today:** Continually feed on the Word of God. Live by the Word of God.

# The Lord Strengthens Us

**Isa 40:29-31** He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: 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.

The Scripture says in Joel 3:10, "Let the weak say I am strong." The Lord gives us strength. In our weakness, the Lord is shown strong. We need to know that our strength comes from the Lord. Through Jesus, we have the power to do all things. We should boldly confess, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." (Phil 4:13)

We need strength for this journey called life. We need God's strength so we can live a Godly life. The good news is, God has given us strength for the journey. The Lord says, "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." (Isa 41:10)

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 Your strength at work in us and through us.

**Verse of the Day: 2 Chron 16:9** For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars.

**Living the Word Today:** Our strength comes from the Lord. Trust Him to strengthen you. Receive His strength!

# The Abiding Word of God

**1 Pet 1:23-25** Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

#### **God's Word Abides Forever**

Thank God that we have a word that abides forever. It will never change, and it never loses its strength and power. When God speaks, His Word is guaranteed, and it will not return to Him without accomplishing what it set out to do. "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." (Isa 55:11)

#### God Cannot and Will Not Lie

Titus 1:2 says God cannot lie. Every word of God is pure and true. Receive God's Word as the guide for your life. "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?" (Num 23:19)

#### Abide in Christ and Allow His Word to Abide in You

**John 15:7** If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

**Prayer Focus:** Father, we thank You for your abiding, unchanging, consistent word that we can rely on.

**Verse of the Day: Heb 13:8** Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

**Living the Word Today:** God's Word is consistent and it has withstood the test of time. Lean and depend on His Word.

## Repentance

**Rom 2:4** Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

**2 Pet 3:9** The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

The Lord wants us to come to a place of repentance, where our sins are blotted out. He wants us to be restored and not condemned. He wants to heal the sin-sick soul and not to destroy it. He wants us to come to a place of right standing with Him. God wants us to walk in the depths of His blessings. God gives us good things, but just because good things happen to you it doesn't mean that you're doing the right thing. When bad things happen, it doesn't mean that you are doing something bad.

God blesses us, but His desire for us is to come to repentance. We must make adjustments in our lives to turn away from sin and turn to Him. He wants to be first in our lives. God wants us to see His goodness and become reconciled with Him.

**Prayer Focus:** Father, thank You for satisfying my mouth with good things. I repent of my sins and purpose to walk uprightly before You.

**Verse of the Day: Acts 3:19 NIV** Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.

**Living the Word Today:** Let's never take the blessings of the Lord for granted. Purpose to please God with your life.

# The Doers of the Word Are Blessed

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

The willing and obedient shall eat the good of the land. When we honor God's Word and live by it, we set ourselves up for supernatural blessings. We position ourselves to receive all that God has for us by being a doer of the Word.

Every commandment God has given us is for our benefit. When He told us not to lie, it was so we would all get along better and walk in love. The "do not" steal, commit adultery, covet…all of these things help us keep a good, positive social order. It also helps us have peace within ourselves. Therefore, we can always look to God's Word to have hope and life. Jesus came to fulfill the law on our behalf so we can have total victory.

We have to speak God's Word over our lives faithfully. Jesus Christ is the High Priest of our profession. There are some things that we need to adjust in our lives to walk in line with God's Word. Sometimes we may want to skip over the "do not's," but we must acknowledge God's Word in every situation in our lives, being careful to do His Word and not just hear it. Doers of the Word are blessed.

**Prayer Focus:** Father, thank You for every Word you have given us. Help me to be mindful of the do's and the do not's.

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

Living the Word Today: Purpose to obey God and watch Him move mightily on your behalf. Be a doers of the Word!

# We Are Forgiven

**Isa 44:22** I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee.

Jesus said He came to take away "the sin," singular. Sin is plural in this verse because it is addressed to believers. The chapter starts off with "My little children," referring to those in the family.

Before you came to the Lord, you probably could not have confessed your sins because you had too many of them. That was your lifestyle, but as a believer, you confess your sins immediately because you know it. Sin is not a lifestyle for you, it's an act.

To keep your confidence towards God, confess your sins immediately and get them cleaned so you don't fall into condemnation. If you know you have sinned and refuse to confess and repent of it, you are not in condemnation but rebellion. The Bible says in 1 Sam 15:23 *"For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry."* 

The moment you have confessed Jesus as your Lord and Savior, you have been forgiven for being a sinner. Even if you sin now, thank God, the Lord forgives you. God so loved us that He forgave us, therefore, we should willingly forgive others. God's forgiveness grants us grace, mercy, and righteousness.

**Prayer Focus:** "If thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared." Ps (130:3-4) Thank You for loving us so much that You sent Your Son, Jesus, to take away our sins. Father, thank you for forgiveness.

**Verse of the Day: 2 Cor 5:21** For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

**Living the Word Today:** Take time to express gratitude to God for the forgiveness of sin. We could not live righteously without the sacrifice Jesus made to pay the penalty for sin on our behalf.

# This is the Day of Salvation

**2** Cor 6:2 For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

This is the age of salvation. When Jesus Christ came, He ushered in a new dispensation of time called grace. The law came by Moses but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. In this dispensation, righteousness is based on faith in Jesus rather than the works of the law. In this dispensation we can be saved by grace through faith.

**Rom 10:13** For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

The Lord made salvation available for every person. Whosoever shall call upon the Lord shall be saved. Calling upon Jesus is asking in faith. We are told how to receive salvation in Rom 10:9 which says, "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 of Salvation:** Dear God. Thank You for providing salvation for me. I come in the name of Jesus asking for forgiveness for my sins. I invite Jesus to come into my heart and be my Lord and Savior. Save me Lord. I yield my life unto you this day. Thank you, Lord, for saving me.

**Verse of the Day: Heb 2:3** How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him.

**Living the Word:** If you are saved, continue to live the saved life and be a witness for Christ. Bring others to God's saving grace. If you are not saved call on Jesus for salvation today.

# Strength to Resist Temptation

**Phil 4:13** I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Temptation comes to draw you away from the things of God. James 1:14-15 says, "... every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." Therefore temptation is the devil's initial attempt to bring destruction to your life. Resist the temptation with your whole being.

God has provided for our deliverance from temptation. 1Cor 10:13 says, "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." Pray and ask God for deliverance from the temptation that's coming your way. Look unto the Lord for your deliverance.

The Lord gives us strength for this journey of life. He gives us power. When we feel weak like we don't have any might, The Lord gives us His might and allows us to endure. There is strength in our relationship with the Lord. As we trust in Him, we will be strengthened.

**Psa 118:14** The Lord is my strength and song, and is become my salvation

**Prayer Focus:** Dear Lord, strengthen me to follow the leadership of your Holy Spirit. Let my understanding be opened. May I hear your voice clearly. Father, keep me from temptation.

**Verse of the Day: 2Peter 2:9** The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

**Living the Word Today:** Trust the keeping of your soul unto the Lord. He will keep you from falling.

# Believe to see the Goodness of the Lord in the Land of the Living

**Psa 27:13-14** I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. 14 Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord.

**Psalms 27:13-14 AMPC** [What, what would have become of me] had I not believed that I would see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living! 14 Wait and hope for and expect the Lord; be brave and of good courage and let your heart be stout and enduring. Yes, wait for and hope for and expect the Lord.

David let us know he would not have made it without believing to see the good of the Lord. His faith in God, that he would see the goodness of the Lord, kept David going. We too should believe to see the goodness of the Lord on this side of eternity. As we turn pages in the chapters of our lives, believe that your best is still yet to come.

**Isa 28:16** says "he that believes shall not make haste." They won't act impatiently or in panic. Wait on the Lord and expect the best. Mark 9:23 says "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." We are believers so all things are possible for us.

God has things planned for you that you don't even know about yet. Trust Him and you will see His goodness. Praise God for His goodness even when you can't see it. It will manifest!

**Prayer Focus:** Father, thank you for your goodness in my life.

**Verse of the Day: 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.

**Living the Word Today:** Believe to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. This is your time. Expect God to do fresh, exciting things in your life.

# Let Love Prevail

**1 Cor 13:8** Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

Charity is most often translated as love from the Greek word, agape.

**1 Cor 13:13** And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

**Love** – a profoundly tender, passionate affection for another person; A feeling of warm personal attachment or deep affection, as for a parent, child, or friend.

**Prevail** – be or prove superior in strength, power of influence over: succeed; become dominant; win out

We need to let love prevail. We need to love, not because of, but sometimes, in spite of. We love because it was commanded from our almighty God that we love God and one another. It is good for the person we love as well as for ourselves. Love never fails. Our faith works by love. (Gal 5:6)

**Let Love Prevail Over**: Anger; Bitterness; Hatred; Fear; Selfishness; etc.

**Prayer Focus:** Father, I thank you for Your love. I ask You to perfect me in love and help love prevail in my life.

**Verse of the Day: John 13:34** A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

**Living the Word Today:** No matter what happens in life, do not forsake the command to love one another and love God.

## In the Name of Jesus

**Psa 124:8** Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**Prov 18:10** The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.

We put our trust and confidence in the name that is above every name, **Jesus**. When we call upon Him, we are calling our Savior. He is our Lord, our hope, our future, our present. He's our all-inall. There is power in the name of Jesus.

Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

We can be saved from sin, but we also can be saved from the dangers and pressures of this world when we call on Jesus. When we pray, we should do so in the name of Jesus. When heaven hears the name of Jesus, it comes to attention. When demons hear that name, they tremble in fear.

**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.

**Rom 10:13** For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

**Prayer Focus:** Thank You, Lord, for the power we have in the name of Jesus.

**Verse of the Day: Psa 79:9** Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name: and deliver us, and purge away our sins, for thy name's sake.

**Living the Word Today:** Call upon the name of Jesus. Our help, victory, and salvation is in His name.

# The Power of Vision

**Prov 29:18** Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

Thank God that we are people of vision. We are the ones who write the vision and make it plain. Any successful endeavor that we want to take requires a vision. We must have a thought and plan before anything worthwhile is established. A vision means that we are able to see things in the natural, but also the ability to have insight – to see things on the inside of us. A vision is written on the canvas of our hearts. We should let that vision come through our minds and put it on paper to formulate a plan to carry out the vision.

Vision also means an unusual competence, discernment, or perception – a person of intelligent foresight. One man described vision as the art of seeing things that are invisible. Churches need pastors who are visionaries, and they also need members and leaders with vision to help fulfill the Lord's work. We need goals and objectives to carry out the vision.

**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, make the vision come plain to me and help me to see past my natural eyes.

**Verse of the Day: Hab 2:2** And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.

**Living the Word Today:** Ask God for a vision for your home, your occupation, and your role in the body of Christ.

# Vision to Stay the Course

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

Vision is essential to staying on course. Jesus' purpose for being born was to die for the sins of the world. He had a vision of His assignment, and that vision helped Him to endure the sufferings of the cross and see the end result of joy. God can give us a glimpse of the final outcome. You must have a vision on the inside of you to keep you going when you don't feel it or see it anymore.

Being in a difficult place does not mean that you are out of the will of God. Sometimes those difficulties are molding and shaping us for our journey. Paul and Silas were very much in the will of God even though they ended up in a Philippian jail for preaching the Gospel. Out of that came the church of Philippi and a book to the Philippians.

**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.

**Prayer Focus:** Father, help me to stay encouraged to fulfill the vision You have given me.

**Verse of the Day: Joel 2:28** And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

**Living the Word Today:** In the midst of life's battles, be sure to have your vision in plain sight so that you can draw strength from it to endure your journey.

# Having the Peace of God

**Psa 119:165** Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.

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

**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.

#### 1. Be Careful For Nothing – Don't Worry About a Thing

**Phil 4:6** Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

#### 2. God's Peace Passes Understanding

**Phil 4:7** And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

#### 3. Think on These Things

**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.

**Prayer Focus:** Father, thank You for Your peace that passes all understanding.

**Verse of the Day: 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.

Living the Word Today: Pursue Peace. **Psa 34:14** Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

# Pray First

**Phil 4:6** Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your request be made known unto God

As believers, we must get out of the stress cycle and get to the blessed cycle. We ought to stop worrying over things as taught in Phil 4:6, "Be careful for nothing...," in other words, don't worry about anything. "...but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God."

We must begin giving God thanks in advance for things while letting our requests be made known, trusting that God will grant those requests. We don't see the full manifestation when we put it in the future. We start to see it when we put it in the present.

The Amplified version of Phil 4:6 says, "Do not fret or have any anxiety about anything, but in every circumstance and in everything, by prayer and petition (definite requests), with thanksgiving, continue to make your wants known to God."

The Message Bible says, "Don't fret or worry, instead of worrying, pray. Let petition and praises shape your worries into prayer. Let God know your concern."

Prayer helps us make the right decisions. As Christians, we should always pause and talk to God before we decide on anything. So often we get busy, and the pressure of time can cause hasty decision-making. If we stop and take time to pray, we will make better decisions. Take time to wait on God's answer and get His wisdom. Ask God to reveal the truth to you and invite Jesus into all decision-making.

**Prayer Focus:** Father, give me wisdom and reveal Your truth to me in all situations. Help me to make great decisions.

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

**Living the Word Today:** Don't be in such a hurry that you forget to consult with God before making decisions. Seek Him first.



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

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

#### Do this now:

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

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