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Happy New Year!

GREETINGS IN THE WONDERFUL NAME OF JESUS!



Welcome to a New Year. Let's thank God for last year, rejoice for today and believe for the coming year to be your greatest yet. Building on the past, living in the now while preparing for the future is a key to success. Let 2022 be a new chapter in your life. Remember your story is still in progress.

Our ministry theme for 2022 is *Give Me this Mountain*. We faced the wilderness of a pandemic during the past two years. Now is the time to enter the **Promised Land**. Remember, the children of Israel had to possess the land. Caleb said, "if so be the LORD will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the LORD said." The Lord is with us. Let's be faithful and diligent in possessing the land and driving the enemy out!

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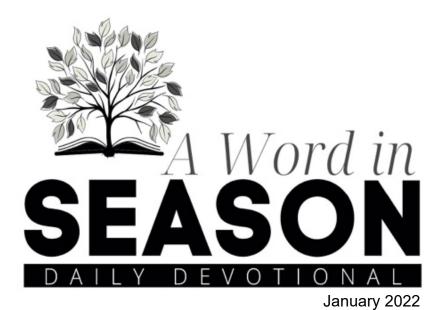
Remember, Lady Sarah and I love and appreciate you. Have a Happy, Blessed, and Prosperous New Year.

Yours in Christ,

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A New Beginning

2 Cor 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

As we enter a new year, let us reflect on the fact that in Christ, we are made new. Isn't that good news? We are under a new system of government, subject to the law of grace instead of the law of sin and death. What will you do with the new life God has given you?

1 Cor 6:20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

God's will is for us to bring glory to Him in our bodies and in our spirit. Therefore, we should put away things that do not honor God and intentionally set our minds to please God in all that we do.

This new life we have been given was not free. However, our sin-debt tab has been covered by the sacrifice of our savior, Jesus Christ. Because of this debt settlement, we can face every day with hope of glory!

Phil 3:13-14 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank you for allowing us to see a new year! Help us to see each day as a blessing from You and a new opportunity to please You.

Verse of Day: 1 Peter 1:3 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.

Living the Word Today: We are new creatures in Christ! Let us purpose in our hearts this year to live in a way that is pleasing to God.



A New Walk

Deut 8:6 Therefore thou shalt keep the commandments of the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, and to fear him.

Did you know that, when we surrender our lives to Christ, we have a new walk? As Believers, we should put some pep in our steps - one foot in front of the other in constant, forward motion. When you miss a step, don't give up! One more solid step can put you right back on your intended path.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

As you walk with God, be quick to forgive others and also, be quick to forgive yourself when you miss a step. God is faithful! He walks with us and He never leaves nor forsakes us. It is God's will that we be saved and that we walk in fellowship with Him.

John 3:17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Mic 6:8 He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for walking with me every day. Help me to remain aware of Your presence.

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

Living the Word Today: On our Christian journey, we press upward in our relationship with God by taking daily steps to please Him. Our decision to walk uprightly influences others to do the same.



Decree A Thing

Matthew 15:17-18 Do not ye yet understand, that whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught? But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man.

God authorized us to use our voices to speak things into existence and bring about change with our words. When we speak from a pure heart, we set spiritual forces in motion that work for our good.

Gen 2:19 And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and **whatsoever Adam called every living creature**, that was the name thereof.

Job 22:28 Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways.

What are you decreeing? We must use our voice to invite God to move in the earth realm. He will shine a light upon our ways to lead and guide us.

Colossians 2:9-10 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

Prayer Focus: Father, in Jesus' name, help me to use the authority that You have given me to affect the world for Your glory.

Verse of the Day: Prov 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

Living the Word Today: Set the course of this new year with the power of your words! Decree divine health, prosperity, and decree souls into the kingdom. You have the power!



A New Mindset

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

When we receive salvation, we are new creatures. Old habits and thoughts do not always die instantly, however. We must make an intentional effort to study the word of God so that our thoughts will mimic the mind of Christ.

2 Tim 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

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...

We should command ourselves to think about the goodness of God, and dwell on His righteous thoughts. Whenever negative thoughts creep in, cast them down immediately and direct your thoughts to obey God.

2 Cor 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

Prayer Focus: Lord, thank You for keeping my mind in perfect peace!

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: Take heed to your thoughts. Make it a goal to put on the mind of Christ through diligently seeking His will in prayer and studying of His word.



A New Heart

Ezek 36:26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

Ezekiel 36 tells of the covenant that God made with Israel to renew their heart and cleanse them from sin. This covenant applies to all who believe – God cleanses and renews our hearts.

The heart is referred to as the core of one's spiritual being. Just as the natural heart supports our entire physical body, the spiritual heart supports our entire spiritual body. Whatever we say or do reflects what's in our hearts. When God is at our core and we share (heart to heart, core to core) who He is with others, we are planting good seeds. The condition of the receiver's heart (soil) as well as their environment (whatever they are exposed to) determines whether the seed will grow into a tree that bears fruit.

Matt 12:34-35 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.

Psa 31:24 Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ve that hope in the LORD.

Let your hope be in the Lord. He will strengthen your heart.

Prayer Focus: Father, I put my hope and trust in You. My heart belongs to You and I trust You with it.

Verse of the Day: Psalm 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Living the Word Today: Love the Lord with all of your heart. Rest in His love for you and share His love with others.



Being Content

Phil 4:11-12 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

Paul made a powerful statement: "I've learned how to be content." That's something we all ought to strive for, to learn how to be content. While we should strive for better and try to improve our lives, let's not get agitated on the inside. Thank God that we have peace on the inside that passes all understanding because we have the Lord on the inside of us. We trust in the Lord and put our confidence in Him.

1 Sam 22:1-2 David therefore departed thence, and escaped to the cave Adullam: and when his brethren and all his father's house heard it, they went down thither to him. And every one that was in distress, and every one that was in debt, and every one that was discontented, gathered themselves unto him; and he became a captain over them: and there were with him about four hundred men.

This group of people who were discontent became David's mighty warriors because they had a good leader. God wants us to come to a place of contentment and have peace of mind.

1 Tim 6:6-8 But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

Prayer Focus: God, thank You for giving me all things to enjoy. Help me be content at all times.

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

Living the Word Today: When things are going our way, give God thanks. When things are not, give God thanks. Be content in whatever state you are in.



Look What the Lord Has Done

Psalm 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork..

God is so vast – our minds are not broad enough to understand all of His glory. We just have to thank God and by faith, know that He is the creator and sustainer of the universe. The world did not happen by accident or some big bang of nature. The God we serve is the one who put the stars in the heavens and made everything that we see. The earth rotates, the moon is in place…look what the Lord has done!

How great is our God who gave His Son as a sacrifice for our sins.

Psa 8:3-9 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; what is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet: All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas. O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

Psa 33:6-9 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the Lord: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for Your glory being upon us.

Verse of the Day: Psa 115:16 The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

Living the Word Today: You are not an accident! You are the supernatural miracle of the almighty God! He breathed in you the breath of life and made you a living soul Look what the Lord has done!



The Good of the Land

John 14:15 If you love me, keep my commandments.

God's says in His word that His commandments are not grievous. We can keep His commandments, and doing so is evidence of our love for God. Even though keeping His commandments is mandated, it is not a hard thing to do because He gave us a promise associated with it.

Isa 1:19 If you be willing and obedient you shall eat the good of the land.

Those who honor God with their lives and walk in obedience will eat the good of the land. You will live in a blessed place and you put yourself in a position to be blessed.

Think of raising children. The children who are obedient can be trusted with more, while wayward, disobedient children lose opportunities due to loss of trust. You can give an obedient child privileges because you can trust them to do what they are supposed to do.

John 15:7-10 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

Prayer Focus: God, thank You for giving us the ability to walk in obedience to You, and as we do, You cause blessings to overtake us.

Verse of the Day: Matt 7:13 -,14 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

Living the Word Today: Sometimes you may feel as if you're on this road by yourself, but rest assured, you are not alone. You will never regret the time you spend honoring and serving God.



Sunshine on the Other Side

As I was on a flight from Greenville to Charlotte, the weather was stormy. When we arrived in Charlotte and boarded another plane, it was still stormy, lightning, and a lot of turbulence. Eventually, as the plane rose higher, we were above the storm and had smooth sailing. I could look down and see the clouds, but up where I was, it was beautiful!

I encourage you to rise above your storms in life. Look down on your circumstances, recognize where the Lord has brought you from, and what He has brought you through. He is the one who will cause you to be the head and not the tail – above only and not beneath. He will take your circumstances that try to hold you in captivity and pull you right out of it.

Eph 1:20-21 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come.

Eph 2:4-7 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

Prayer Focus: Thank you, Lord, for always causing us to triumph, even when our life is stormy and we see little hope.

Verse of the Day: Deut 28:13 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.

Living the Word Today: Victory is already yours. Break through that cloud of fear, depression, anger...whatever it is, sunshine is on the other side!



Cast Your Cares Upon the Lord

John 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

"Let not" sounds like we have a choice in this thing – we can choose to not let our hearts be troubled or choose to have the peace of God. How can I not let my heart be troubled? By casting my cares upon the Lord and trusting Him to sustain and care for me. When troubles come your way, remember that the Lord is good.

Nahum 1:7 The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble, and He knoweth him who trust in Him.

When things are going right, it's easy to say the Lord is good. When things are not going your way, can you still say that the Lord is good? Will you still trust Him?

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

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

Prayer Focus: God, thank You for being our present help in the time of trouble.

Verse of the Day: Psa 138:7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

Living the Word Today: All things work together for our good. God will turn disastrous situations around and make them work in our favor.



How to be More Than a Conqueror Part 1

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

God has called us to be conquerors. How can we be conquerors?

We have to overcome the enemy called sin in our lives. We must resist sin with everything within us. Understand that sin robs us of the blessings of God. There is no sin in this world that is worth us losing out on what God has for us. Let's live above sin.

Isa 59:1-2 - Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

Isa 3:10-11 Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings. Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him: for the reward of his hands shall be given him.

Arm yourself with the weapons God has given us.

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

Prayer Focus: Lord, I am grateful that Your word is sharper than a two-edged sword. Help me to efficiently use the weapons of warfare that You have provided.

Verse of the Day: Eph 6:11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Living the Word Today: Put on the whole armor of God – the weapons of praise, righteousness, thanksgiving, obedience – God's word is our weapon and our protection.



How to be More Than a Conqueror Part 2

God wants us to be more than conquerors through Him. How?

Fight the good fight of faith to lay hold on eternal life.

1 Tim 6:12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

Get under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Follow Him – keep Him first and foremost in your life. Let Jesus be the head of your life and He will lead you down the pathways of victory.

Start rejoicing. When you've done all to stand, stand, even when you don't see anything change. When you have done the right thing, believe and have patience that you will see the good of the Lord in the land of the living.

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

Prayer Focus: Father, everything that tries to subvert our relationship with You, we take authority over it in our lives. Thank You for giving us the victory!

Verse of the Day: Isa 54:17 No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.

Living the Word Today: Victory is yours! You situation may seem like a huge mountain in front of you, but you speak to that mountain and command it to be casted into the sea and it has to obey you.



Our Keeper

1 Pet 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.

Don't stress yourself out with worry about how you will sustain yourself. We can't keep ourselves, but we must trust our keeping to the Lord. Give your burdens to the Lord and He will keep us.

1 Pet 1:6-7 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.

Now, I know we don't like the "need be" seasons, but God put it in His word for a reason. We don't want to have to go through trials, but they are necessary but in the midst of them, God is with us! He is our keeper.

1 Sam 2:9 He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for preserving me for such a time as this.

Verse of the Day: 1 Sam 2:9 He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail.

Living the Word Today: We can't keep ourselves. By God's grace that we are saved.



Let God's Peace Prevail

Col 3:15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

Let God's peace prevail within. Jesus came that we may not be troubled by this world, but we can have peace that passes all understanding. Jesus gives us the peace that passes understanding. If we get out the will of God the peace leaves. When we get back in the will of God the peace returns. Holy Spirit is like a spiritual GPS – guiding us our peace in the heart.

John 14:1 say, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me." Allow the peace of God to rule in your heart.

Romans 14:19 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

Follow after, pursue, peace. Be a peacemaker. Try to find peaceful solutions to any conflicts. The peacemaker shall be blessed and shall see God. The Word of God says, in 1 Thess 5:13, "... be at peace among yourselves." Having peace within helps us to have peace among ourselves. Peace with God helps us have peace within.

Hebrews 12:14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for interceding on my behalf. I receive your peace and I allow it to prevail over all my situations in life.

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: No weapon formed shall prosper against you when you follow God. Speak peace over your life in Jesus' name.



Consider Jesus

Heb 3:1 Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus.

Consider what the Lord has to say about your situations and circumstances. How does He want you to respond? What does He want you to do?

Deut 4:39 Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the Lord he is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else.

Consider Jesus above everything. Often, when someone asks us something, we consider what others have to say about it. We wonder, can I afford this? Sometimes we miss out on what God has for us because we look at our own circumstances and neglect asking Jesus about it.

When you receive a bad medical report, do you automatically accept the outcome and go along with the doctor's recommendation, or do you talk to Jesus about it? While God gives medical professionals knowledge to heal, we should still talk to Jesus before making decisions about anything.

Rom 4:19-20 And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb. He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God

Prayer Focus: Father, I put You first in all that I do. What would you have me to do today?

Verse of the Day: Jude 24 Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the Lord he is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else.

Living the Word Today: Acknowledge God in all that you do. He will direct your path.



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Believe the Word of God

John 4:46-54 So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judaea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death. Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe. The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die. Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way. And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told him, saying, Thy son liveth. Then enquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him. So the father knew that it was at the same hour. in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house. This is again the second miracle that Jesus did. when he was come out of Judaea into Galilee.

"Go thy way, thou son liveth," that's what Jesus said to this nobleman. Faith comes by hearing. This man came expecting something from God – he prayed and talked to God. He was persistent, insisting that Jesus come or his son would die.

We need to have that kind of faith and, like the nobleman, believe the word that Jesus speaks to us. Jesus didn't physically leave and go to that son as the nobleman wanted, but He gave a word and the man believed. As a result, not only was his son healed, but his entire household was saved. Do you believe the word of the Lord?

Prayer Focus: Father, I believe Your word. Help me to walk by faith and not by what I see.

Verse of the Day: John 20:29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

Living the Word Today: Take God at His word and walk by faith.



Our Position in Christ

Eph 2:1-6 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

God has strategically placed us far above principalities – above sin, sickness and disease, poverty, wickedness...we have been raised up with Christ. We are seated spiritually with Christ in heavenly places.

Eph 1:20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places.

We are sitting together with Christ in heavenly places, far above every name and principality. We are in a position of spiritual authority over the devil and demonic forces. We are in a position of victory. We are not just above but "far above" demonic forces. We are in Christ who is a the right hand of the Father. That's our spiritual position!

Prayer Focus: God, thank You for positioning us to win! You give us power and might to overcome the evils of this world. We receive that power in Jesus' name.

Verse of the Day: 1 Cor 15:27 For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.

Living the Word Today: Take your seat at in heavenly places with Christ. The enemy has to go through Christ to get to us.



Being Confident in the Lord

Phil 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.

Don't ever discount what God has brought you through. Use your victories as tools to help others get through trials. Be confident in the Lord. The good work that God has begun in You is not complete until the day of Jesus Christ. No matter how old you are, God is not through with you. He will continue to perform His work in us and through us. Let the Lord continue to perfect us and cause us to go from glory to glory in each stage of life.

There are times when we are stripped down from things that we are used to. Sometimes our heads can get in our way, but God allows us to be stripped from things that keep us from relying on Him. Sometimes we feel alone and we rely on our human reasoning to solve problems, but God wants us to put our trust and confidence in Him. Walk by faith and not by sight.

When God has spoken something over your life and you don't know how to carry it out, put your trust and confidence in the Lord. Lean on Him for direction – people will not always cheer you on. You must know that you have heard from God in every situation in life. He can not lie – so cast not away your confidence in Him.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for being faithful to perform the good work that You have begun in me.

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

Living the Word Today: God has not given up on you. He has not changed His mind about you.



A Thankful Heart

Psalm 100 Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

"For the Lord is good" appears in the bible so many times. Psalm 107:1, "O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever;" Psalm 136:1, "O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever;" Psalm 118:1, ""O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: because his mercy endureth for ever." 1 Chron 16:34, "give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good; For his mercy endureth for ever." There are at least 59 verses of scripture throughout the bible that mention giving thanks unto the Lord and His goodness.

We should remember to give God thanks and praise at all times. Give Him thanks for who He is, for His goodness, for making us whole – we have every reason to give God thanks. When we give God praise, blessing manifest, chains fall off, enemies turn and fight themselves, minds are cleared, bodies are healed by the presence of God. He inhabits the praises of His people.

Prayer Focus: God, in everything I give You thanks and praise.

Verse of the Day: Psalm 100:4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name

Living the Word Today: What a mighty God we serve! He is worthy of all praise, honor, and glory. Give Him thanks.



Keep on Giving Thanks

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

While you are waiting on an answer from the Lord or for a manifestation of His blessings in your life, keep on giving thanks. When you've prayed and haven't seen the results yet, keep on giving thanks. Do everything with thanksgiving. God has blessed us, kept us, and we should be thankful even when we don't see what we are believing for yet.

Let's always have a heart of gratitude. God is good! In everything, give thanks. This does not mean we are thankful for everything that happens, but we are thankful to God!

Col 3:15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

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

Don't give up! Don't be impatient. Look to the Lord for your help and strength. Wait on the Lord. Once you have prayed the prayer of faith, keep on giving thanks.

Prayer Focus: Father, help me to wait on You. I give You thanks and praise while I wait.

Verse of the Day: Psalm 62:5 My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him.

Living the Word Today: When our expectation is in people, they will fail us. Put your trust in God, be of good courage. Wait on the Lord.



The Power of God

1 Cor 2:1-5 And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

We need to believe in the power of God. We need to believe that God can do all that He has promised. We have Holy Ghost power working in us. No matter what we go through, God's power is greater. Sometimes the enemy will try to lure us to sleep and make us forget how good God has been to us and what He has brought us through.

By His power we see healing and deliverance take place. Sometimes we talk about what the enemy is doing but what would happen if we talked about the power of God? We have the power to turn things around for the good, not because we are great, but because God is great and all powerful. He is willing and able to move on our behalf.

Prayer Focus: Dear Father, there is nothing too hard for You. Thank You for Your power that You freely share with us.

Verse of the Day: **Eph 3:20** Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Living the Word Today: The power of God keeps the world in motion. The power of God raised Jesus from the dead. That same power works in us and through us.



God Our Comforter

2 Thes 2:16-17 Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work..

Let God's word comfort your life. God loves us. He cares about us and He is on our side. He is here to set us free, He loves us unconditionally because we are His.

John 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; [17] Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. [18] I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

Jesus loves us so much that He that He did not leave us comfortless. He sent the Holy Spirit to live in us, abide within ad to be our comforter. Jesus said, "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you." John 14:18. He lives in and comforts us by His Holy Spirit.

God has given us everlasting consolation. When you don't feel the love, always remember that it is there. Tell yourself that daily. Because of God's great love for us, we are able to love Him. We do many things trying to earn acceptance from others, but God has already accepted us the way that we are.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank you for accepting me and comforting me.

Verse of the Day: Eph 1:6-7 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath **made us accepted** in the beloved. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace.

Living the Word Today: God loves you. You are the apple of His eye. Let Him be your comfort today.



God Our Counselor

Psalm 73:24 Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.

God is our Counselor. His counsel guides us through life until we are reunited with Him in glory. While it is good to seek counsel from trained professionals at times, there is no guidance higher than God's. We should always seek him FIRST, and He will place the right people in our paths to establish His will and purposes in our lives.

Psalm 32:8 I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.

Psalm 1:1-3 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Walking in the counsel of God brings blessings and prosperity in our lives. It paves the way for us to bear fruit in the right seasons of life. God counsels us through His Word, through His Son, Jesus, and through the Holy Spirit.

John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

Prayer Focus: God, thank You for always knowing what is best for me. I trust You to teach and counsel me.

Verse of the Day: Psalm 33:11 The counsel of the Lord standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

Living the Word Today: Run to God and not from God in the midst of trouble.



Wise Words

Prov 10:11 The mouth of a righteous man is a well of life: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.

Thank God, when we are righteous, we speak words that have life in them. Not only do those words bless our lives, but death and life are in the power of the tongue, so what we speak into others can provide a well of life to bless others.

Psalm 37:30 The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment.

Where do we get that wisdom? When we walk with God, words of wisdom flow out of us because Christ is in our hearts, and "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh," Matt 12:34.

1 Cor 1:30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.

Prov 10:19-20 In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips is wise. The tongue of the just is as choice silver: the heart of the wicked is little worth.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for filling my heart with wisdom, knowledge, and understanding so that these things flow freely from my mouth.

Verse of the Day: Prov 10:13 In the lips of him that hath understanding wisdom is found: but a rod is for the back of him that is void of understanding.

Living the Word Today: Let God's word dwell in you richly so that you will be a well of living water to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness.



Fellowship: The Forgotten Growth Element

We all are aware that studying the word, praying, and worshiping help us develop spiritual growth. However, the element of fellowship is often neglected or forgotten as a key growth factor.

Acts 2:41-47 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. And all that believed were together, and had all things common; And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

One of the sinister plots of the enemy is to get God's people out of fellowship with each other. We see this clearly through the COVID-19 pandemic. Getting out of fellowship can hinder our development as Christians. We get different things we need (iron sharpens iron) from one another.

Prayer Focus: God, thank You for meeting our spiritual needs through fellowship with others in the body of Christ.

Verse of the Day: 1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Living the Word Today: God created us as social beings. We need each other! It is not good for man to be alone, so don't forsake the assembling of yourselves together.



Let God's Word do the Talking

1 Pet 4:19 Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

When people challenge our character, we should resist the urge to try to answer everyone or explain ourselves. Put your trust in God rather than debating with others or arguing. When you are right, there is no need to justify yourself. God will vindicate you. Trust the keeping of your soul to the Lord. Why are you stressing out trying to answer to critics.

John 10:25 Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me.

Jesus didn't waste time defending himself against accusers. He simply lived His life in a manner that pleased God and busied Himself with the works of the Father.

Arguing with others causes you to lower yourself to their level of operation. We are above and not beneath in Christ. Focus on serving God. Get busy with Kingdom work. At the end of it all, it is only God's word that will stand

Isa 40:8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

Prayer Focus: Father, help me to rise above any negativity in my life and keep my focus on You.

Verse of the Day: 1 Cor 1:8 Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Living the Word Today: God is our vindicator! He fights for us and He loves us.



A House of Prayer

Isa 56:7 Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.

We as a people make up the spiritual house of God, but the physical church is called a house of prayer. We get caught up sometimes in the saying that the church is not the building, but the building is the physical place where God's people congregate to unite together in faith. When we come together, we see healing, deliverance, and miracles.

2 Chro 20:8-9 And they dwelt therein, and have built thee a sanctuary therein for thy name, saying, If, when evil cometh upon us, as the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we stand before this house, and in thy presence, (for thy name is in this house,) and cry unto thee in our affliction, then thou wilt hear and help.

Matt 18:18-20 Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for the power of unity. Strengthen our church body to maximize Your glory on the earth.

Verse of the Day: Matt 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Living the Word Today: As a church, we have the power of unity that allows us to stand in faith together. We are stronger together.



Wait Upon

Isa 40:28-31 Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding. 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.

Thank God that we can fully rely on Him. When we wait upon Him, we are looking to Him with expectation. Expect God to do great and mighty things on your behalf. Expect God to perform miracles and show up for you. Put your hope and confidence in Him. Believe that you have that expected outcome.

There are things that you are believing God for but haven't seen the manifestation of it yet. Will you wait upon Him? Do you trust Him enough to know that He will come through for you?

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

Prayer Focus: Lord, I know You to be a deliverer. Thank You for staying true to Your word.

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: When we put our trust and confidence in the Lord, He will come through for us.



Watch as Well as Pray

Matt 26:41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

The bible teaches us to pray without ceasing, but it also teaches us to watch. That means we need to pay attention to our surroundings. When things are unpleasant in our lives, sometimes we may have a tendency to turn a blind eye, especially when situations seem beyond our control. When we are watchful, we do not shy away from difficulties. We face them head on!

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

We should not fear the unknown nor the unexpected. With eyes wide open, we should pray about everything. There is a blessing attached to being watchful. Watchfulness helps keep us from falling into temptation, it keeps us in line with God's Word, and it helps us to recognize false prophets.

Prov 8:34 Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.

Matt 24:4-5 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

Heb 2:1 Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.

Prayer Focus: Father, help us to sharpen our spiritual senses so we can watch and pray.

Verse of the Day: 1 Pet 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.

Living the Word Today: Take heed – watch and pray, for ye know not when the time of the Lord's coming is (Mark 13:33).



Quiet Yourself

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

This familiar scripture is quoted on a regular basis by Believers, but do we ever take the time to actually be still? Sometimes we need to quiet ourselves and get still before the Lord. Cease from thinking, doing, creating, being, achieving...allow God's Spirit to flow to us and through us to restore liveliness in us. I'm talking about having a time of personal intimacy with God that doesn't involve us doing anything else but putting our minds on Him and resting in His love for us.

Phil 4:7-9 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. 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. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

Luke 5:15-16 But so much the more went there a fame abroad of him: and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by him of their infirmities. And he withdrew himself into the wilderness, and prayed.

We should follow the example of Jesus. As His fame grew, He withdrew to have guiet time with God.

Prayer Focus: Father, I cherish our time together. Thank You for the privilege to fellowship with You.

Verse of the Day: Psa 4:8 I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety.

Living the Word Today: Rest safely in the knowledge of the power and love of God. Be still and listen for His voice.



Why Should We Pray

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Prayer is communing or talking with God. Jesus stands at the door of our heart seeking a time to communion with us. Start each day talking to the Lord in prayer

Four reasons to pray:

1. To keep from growing weak.

Luke 18:1 And He spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint.

2. To let your request be make known unto God

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

3. To fellowship with God

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

4. That your joy might be full

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

Prayer Focus: Thank You Father for the opportunity to come before You in prayer. I worship You Heavenly Father.

Verse of the Day: 1Thess 5:17 Pray without ceasing.

Living the Word Today: Worship the Lord in prayer.







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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

