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Greetings in the Wonderful Name of Jesus!

This month, our prayer and teaching focus is on the family. For most people, family is the strongest influence in life. Family helps set our values, establish our beliefs, and gives us a point of view of the world. Family should be a place of love and acceptance, passing knowledge from one generation to the next. Most importantly, family helps shape our faith.

I trust that you will receive this teaching on family. Please send any prayer requests you may have concerning your family. Let's believe together for strong, healthy families. Value them enough to invest time in prayer and in the Word of God.

Be sure to note our upcoming events listed in the back of this devotional. We have a Marriage Fellowship Dinner on Feb 10th. Our Saved, Single, and Successful fellowship will be on February 17th .

Lady Sarah and I love and appreciate you. We trust that A Word in Season blesses you. I ask for your continued prayers and support for this ministry. Your testimonies, encouragement, and offerings of support help us reach the world for Christ. Thank you.

Love and Blessings,

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Now Faith

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

Faith brings the future into the "now". Faith makes answered prayer a reality to you before you see the manifestation.

Heb 11:1 AMPC NOW FAITH is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things we hope for, being the proof of things we do not see and the conviction of their reality faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses.
Now is the time to receive what you have been asking God for. Now is the day of salvation. You don't have to wait to be saved. *"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." (*2 Cor 6:2)

Now is the time to have your prayers answered. *"Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." (*Mark 11:24)

Now is the time to receive your healing. *"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by his stripes ye were healed." (*1 Peter 2:24) Thank God He will do a *now* work in your body.

Deliverance is yours now; it does not have to come later! *"Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son."* (Colossians.1:13)

Prayer Focus: Expect God to do a now work in your life.

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

Living the Word: Be it unto me according to thy Word.

Prosperity

2 Cor 8:9 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

Faith brings things into the now. Faith takes what you expect to happen and brings it into the now. It is a reality. You are convinced and you have a conviction in your heart that what you believe is done and it is already done for you.

Faith for God's provisions gets you out of a broke mentality and gets you over into a prosperous mentality. You need to believe that God not only prospers you, but that He does it now. You must believe that God has already blessed you. Prosperity is yours now.

God wants to bless you with material things. However, more importantly, God wants to do a work in you so He can do a work through you. God wants to get you out of that spirit of stinginess and fear of lack so you can be a blessing to others.

Stop seeing lack and start seeing God as your full supply. One way to turn your finances around is over in the realm of the spirit. Change how you are thinking. Change what's in your heart. Change your belief system and watch God cause the resources to come to you. Prosperity is yours now!

Prayer Focus: God, renew my mind when it comes to prosperity.

Verse of the Day: 1Tim 6:17 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;

Living the Word: Be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Prosperity (Cont.)

2Cor 8:9 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

The Bible calls you rich.. Your bank account may not reflect it now but according to the Word of God, you are rich. You need to get a revelation of that so you can be in a position to help someone else. Rich means abundantly supplied with resources. Jesus came that we might have life and have life more abundantly..

God is not a God of lack. There is no shortage with God. The food that it takes to feed all the birds for one day would bankrupt the world's economy, but God feeds them all! The river flows into the ocean and yet the river doesn't run dry and the ocean never over flows. That is God's abundance.

God is a God of abundance. If you dare to believe, you can use your faith to pay off your car and your house. You just have to believe it will work for you. Your situation is not too hard for God. Prosperity can be yours now.

Have a purpose for prosperity. Believers are to "seek first to kingdom of God". What would you do if God prospered you right now? Do you have a plan? God does not prosper people so they can sin more. Purpose to build the kingdom. Purpose to be an instrument of God's blessings. The Bible says as you give you cause many to give thanks to God.

Prayer Focus: Lord, empower me to be a blessing to your Kingdom.

Verse of the Day: 2Cor 9:11 Being enriched in everything to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.

Living the Word: Purpose to be a Kingdom builder.

Prosper for the Sake of the Kingdom

Deut 8:18 But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.

When you get blessed, don't forget God. God wants to prosper His people so they can be covenant people and carry out the work of the kingdom.

Not wanting to prosper would be selfish. Saying "I don't want to prosper" would be like saying "I don't want to be in a position to bless the Kingdom". Wanting to prosper just to heap up things for yourself would be equally as selfish. We are blessed to be a blessing.

Your whole motive for prosperity should be to bless the Kingdom. If you don't have, then you can't give. When you don't have then you are limited and there is only so much you can do, even though your heart desires to give and do more.

God wants to raise you up to be successful. He wants to raise you up financially because He knows you will be a Kingdom giver. The Word of God says, in Matt 6:33, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

Prayer Focus: Lord, prosper me so I can bless the Kingdom.

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

Living the Word: If they obey and serve him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasure. (Job 36:11)

Return to Your Rightful Place in the Lord

Jer 4:1 If thou wilt return, O Israel, saith the Lord, return unto me: and if thou wilt put away thine abominations out of my sight, then shalt thou not remove.

God wants us to return unto our rightful place in Him. Our rightful place is in the center of God's will, doing what He would have us to do and living the way He would have us to live. When we return unto Him, He will return unto us.(Malachi 3:6-7) God loves you and chastens you. He has invested too much in you to let you go. When we are confident in God's love we have no fear.

As you go through life things come along to try to pull you off center. You may not be out of the will of God, but you might not be in the center of it. That does not mean you are out sinning. You still love God and are serving God, but you are out of your rightful place. Maybe you have backed away from your responsibilities in the Kingdom.

We need to judge ourselves so we will not be judged. (1Cor 11:31) We don't want to miss it. We need everything God has for us, so we need to come clean with ourselves and with God. If you are not improving, then you are losing ground!

Prayer Focus: Lord, I thank you for loving me and giving me another chance.

Verse of the Day: Mal 3:6-7 For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed. Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts. But ye said, wherein shall we return?

Living the Word: Return to your rightful place in the Lord.

By Grace Are You Saved

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.

People try to appease God in many ways in order to receive salvation and go to heaven. Some think that going to church will save them. Others think giving money to worthy causes will save them. Even living a good, clean, moral life is not good enough to earn salvation! Good works, humanitarian acts and philanthropic gifts won't get a person to heaven. All of those things are great but you must be born again. (John 3:3)

Jesus Christ died for us on the cross at Calvary. On the cross His blood was shed to pay the price for our sin. *"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men." (Titus 2:11)* We are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. According to Romans 10:13, *"Whososever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."*

Prayer Focus: Dear God, forgive me for sinning against You. I am sorry for the way I have lived. I ask You to change me. I invite Jesus Christ to be my Lord and Savior. Lord Jesus, come into my heart and save me. Jesus, I release control of my life over to You. Be my Lord and Savior. Thank You, Lord for saving me. Amen.

Verse of the Day: 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.

Living the Word: If you are not saved, accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior today. If you are saved, seek opportunities to share Jesus with someone.

February 7

Conquerors Win Warfare

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

Conquerors are winners. Being more than a conqueror means you have won the fight of faith. When your faith is challenged, keep looking to Jesus, and confessing what God promised you.

I know a lady who had faith for a specific house. She kept telling people that God said that was her house. She was told, “You can’t say that is your house because somebody is living in that house”. She kept saying, “God told me that that was my house.”

I watched that situation unfold over the years. The people that were living in the house moved and the house stayed vacant for a long period of time. She still was confessing, God said that was my house. The next thing I knew, she worked out a deal and moved into that house. That house became her house and she has been living in it for over 20 years.

She kept confessing it. She would not accept anything different and walked into her house! When God speaks to you, walk by faith. Speak your faith and don’t change it. Watch God bring it to pass.

Prayer Focus: Lord, even if the evidence looks contrary to what I am believing, I look to You, Lord, to bring Your promises to pass.

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

Living the Word Today: What has God spoken to your heart? Walk by faith and know that God won’t let you down.

February 8

Put God First and "It" Shall Come to Pass

Psa 37:5 – Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

You will find out in life that if you put God's work first, God will cause your vision to come to pass. What is that "IT" in your life that you want God to bring to pass?

Don't pursue your dreams before you pursue God's kingdom. If you do, you will find yourself still wanting your dream to come to pass. You have dreams and aspirations that you thought were dead. You thought that it was over. Put God first. Put the house of God first. God will cause that "IT" in your life to come to pass.

Some people have struggled financially because they have not gotten to the place where they trust God enough to put His house first. I have been in a situation where I had to honor God's house above my own house. God has blessed me and He keeps my house sustained.

When you have a Kingdom purpose, God will cause your vision to come to pass. Put God's purpose and plan into the vision that God has assigned you. God will make your dreams and aspirations come true. Whatever that "IT" is in your life, God will bring it to pass.

Prayer Focus: Lord, I will not watch Your house struggle. I will put You first and trust You to bring my dreams to pass.

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

Living the Word Today: Commit your life to the Lord and trust God with your dreams. Do it God's way. He will give you the desires of your heart.

February 9

Take Charge of Your Life

John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

There are all kinds of things going on in this world. Sometimes it affects our emotions and we react based on how somebody else is feeling for that day. Just because somebody else sneezes, does not mean that you have to catch a cold!

Don't be up when others are up and down when others are down. If you notice in John 1:12 it says, *to them that receive Him and to them that believe, he gave them power to become...* You have the power to become whatever you choose to become, but you have to take charge of your life.

Too often we let circumstances take charge of our lives. Every situation that comes along should not toss you back and forth. Don't be on an emotional rollercoaster. You are going to have to take charge of your own life.

You are responsible for the choices that you make. You have the power to choose. Don't spend the rest of your life blaming somebody else for the situation that you are in. Do something about it. Take charge of your life!

Prayer Focus: Lord, I will let Your spirit lead me and not my emotions. I walk by faith, not by sight.

Verse of the Day: Deut 30:19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

Living the Word Today: Don't be tossed to and fro with every wind of doctrine. Make decisions based on the Word of God.

February 10

Take Charge of Your Life – Part 2

Joel 3:14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision.

Many times we want to make God responsible for our decisions. God gave you the power. He made you a free moral agent. He gave you the opportunity to make decisions; you have to make the decisions.

God sent His son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross to pay a price for you. He did this so you can be free to make choices. When you get tired of things being the way they are, you will get frustrated enough to do something about your present situations.

You have a choice to change an unpleasant situation or to tolerate it. You will end up tolerating what you don't take authority over and what you don't change in your life. Jesus came that we might have life and have it more abundantly (John 10:10). Notice that it says Jesus came that we might have. That means that it is available to you, but you have to make the decision to have it.

Prayer Focus: Lord, I know that You came so I can have life and have it more abundantly. Help me to live the life You want me to live. Show me how to make right decisions.

Verse of the Day: John 10:10, The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

Living the Word Today: Make the choice to live the abundant life God wants you to live. It's available to you but you have to make the choice to receive it.

February 11

Grow in Responsibilities

Pro 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

When I was young my mother would sit me down and feed me. After I got old enough, it was my choice. I remember her telling me, "b*oy, I cooked this food. It's in here on the table. It's up to you to come eat it. If you don't eat, that's your fault".*

I also remember my mother tying my money up in a handkerchief when I was really small. She would put my quarter in my handkerchief, put the handkerchief in my pocket, and tell me don't take it out until lunchtime. She made sure I had my money. When I got older, she stopped putting my money in a handkerchief. When I got even older, she started giving me my lunch money for the week.

When my children came along, I practiced the same principle. When they were little, I gave them their lunch money and made sure they had it. When they got older, I gave them enough for the month. I had to teach them how to manage their finances so they could grow up to be responsible adults.

Likewise, God wants to teach you responsibility. Overall, you have to be responsible for the choices that you make. Make good choices. God has given you the power!

Prayer Focus: Lord, thank You for teaching me how to be responsible. Show me how to teach responsibility to the next generation.

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

Living the Word Today: Ask God to help you to discern good choices and help you to not make bad choices. Trust God to show you the difference.

February 12

Don't Be Afraid to Get Your Hands Dirty

John 3:30 He must increase, but I must decrease.

If you want success, be willing to get your hands dirty. You are going to have to do things you don't want to do. What is it that you really want in life? How much do you want it? Be willing to make changes in your life to get what you want.

If you don't make enough money, change it! Go back to school or get a promotion. A job isn't going to pay you more for what you are currently doing. I heard somebody say they wanted to make more money. When they were offered a promotion, they didn't want to take it because they didn't want the responsibilities of the new job. You get paid for the size of the problems you solve.

There comes a point in life where you have to stop blaming others for your situations and take charge of your life. It's time to stop saying the devil did it! Don't let others determine your life. The Word of the Lord says, in Deut. 30:19 "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:".

Choose to rejoice because of what God has done in your life. Be thankful for where the Lord has brought you from. Change what needs to be changed. Take charge of your life.

Prayer Focus: Lord, give me faith, wisdom, and boldness to change what needs to be changed so my life will be better.

Verse of the Day: **Luke 17:5** And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.

Living the Word Today: Hold your hands up in front of you and say aloud "these hands are anointed. These hands have power, and they will produce results." Don't be afraid to get your hands dirty.

February 13

Exceeding, Abundantly Above

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

God desires for us to rise above our situations. He wants to take us beyond what we can see. He is God of more than enough. There is nothing too hard for Him. Isa 43:19 says; *"Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."* Where there looks to be no way, God will create a way.

God doesn't have a limited way of blessing you. He wants to bless you more than you want to be blessed! Abraham just wanted an heir but God exceeded what Abraham wanted and made him father of many nations (Gen 17:5).

You have not been called to be normal or ordinary. What God wants to do goes beyond the call of nature. There are things God wants to do to show Himself strong in you and He is positioning you to receive it.

Expect God to do a new thing; exceedingly, abundantly, and above all that you can ask or think. Is 42:9 says "*Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them."*

Prayer Focus: Father, I thank You for positioning me to receive the abundant life

Verse of the Day: John 10:10 I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

Living the Word Today: Expect the Abundant life.

February 14

Kept By The Power Of God

1Pet 1:3-5 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time

It is the power of God that has kept us. We are not here based on our own merits or our goodness, but by His grace and His mercy. If the enemy had his way, he would've destroyed our lives. But, because of the goodness of the Almighty God, we're still here.

We proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord. We proclaim His death, burial and resurrection. We know there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved, except for Jesus. (Acts 4:12)

We need to be reminded that we are kept by the power of God. 1Sam 2:9 reads; *"He will keep the feet of His saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail."* If it wasn't for God's grace, we couldn't make it. If He withdrew His hand from us, we wouldn't make it another day, hour or minute. It's only by the power of God that we are still here today

I thank God that He took lives such as ours that were once broken and shipwrecked and put the pieces back together and made us whole. Any glory that comes out of this life, we owe it to God. For, He is the reason we live, move and have our being. Hallelujah! We are kept by the power of God!

Prayer Focus: Father, I thank You for every moment of the day that I am kept by the power of Your hand.

Verse of the Day: Ps 121:5 The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

Living the Word Today: Jude 24 "*Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,"* Trust the Lord to keep you from falling.

God Still Provides

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

When the children of Israel were in the wilderness, God supernaturally provided them with manna from heaven. But once they entered into the Promised Land, the miracles ceased because they were in a land which flowed with milk and honey.

As a young boy there was a time we didn't have food for Sunday dinner and my father prayed and said "God will provide." A few moments later we heard a thump. A passing car had hit a rabbit. Thanks be to God; we had rabbit stew, rice and biscuits for Sunday dinner. From that moment forward I've always believed that God will provide.

When your mind is stayed on Him; He will keep you in perfect peace. Matt 6:31-34 says; *"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. But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow; for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."* When you keep God first you don't have to worry about things.

Look beyond what you can do and see the omnipotent power of God. God is the source of your every need. The circumference of His glory is far greater than you. He is Jehovah Jireh; God our Provider, who is mighty and capable of all things. So step out of your way by shifting your reliance and rest in the Lord; believing He will provide.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for being the source of my every need.

Verse of the Day: Ps 27:13 I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Living the Word Today: Ps 37:3 Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed**.**

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Count It All Joy

Rom 5:3-4 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope:

No matter what life brings you, keep looking to Jesus and count it all joy. Rest assured; at the very mention of His Name, He is there. No matter how hopeless your situation may be; God will never leave you nor forsake you. Seek Him first and a peace that surpasses all understanding shall be added to you.

Did you know that even before conflicts arise; Jesus is praying for us? Luke 22:31-32 says *"Simon, Simon, behold, satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat; but I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not;"* I take great consolation and comfort in knowing that the Lord has prayed for me. Even when people have a desire to pull you apart; hold your head up and square your shoulders back and boldly say, "I can make it. Victory is mine. It belongs to me in the Name of Jesus!". For as long as you keep your eyes on Jesus, you can make it!

Remember that you are a sheep in God's pasture. No man can pluck you from the Fathers hand. Situations and circumstances will come along but God will keep you. …*Count it all joy when you fall into divers temptation; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.* (James 1:2-3). Our afflictions are light and last only but for a moment so REJOICE and count it all joy. Knowing when you endure to the end you will see the Glory of God.

Prayer Focus: Father, through every test and trial, I will trust You and continuously praise You

Verse of the Day: Jam 1:2-4 My brethren, Count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

Living the Word Today: When conflicts arise praise God and count it all joy. Keep on walking by faith. Shout, "Victory is mine in the name of Jesus."

Let It Go

1Pet 5:7 Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you.

When Jesus was on the cross beaten and mocked, He said to the Father; “Forgive them for they know not what they do.” Jesus could have come down from that cross anytime He wanted to but instead He let it go. He forgave them and continued on about His Father’s business. Jesus was not moved by His current situation; He endured hardness and continued on in faith. He let it go!

When people come against you, don’t become angry and lower yourself to their standards, or when times get tough, don’t give up and quit! When you’re walking with Jesus your quitter is broken! He is the keeper of your soul. Weapons may form against you but they will not prosper.

The Bible says in John 8:36 *“If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.”* Therefore you are free! You have a choice to walk in that freedom promised to you or you can be bound by spirits not of God. Jesus says we are free and free indeed. We should raise our hands and praise God in the midst of it all and keep walking in freedom by faith.

There is no situation too hard for God! He will perfect everything that concerns you. He will allow no harm to befall you. He is El Shaddai – God Almighty! Pick up your cross and follow Jesus. Let go of every pain, disappointment and hurts of today and yesterday - give it all to Jesus. He is our Burden Bearer, our Healer, our Way Maker and our Way Through. He is Wonderful. He is our Prince of Peace. He is God.

Prayer Focus: Father, I trust You. And I will simply believe and enter Your rest today.

Verse of the Day: Prov 3:5 Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

Living the Word Today: Let it go. Give it to God and keep walking by faith

February 18

Faith without Wavering

Mark 11:23 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.

God is greater than the facts. Don't let the facts fool you, because we serve a Supernatural God. What is it you believe God for: Healing? A new home? A business or a financial breakthrough? You can have it, if you just believe.

You have to have now faith to believe you've received something that isn't yet tangible or visible. Lean not unto your own understanding. When you get involved and begin to try and figure things out, doubt can step in and easily destroy your house of faith - if it isn't built on a strong foundation, which is the Word of God.

God can bless you in the midst of famine. He isn't limited by what others say or what you see happening before you. He can bless you in spite of your circumstances. His promises are Yes and in Him, Amen. So, shut your mind off and come into agreement with Him.

Death and life are in the power of the tongue. Speak life over yourself. Choose now faith in spite of the facts.

Prayer Focus: Father, I thank You for the victory I have in You.

Verse of the Day: Heb 10:23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; for He is faithful that promised;

Living the Word Today: I will stand in faith without wavering!

Take Heed How You Hear

Luke 8:18 Take heed how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have.

Your belief system affects how you hear. Hearing helps you with your understanding, which fosters your belief. The scripture didn't say take heed to what you are hearing, it said take heed how you hear. Two people can hear the same words come out of your mouth, and get two different understandings from what you said.. We hear through what is already in us.

If you are already mad and somebody says something to you, no matter what they said, it is going to rub you the wrong way because you heard it through your anger. You can come back the next day and somebody says the same thing to you, and since your heart is right it won't bother you.

Many marriages would be saved if each would hear what the other person is saying. When people have arguments, the problem is that they are not listening; all they are doing is waiting for an opening so they can get their point across. They don't really hear or care about what the other person has to say. They just want to make sure they are heard.

"And he said to them, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear." (Mark 4:9) This verse is not talking about your natural ears. It's referring to he who has spiritual perception and insight and can hear what God is saying. How you hear is going to determine your steadfastness.

What is in you is going to determine how you hear. Hearing has to do with perception. When you start perceiving with the ear, what you allow through your ear gate is going to determine how you respond.

Prayer Focus: Lord Give me the spiritual insight to really hear what you are saying to me.

Verse of the Day: **Mat 13:43** Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Living the Word Today: When you pray purpose to hear with spiritual ears, not your natural ears.

February 20

Be Steadfast in Your mind

Eph 6:13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

The wicked one, the devil, seeks to send negative thoughts into our hearts like fiery darts. When a fiery dart sticks in you, it has fire on the end of it. Fiery darts are negative words that burn and sting. They can inflict great pain. However, keep your shield of faith in place and it will quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. The devil will keep throwing the fiery darts, but the Lord has equipped you with a shield of faith to quench them. Keep your shield in place.

Guard against the negative words that serve as fiery darts. Gird up the loins of you mind. Keep your mind on the Lord and the things of God. Continue praising God. Pray without ceasing. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

When you think you are up, so many things try to come and knock you down. You need to get up and start dancing and shouting at the top of your voice. Sometimes you have to go into your house with just you and the Lord, do you a little dance before the Lord and shout unto Him with the voice of triumph, “Glory. Thank you Jesus.” When the pressure is on, you have to stand!

Prayer Focus: Lord, I know if I keep my mind on you I will be able to stand against the devil.

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: 1Cor 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.

Remain Stedfast in Your Christian Walk

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This scripture is referring to the coming of the Lord and being rapture ready, because the Lord is soon to come. Don't buy into the lie that the devil has put out to the body of Christ. He wants you to believe that you can live any kind of way and still go to heaven. Matt 24:14 says, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

He wants you to believe that it doesn't matter how you live and that as long as you: get born again; go to church; lift your hands up; say, "I love the Lord" and give tithes and offerings, then you are saved. As believers, we have to be committed to live a godly life style. The Bible says we all must appear before the judgement seat of Christ and give an account for what we have done in this body.

So it's not true that you can live any kind of way and still be considered a Christian. There was a group in the Bible that got caught in that belief. They were called make believe Christians. The Laodicean church became lukewarm.

Don't think you can just live any kind of way just because you can quote a few scriptures, have some good Christian jargon going, and you know how to say all the right stuff.

Prayer Focus: Lord, help me to stay on fire for You.

Verse of the Day: **Rev 3:16** So then because thou art lukewarm. And neither cold or hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

Living the Word Today: Make the commitment to live holy for God.

Christians Don't Sin Willfully

Heb. 10:26 For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins.

Romans 2:4 says, *"the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance".* Believers ought to have a heart for God. We are taught grace and how God is a forgiving and merciful God. We can go before God and ask him to forgive us. *"As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us." (Ps 103:12)*

Some people have this mindset: Okay, God is a gracious God, so I can go do whatever I want; then, all I have to do is go before God and say, "Lord forgive me for that" and everything will be alright. If you have done that, you should ask God to forgive you.

I John 1:9 says, *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."* That scripture carries with it the connotation that you are repenting and turning away from it. It is not that you are continuing in it. Yes God does forgive you. He is a merciful and good God, but Paul writes in Romans 6:1-2 *"What shall we say then, Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin live, any longer therein."* He said we don't continue in sin.

Prayer Focus: Lord, forgive me for my habitual sins, taking your forgiveness and mercy for granted.

Verse of the Day: Luke 24:47 And that Repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Living the Word Today: Remember, repentance is to make a 180 degree turn away from sin, not a 360 degree turn back to sin.

Blessed to Be a Blessing

Deut 28:12-13 The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow. And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them:

God wants to bless you to the point that you are a blessing. God is not blessing us for selfish reasons. God wants us to be blessed so we can be a blessing. God wants us to reach out and be a help to other people. You cannot do that if you are operating from a principle of lack. When you have more than enough you can be a blessing. When you don't have, be a blessing anyway. Believe and see how God will give you more.

God is looking for someone He can trust with it. Call yourself blessed today. Call yourself the head and not the tail. Tell yourself, I am living in my overflow. Living in the overflow, beyond where you normally would be because you walked with the Lord and hearkened unto the voice of the Lord your God. See yourself with more than enough. See yourself as walking in victory. God always causes you to triumph. He is a God of more than enough.

Prayer Focus: Father I thank you for overflow living in the name that's above every name. I give you the glory and praise for it.

Verse of the Day: Deut 28:1-2 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

Living the Word Today: God wants to enrich and bless your life. Receive it today.

February 24

Living as Righteous in an Unrighteous World

Matt 7:22-23 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

The body of Christ as a whole has become very lethargic. The zeal and fire for God and personal holiness has just about disappeared. There is a right and a wrong. The Lord said one day He would come and make a difference between light and darkness. There is coming a separation.

That is an awakening thought. We, as believers, live in a dark and perverse world. You have a charge to be righteous in an unrighteous world. You have darkness all around you and you have been told to let your light shine.

Some of you have said, “Lord I am trying to do what I am supposed to do and live like I am supposed to live, but I am facing all of these challenges. This persecution is coming against me. This health challenge is coming against me. My family situation is messed up…” Then there is somebody over there that is not living the Christian life and they seem to be prospering and everything is going well for them.

The moment you ask why, you put yourself back under works. You thought all of your goodness would earn you that right. You are not blessed because of all your goodness. You are blessed because of God’s goodness. Don’t ever think God is blessing you because you got it all together. Because God blesses you, you ought to try to get it all together.

Prayer Focus: Lord I thank You for the many blessings You have given me.

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

Living the Word Today: Thank God daily for his goodness and blessings.

February 25

Follow After Righteousness

Prov 15:9 The way of the wicked is an abomination unto the LORD: but he loveth him that followeth after righteousness.

God loves those that follow after righteousness. The Bible says that we have been made the righteousness of God. We ought to follow and pursue after righteousness and do everything we can to live a righteous life. Romans 2:4 says " … the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?"

God's love for us is unconditional; however, He still expects us to live a life that is upright. He loves for us to walk in holiness and walk in love. Walking in righteousness opens doors of blessings in our lives. As believers, we should strive daily to live a life of righteousness. Every day we wake up, we have to do everything in our power to live upright before God. We should do this because it is pleasing to God the Father. We should also do this because it is the gateway to God's greater blessing in our lives. We do right because it is the right thing to do.

The Bible says that wickedness is an abomination to God. It is not that He hates the person, but He does hate the sin. The scripture tells us, to *"...come out from among them and be ye separate..."* In other words, follow righteousness and do not follow wickedness. *"He that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness, and honour." (Prov 21:21)*. We need to ask God to help us live the life of righteousness. Thank God for making us the righteousness of God!

Today's Prayer Focus: Lord, I thank You and praise You that you have made me the righteousness of God through Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Verse of the Day: 2Cor 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: Make a decision to live and walk in righteousness.

Rest in the Lord

Jer 6:16 Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.

God is the one that brings us to a place of rest in our soul. Most of the world today is facing so many challenges. We hear about all that is going on in the world around us, and if we are not watchful we can end up getting a little weary. The Lord gives rest to the weary soul. Through Christ we can have rest.

We should go back to what God would have us to do and not what is going on in the world today, which causes us to lose our rest. We should come to that place of resting in the Lord and not get caught up in the "rat race". We want to be in a place of tranquility, relaxing and resting in the Lord.

It is only God that can bring us to that place of rest. He said in 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."* Ps 37:7 *says, "Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass."* We have to rest in the Lord.

When you have weariness, God is the one that brings you to a place of rest. He is the one that will replenish you, refresh you and restore you. So if you have been weary and feel like the pressures of the world are more than you can bear, give it to Jesus and rest in Him.

Prayer Focus: Lord, let me come to that place of rest in You.

Verse of the Day: Jer 31:25 For I have satiated the weary soul, and I have replenished every sorrowful soul.

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

The Life of God in Us

1John 5:12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

It's the life of God within us that causes us to overcome the pressures and pains of this life. The life of God is like light coming into a dark room. When the light comes in, the darkness goes. Thank God, when the light of God comes in, the law of sin and death is overwritten by the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus. Thank God that the life of God dwells within us.

Poverty, sickness and disease are all forces of death. They came about as a result of the curse. But Jesus has redeemed us from the curse, because He became a curse for us. He came that we might have life and that we might have it more abundantly.

Yes, we had a natural body before Christ. We had natural life in it but we did not have spiritual life in it. He came into a lifeless body and gave it life, meaning and purpose. Just like Jesus' Spirit came back into His body, when He was lying in the grave dead for three days and three nights, and the Spirit took that body and gave it life.

When our bodies are not functioning the way they should, we need to get more Word in us in order to get the life of God in us. We need to worship God more and praise Him in the spirit, and pray in other tongues. Jesus said, *"...the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life" (John 6:63).*

Prayer Focus: Lord, I thank You for Your life within me.

Verse of the Day: Rom 8:10-11 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

Living the Word Today: Stay filled with the life of God. Pray in the Holy Ghost. Continually feed on the Word of God!

Praise Your Way to Victory

2Chro 20:21-22 And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the Lord, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the Lord; for his mercy endureth for ever. And when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten.

The people of Judah found themselves in a difficult situation. With three armies attacking, Judah seemed defenseless. God's instruction was for them to praise Him. Praise brought them victory. Are you under attack today? Praise your way to victory. Even if you don't feel like it or it doesn't make sense to your head - PRAISE. Victory is yours.

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. (Ps 34:3) Let God arise and live big in your heart and mind today. To magnify is to make larger. Praise magnifies the Lord. Our God is bigger than any enemy may face. As you praise God you see Him as larger and the enemy as smaller.

Sing praises and rejoice in the God of your salvation. In 2Chronicles 20, we see how the enemy became confused and destroyed each other as Judah began to praise God. They did not even have to fight to win the battle. They began to praise God saying, *"For the Lord is good, his mercy endureth forever."* They praised their way to victory. Praise your way to victory!

Prayer Focus: Father, I praise You.

Verse of the Day: Acts 16:25-26 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

Living the Word Today: Fervently praise God without regard to the circumstances. Shout with a voice of triumph. Decree and declare your victory.

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