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In
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Daily Devotional



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Greetings in the Wonderful Name of Jesus!

"Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." (John 4:35). As we near the end of summer, we come to harvest time. Now is the time to put forth the sickle and reap the harvest. Let's do the work of an evangelist and proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ.

Believers have been commissioned to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every person. We have the responsibility of evangelizing to the world for Christ. We have been empowered by God's anointing to be soul winners. Commit to, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15) Make special efforts to present Christ to a dying, hurting world and bring the lost to His saving grace. Be a witness for Christ.

Greenville Community Christian Church 36th anniversary celebration will be September 2. Join us at 8:15 or 10:00 AM. The Lord has been so good and gracious to us over the years. He is truly a God of "No Limits". Come celebrate with us.

Daily I get reports and testimony of how *A Word in Season* has impacted lives. I trust that you are blessed through *AWIS*. Make this devotional a part of your daily routine to get the most out of it. Please let us hear your praise report. I also ask your prayers for this ministry. My heart's desire is to continue impacting lives through *AWIS* and our other ministries. Your financial support helps us continue to send out *AWIS* without subscription costs. Your offering of support is needed and appreciated. We also want to minister to those unable to support financially. Thanks in advance.

Remember, Lady Sarah and I love and appreciate you. You are in our prayers. Expect God's overtaking blessings.

Yours in Christ,

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The Battle to Control Your Mind

2Cor 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

Who is in control of your mind? The devil wants to control your mind. He wants to control what you think. He knows that if he can control what you think, it will affect how you act and what you have. The Bible tells us that as a man thinketh in his heart so is he (Prov 23:7). You are what you think, not what someone else thinks about you! Say what the Word of God says about you.

Why does the devil want to control your mind? Ultimately, the devil wants you to doubt God. He wants you to doubt what God says about you. He wants you to think God will not heal you. He wants you to believe God is not going to come through for you, or God will not provide for you. The devil is the father of all lies and there is no truth in him!

In Genesis, the devil asked Eve “Yea hath God said?” In Matthew the devil said to Jesus “If Thou be the Son of God.” He was trying to get them to doubt God. Unfortunately, Eve fell for it. Jesus did not. Jesus answered him with the Word of God, “It is written.” You have to do the same; answer with the Word!

Prayer Focus: Father, I ask You to help me today to keep my mind focused on You.

Verse of the Day: 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.

Living the Word Today: Follow the example of Jesus. Answer every situation today with the Word of God.



August 2

Resist The Devil and He Will Flee

James 4:7-10 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up.

Sometimes, when we are tested, the first thing we want to do is quit. This is exactly what the enemy wants us to do. Warnings are sometimes sent out via TV stating, "This is a test. It's only a test. Do not adjust your set." We have to remain steadfast and fixed in the things of God when the temptation comes. This is only a test. Continue walking with the Lord.

When faced with the test of life, we cannot alter our beliefs. We cannot allow what we are facing to change what we believe, in reference to the Word of God. If God said it, then that settles it. God is true to His Word. He cannot lie!

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

Prayer Focus: Father, I thank You that you are able to keep me in the midst of tests.

Verse of the Day: 1Cor 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

Living the Word Today: Resist the devil and he shall flee from you. Victory is yours. Continue in the faith.



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Encourage Yourself in The Lord

1Sam 30:6 And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the Lord his God.

Here, David and his men were returning to the city of Ziklag. When they arrived, they found the city burned and their wives and children taken captive. The people were upset and began to blame David to the point that they talked of stoning him. David inquired of the Lord and asked what he should do. The Lord answered and told him to pursue the enemy, overtake the enemy and surely without fail, he would recover all.

When it appears that the enemy has an all-out attack against you and your back is up against the wall and you don't know what to do, encourage yourself in the Lord. Inquire of the Lord for direction. He has promised that if you ask, He will give it to you. He promised that no weapon formed against you shall prosper. He promised that He will always be with you even until the end!

Prayer Focus: Father, I thank You that many are the afflictions of the righteous, but You deliver me from them all.

Verse of the Day: Ps 27:3 Though a host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.

Living the Word Today: The Lord is your Light and your Salvation; do not fear. The Lord is the strength of your life; do not be afraid.



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Winning With A Warrior Mentality

1Pet 5:8-9 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking who he may devour: Whom resist, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren who are in the world.

2Tim 2:4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please Him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

Keys to Developing a Winning Mentality:

Pray in the Spirit: Eph 6:18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplications for all saints.

Expect to Reap in Your due season: Gal 6:9 And let us not lose heart and grow weary and faint in acting nobly and doing right, for in due time and at the appointed season we shall reap if we do not loosen and relax our courage and faint (AMP).

Keep declaring the promises of God: 2 Cor 4:13 We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak.

Prayer Focus: Father, I thank for making me a winner. I thank you for total victory.

Verse of the Day: John 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in Me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.

Living the Word Today: The Greater One lives on the inside of me and I can do all things through Him.



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Abide In Christ

John 15:7 If ye abide in Me, and My Words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you.

Abide means to remain or continue. What does it mean to remain or to continue in Christ? One way is to follow the examples of Christ's life. He went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil. "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with Him (Acts 10:38)."

Another way is to recognize that we need Christ. Jesus said in John 15:5, "I am the Vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without Me ye can do nothing." We can carry out the great commission that Jesus gave us and that is to go into the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. "And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature (Mark 16:15)."

We can also know that if we remain in Christ and allow His Word to continue in us, we can ask what we desire and we shall have it. Jesus said in John 14:14, "If ye ask anything in My Name, I will do it." We can confidently ask for what we need or desire and it will be given to us.

Prayer Focus: Father, I will abide in Christ and allow His Word to abide in me that I may ask what I will and know that it shall be done unto me.

Verse of the Day: John 15:4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in Me.

Living the Word Today: Abide in Christ so that you may operate in the power of God.



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Believe God

Ps 63:1-2 O God, thou art my God; early will I seek Thee: my soul thirsteth for Thee, my flesh longeth for Thee in a dry and thirsty land where no water is; to see Thy power and Thy Glory, so as I have seen Thee in the sanctuary

We must believe God as Abraham believed God. “Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, so shall thy seed be (Rom 4:18).”

We can believe God because He always keeps His promises. Deut 7:9 says, “Know therefore that the Lord thy God, He is God, the Faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love Him and keep His commandments to a thousand generations;”

We can believe God because God cannot lie. “In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began (Titus 1:2).”

We can believe God because God never fails. “And the Lord, He it is that doth go before thee; He will be with thee, He will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed (Deut 31:8).”

Prayer Focus: Father I believe You; I believe in You.

Verse of the Day: John 11:40 Jesus saith unto her, said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the Glory of God?

Living the Word Today: A Pastor was once preaching and stated, “God said it. I believe it. That settles it!” A little girl in the audience raised her hand. When acknowledged she said, “Pastor, you’re wrong!” The surprised Pastor said, “What do you mean?”



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Get Out of The Boat

James 2:20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

Getting out of the boat means to take bold steps of faith. But without faith no one can please God. We must believe that God is real and that He rewards everyone who searches for Him. If we look at Hebrews 11, we see a compilation of those who dared to have faith in God.

Because Able had faith, he offered God a better sacrifice than Cain. God was pleased with him and his gift and even though Abel is now dead, his faith still speaks for him.

Enoch had faith and did not die. He pleased God and God took him up to Heaven. Because Noah had faith, he was warned about something that had not yet happened. He obeyed and built a boat that saved him and his family. In this way the people of the world were judged and Noah was given the blessings that come to everyone who pleases God.

Abraham had faith and obeyed God. He was told to go to the land that God had said would be his and he left for a country he had never seen. Because Abraham had faith, he lived as a stranger in the Promised Land. He lived there in a tent and so did Isaac and Jacob, who were later given the same promise. Abraham did this, because he was waiting for the eternal city that God had planned and built. Even when Abraham and Sarah were childless and past the childbearing age, Abraham believed God and brought for a son.

Prayer Focus: Father, I am getting out of the boat and placing my faith in You.

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

Living the Word Today: Take that bold step of faith now!

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Speak Your Faith

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

The Bible establishes the steps of believing first, then speaking into existence the thing that we believe. Even Salvation, we believe first then we confess or speak. Notice Romans 10:8-10, "But what saith it? The Word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach: 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. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto Salvation."

The Word is near you, it is in your heart and in your mouth. You must declare the Word of God. Notice, it is not enough to just think with our minds. We must confess and declare the Word of the Lord. God followed this method. He spoke and it came to pass. We speak His Word and it comes to pass.

2Cor 4:13 makes it clear as well; "We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak." We believe; therefore we speak. Once you believe, you must speak your faith to receive God's blessings.

Prayer Focus: Father, I confess those things that be not as though they were, knowing it will come to pass.

Verse of the Day: Mark 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, what things so ever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Living the Word Today: Believe, then speak your faith. Watch it come to pass.



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He That Began A Good Work In You

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

God has begun a good work in you. The Lord is the One that is keeping you. He is able to do more than we ask or think. “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 (Eph 3:20).”

“For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because when ye received the Word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in the Truth, the Word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe (1Thes 2:13).”

Don't carry that stress around. Cast your cares upon the Lord. Keep your trust in the Living God. Don't give up. Wait until your change comes. The Lord is the One keeping you. “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 (Jude 1:24).” Your change is coming. Your breakthrough is on its way. Give God the glory and the praise.

God is not finished with you. Your best is yet to come. He has a plan for your life.

Prayer Focus: Lord, I thank You for beginning a good work in me. I purpose to trust in You and give You the praise in the midst of it.

Verse of the Day: Phil 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do His good pleasure.

Living the Word Today: You are more than a conqueror.



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Expect Your Due Season

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

Don't let the pressures of life wear you down. You shall reap in due season, if you faint not. Don't hate or avoid prosperity or think there is something evil about it. God wants to prosper His people. Isaiah 48:17 says; "Thus saith the Lord thy Redeemer, thy Holy One of Israel; I am the Lord thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go." Lord, send prosperity now!

Don't get caught up in jealousy or envy when you see others walking in the blessings. Don't let that deter you. We shall reap in our own due season. Maybe that is their season. Wait until your change comes. Believe God for your season and keep your heart right.

Keep speaking life and watch God because your due season will come. Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of His knowledge by us in every place (2Cor 2:14)."

Prayer Focus: Thank You, Lord, for my due season. I boldly decree today that this is my season.

Verse of the Day: Eccl 3:1 To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the Heaven.

Living the Word Today: Expect your due season. Expect God to do great and mighty things on your behalf. This is your season! Boldly decree "THIS IS MY SEASON!"



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Make A Faith Connection

Matt 9:20-22 A woman which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind Him, and touched the hem of His garment: for she said within herself, if I may but touch the hem of His garment, I shall be whole. But Jesus turned Him about, and when He saw her, He said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.

We receive from God by faith. When you make a faith connection, you reach out in the realm of the spirit and take what is yours and pull it into the natural realm. Romans 1:17 says the just shall live by faith. When you gave your life to Christ, God in turn gave you a better quality of life in Him. He will give you peace that surpasses understanding. Trust God for peace in your life that flows like a river.

Take heed to how you hear and show up during feeding time. Position yourself to hear and tune out distractions. Expect to receive. Get pregnant with what you want from God and expect to give birth to it. God will turn things around in your favor. Expectancy is the breeding ground for miracles. Speak your faith. Speak life. Act on God's Word. He will give you the fruits of your mouth. Abide in the Word of God and do not have a one-sided diet; for we must be a hearer and doer of His Word at all times.

Great faith will bring great blessings to your life.

Prayer Focus: Thank You, Father, for coming that I might have a more abundant life.

Verse of the Day: John 15:7 If ye abide in Me, and My Words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

Living the Word Today: Believe when you pray and you shall receive.



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Stewards of The Ministry

1 Cor 4:1-2 Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful

God gives us influence to equip us to build the kingdom. God equips and graces us to do the work of the ministry. To influence the souls given to us, by introducing Christ to them. God gave some apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers for the perfecting of the saints for the work of the ministry for the edifying of the body of Christ (Eph 4:11-12). He has not left us empty handed. We are trained to go out and compel others to come to Christ by preaching the gospel and giving them reason for our hope. As Christians we are held accountable for the stewardship of the ministry.

We are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. We have been set apart for holy use. We must live and act in full obedience of God's Word. We must teach the full counsel of God. When we do the work of the ministry – when we preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, God gets involved by confirming the Word preached with signs following. Church, keep God first and love one another. Keep yourselves unspotted from the world and keep up the good fight of faith and endure hardness as a good soldier. God gives us, pastors after His own heart to feed us with knowledge and understanding so represent the heart of your Pastor as you do the work of the ministry.

Prayer Focus: Thank You, Father, for equipping me to do the work of the ministry.

Verse of the Day: 1 Tim 1:12 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry.

Living the Word Today: Remember you have been enabled and entrusted with the stewardship of the ministry.



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Praise God Now for The Answer

2Chron 20:20-22y And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe His prophets, so shall ye prosper. And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the Lord, that should praise the beauty of holiness as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the Lord; for His mercy endureth forever. 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.

Do you have some difficulty in your life? Is there trouble in your home or in your marriage? Are you having problems with your children? Is there some difficulty on your job? Is sickness or disease trying to take your health? Do you believe God will work it out? Keep on praising God. Count it all joy.

Now imagine that every problem has been resolved and every need you have is met. How would you feel? Would you shout hallelujah? Would you dance all around your house? I dare you to go ahead and do it now. Praise God now!

Just as God came through for Judah when three armies were surrounding them, He will come through for you. Their enemies became confused and began to attack each other. The best thing about the whole situation is they did not even have to fight. They praised God and received their victory. Shout praises to your God for He has already worked it out for you!

Prayer Focus: Father, I praise You for the answer now!

Verse of the Day: Ps 150:6 Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.

Living the Word Today: Praise God for victory!

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Be A Change Agent for Christ

Acts 17:6 And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, these that have turned the world upside down are come hither also.

God is looking for people that will stand up and make a difference. Change ought to bring a fresh anointing in your life. Don't be the one that follows the pattern that's already there. Bring something new to the table. Be a valuable person, a valuable spouse, a valuable worker, a valuable friend and a valuable church member.

Born again believers are changed into the image of the Almighty God and change should bring about improvements. Bring something that is new and fresh and enlightening. Be a giver of yourself. The Lord loves a cheerful giver.

You don't want to stay the same forever. Instead of packing up and giving up, create a better tomorrow. Keep striving, keep growing. Be the best you can possibly be. Ask God for fresh oil in your life today.

Prayer Focus: Lord, give me fresh oil today. Help me be great at what I ought to be and get me out of that state of complacency. I purpose to be your change agent.

Verse of the Day: Ps 92:10 By my horn shalt thou exalt like the horn of a unicorn: I shall be anointed with fresh oil.

Jude 22 And of some have compassion, making a difference: 23 And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

Living the Word Today: Make yourself valuable in your family, community, at work and at Church. Be a change agent for Christ. Share the good news of Jesus Christ.



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Finding God's Purpose for Your Life

Is 43:7 Even every one that is called by My name: for I have created him for My Glory, I have formed him; yea I have made him.

God created you for His Glory. He did not create you for the world. He did not create you to be trampled on. He did not create you for the devil. Neither did He create you to be a heathen. There are things that will blind you to God's purpose for your relationship with Him. God loves you. He is open to you coming in to sup with Him.

Seek the Lord with all your heart and walk in the truth of God's Word. Do not allow the enemy to whisper reminders of your past into your ear. If you listen, it will hinder you from walking in what God has purposed for your life. When you became born again, old things passed away and all things were made new.

The Word of God says; "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end (Jer 29:11)." Do not allow any shortcomings you've had or currently have to rob the people of their blessings. It is not your goodness that qualifies you; it is God that called and qualified you. You are who you are today because of what Jesus has done in your life. Find God's purpose for your life and walk in light of it. Amen!

Prayer Focus: Father, help me to be who You have predestined me to be.

Verse of the Day: Num 23:19 God is not a man that He should lie; neither the son of man that He should repent: hath He said and shall He not do it? Or hath He spoken and shall He not make it good?

Living the Word Today: When you walk in the will of God you will discover His purpose for your life.



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Seek God With All Your Heart

Joel 2:12-13 Therefore also now, saith the Lord turn ye even to Me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: and rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth Him of the evil.

As believers, we have to continue to look unto Jesus as the Author and Finisher of our faith. We encourage sinners to give up their sinful ways and turn to the Lord. But we as believers also need to serve God with all our heart. Not just part of us, but all of our heart. We need to diligently seek after Him. We should seek the Lord with all our heart, mind, soul and strength. He tells us in His Word that He shall then be found of us. When you seek with your whole heart, you shall find Him.

Earnestly seek God and continuously stay attached to Him in fellowship. And as we do, we will see God move on our behalf. Matt 6:33 says when we seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness all these things will be added unto us. When we do as God says and take of His business, He will take care of ours.

Keep God first and seek Him in all things. Seek Him because you want to be closer to Him. Seek Him with your whole heart because you love Him and desire His presence above everything else in life. Seek Him because He is good and faithful. Seek Him because He loves you in spite of you.

Prayer Focus: Father, I want you to be first and foremost in my life. I will purpose to seek you with all my heart.

Verse of the Day: Ps 138:8 The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me.

Living the Word Today: Seek the Lord with your whole heart.



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Change

Is 42:9 Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.

Spiritually speaking you can't grow in the Lord without changing. You can't hold on to what has always been and expect to grow. Sometimes, we have things in our lives that are destroying us and we want to hold on to them. You've had that same attitude all your life and it got you in more trouble (at home, school, work and marriage). How long will you play a losing game?

Change means to make the form, nature, content and the future course of a thing different from what it would have been if it was left alone. To change something is to alter the state, position, course or content. To change something, you make it different from what it was.

There should be something different about what you are doing because you are a Christian. And since you are in Christ Jesus, you shouldn't act the same way the rest of the world is acting. The Lord said, I will make separation between light and darkness. There is something different about you now! You are not who you used to be. There is a great change that has taken place in you since you've been born again. Thank God for change!

Prayer Focus: Lord, thank You for changing my way of thinking, my mindset and the way I treat others.

Verse of the Day: Eph 4:23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind.

Living The Word Today: Grow in the Lord and CHANGE.



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Let Change Begin With You

Phil 3:13 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 am going to put myself out here a little bit. I had been known for holding on to a cell phone for years. I didn't want a new one because I had the old one figured out. I finally had to get a new phone. My phone provider told me that they do not make my phone anymore and it couldn't be upgraded. The useful life of that phone was over! The only thing I could do was get another one. They gave me one with buttons that slide all across the screen...I didn't want that! I was resistant to change. When I finally got my new phone, I could slide that little screen and do all kinds of stuff. I just played with it. I found out that I had a little button that I could push and talk and it texted what I said. I was so excited that I was texting everybody! Change is good! Some people will change when they see the light. Others change only when they feel the heat.

What are you holding on to? What are you losing because you refuse to change? Embrace good change so it will not come on you unaware. Prepare yourself. Prepare your heart. Ask God to show you how to embrace change. **CHANGE IS NOT A CHANGE UNTIL YOU CHANGE!**

Prayer Focus: God, I ask you to forgive me for being resistant to changes you have brought about in my life. Lord, I thank You for changing my way of thinking.

Verse of the Day: Is 43:19 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.

Living the Word Today: Lord, show me how to embrace change and how to reach forth unto those things which are before.



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Fight The Good Fight of Faith

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

As Christians there are events in life that we will go through. When we face the challenges of life, understand that your faith is being tested. Take note of the following things.

Endure: 2Tim 2:3 Thou therefore endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

Remember that this is just temporary: 2Cor 4:17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

Remember that blessings come: James 1:12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him.

Focus on Jesus: Heb 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Prayer Focus: Father, I thank You that You are faithful and have already prepared a way out. I am able to bear this.

Verse of the Day: Romans 8:31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

Living the Word Today: God is on your side. He calls you more than a conqueror.



August 20

Christ Lives in Us

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

Like a hand in a glove, Christ in us gives our lives shape, meaning and purpose. The glove can do nothing without the hand, neither can we without Christ. "For in him we live, and move, and have our being;" Acts 17:28 says, our bodies are the temples of the Holy Ghost.

We are new creations

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.

God creates us anew through the new birth. We are first changed spiritually. This change starts on the inside and manifests on the outside.

Old things – the old man, old nature – is passed away Rom

6:6 - 8 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:

Christ lives in and through us.

Col 3:4

When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

Prayer Focus: Thank you, Lord Jesus, for living big in me.

Verse of the Day: 1 Cor 1:30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and

August 21

The Life of God Within

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

Christians have the life of God within. This life drives out or dispels the forces of death just as light dispels darkness. Sickness, disease and poverty are forces of death. They came about as a result of the curse. Christ has redeemed us from the curse. The life of God within set us free from all the forces of death.

1. Gives Our Bodies Life

Rom 8:10 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.

2. Heals

Matt 8:17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.

3. Delivers

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

4. Protects

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

Prayer Focus: Father, I thank you for the life of God within.

Verse of the Day: Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.



Living the Word Today: Walk in the newness of life. Live the Christian life.
August 22

Hear and Receive the Word of the Lord

Gen 12:1-3 Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

God pronounced a blessing upon Abraham. However, Abraham had to hear the voice of the Lord in order to know what God had promised. Therefore, "Take heed therefore 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." (Luke 8:18)

Faith for increase comes by hearing the Word of God on increase. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Rom 10:17)

Jesus said "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:" (John 10:27) "Thus saith the Lord, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the Lord thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go. O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousnessness as the waves of the sea ." (Isa 48:17-18).

Prayer Focus: Lord, I thank you for Your Word abiding in me. Let me hear Your voice concerning increase clearly today. I receive Your Word.

Verse of the Day: Ps 115:13-15 He will bless them that fear the Lord, both small and great. The Lord shall increase you more and more, you and your children. Ye are blessed of the Lord which made heaven and earth.



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August 23

He Obeyed the Word of the Lord

Gen 13:1-2 And Abram went up out of Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the south. 2 And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold.

God made Abraham a very rich man. However, obedience on Abraham's part was necessary in order to receive the blessings God promised. Obedience is necessary on our part if we are to receive God's blessings of increase. "If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:" (Isa 1:19)

We are to be doers of the Word and not hearers only. Acting on the Word of God produces great benefits for the believer. Being a doer of the Word of God opens the door to greater blessings in all aspects of your life. "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me, seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children." (Hos 4:6)

Obedience is better than sacrifice. "...to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams." (1 Sam 15:22) Saul got in trouble for disobedience. He made the sacrifice but did so in disobedience. We should pay tithes and give offerings. Yet, we must also obey God's word to walk in the covenant of increase.

Prayer Focus: Heavenly Father, I purpose to obey Your Word and follow Your leading. I thank you for a victorious outcome.

Verse of the Day: Deut 11:26-27 Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you this day:

Living the Word Today: Make any necessary adjustments needed to walk in obedience unto the Lord.



August 24

Follow After Peace

Gen 13:5 - 7 And Lot also, which went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents. 6 And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together: for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together. And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle: and the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled then in the land. And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren. Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left.

Abraham also had increase because he was a peacemaker. Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall see God. They shall see God's power manifested in their lives. Strife blocks the blessings of God in your life. "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord" (Heb 12:14) Peace is a component of the fruit of the Spirit. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, **peace**, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." (Gal 5:22-23) Being a peacemaker is therefore a characteristic of Christian living.

Prayer Focus: Lord help me to be a peacemaker.

Verse of the Day: Rom 12:18-21 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

Living the Word Today: Be the peacemaker and not a peace

August 25

Abram Tithed

Gen 14:18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God. 19 And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: 20 And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.

Tithing was one of the principles God used to bless Abraham. Abraham was a man of faith which was counted unto him as righteousness. Therefore, tithing was an act of faith for him. Tithing must be an act of faith and an act of obedience for the believer. Long before the law, Abraham was a tither.

God told the Israelites that they were operating under the curse because they were not bringing the tithes and offerings in the storehouse. Tithing causes you to operate under an opened heaven. God promised the tither that he would pour out a blessing beyond his/her room to receive. Tithing activates the covenant of increase.

The Tithe Belongs to God:

Lev 27:30 And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's; it is holy unto the Lord.

Tithing Honors God

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

Prayer Focus: Father, I thank you for your abundant blessings. I honor you with the tithe and first fruits of my increase.

Verse of the Day: Mal 3: 8 - 12 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

Living the Word to Day: Commit to tithing if you are not a tither.



Continue tithing and giving offerings, if you are a tither.

August 26

Abram Prayed

Gen 15:1-3 After these things the word of the Lord came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward. And Abram said, Lord God, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus? And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir.

Prayer was also a key to Abraham's covenant of increase. He asked for what he wanted. A son, as an heir, was the thing dearest to Abraham's heart. "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart." (Ps 37:4)

Abraham's prayer also revealed that he had his priorities right. When asked by God what he wanted, Abram ask for a successor. "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matt 6:33)

Ask God for what you want. "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) The Word of God says we have not because we ask not. Ask and you shall receive.

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

Prayer Focus: Father, I ask You for increase today. Thank you, Lord, for increasing me more and more.

Verse of the Day: 1 John 3:22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.



August 27

One Day the Books Will Be Opened

2 Cor 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

1. We Shall Be Judged By What's Written In the Books According to Our Works

Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. 14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

2. Our Works Reflect Our Faith

James 2:18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

3. We Shall Be Judged By the Things Written in God's Book

Rev 22:12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

Prayer Focus: Lord, use me as an instrument of Your will. May my works be pleasing unto You, Father.

Verse of the Day: Matt 16:27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

Living the Word Today: Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men.



August 28

Abram Covenanted With God

Gen 17:1- 9 And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly. And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying, As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations. Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee. And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee. And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God. And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations.

Gal 3:9 So, then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.

Gal 3:14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Prayer Focus: Thank you, Father, for the covenant relationship I have with you. May the blessings of the covenant be manifested in my life.

Verse of the Day: Gen 12:2-3 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.



August 29

Keys to Evangelizing Your Circle of Influence

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

Love causes you to desire for those in your circle of influence to be saved. As you rejoice over what the Lord has done in your life, you want those you love in on the blessings. We have some Biblical examples of those evangelizing their circle of influence.

Peter

John 1:40 - 42 One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone.

Cornelius

Acts 10:30 - 33 And Cornelius said, Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and, behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing, And said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God. Send therefore to Joppa, and call hither Simon, whose surname is Peter; he is lodged in the house of one Simon a tanner by the sea side: who, when he cometh, shall speak unto thee. Immediately therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God.

Philippian Jailer

Acts 16:30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.

Prayer Focus: Father, I pray for the salvation of my family, friends and loved ones.

Verse of the Day: Acts 16:31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.



Living the Word Today: Share the gospel with the unsaved in your circle of influence.
August 30

Lifestyle Evangelism

2 Cor 7:1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

1. The Godly example of your life is a powerful witness for Christ. 1

Peter 1:15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; 16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

A. Living Stones

B. A Lifestyle That Attracts Others to Christ

C. A Lifestyle Based On Convictions is Convicting

2. Remember you are Living Epistles to Be Read of Men 2

Cor 3:2 - 3 Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men: Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.

A. Strive to Be A Godly Example

B. Be an Example of Faith

C. Bridle the Tongue

3. Keep Yourself Unspotted from the World

James 1:27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

A. Be a Blessing to Those Afflicted

B. Protect Your Testimony

Prayer Focus: Lord, may my life be a witness to others today.

Verse of the Day: Matt 5:14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.

August 31

May Your Works Glorify God

Our works are a reflection of our relationship with God. We are to let our light shine so men may see our good works and glorify our heavenly Father. Our works help others come to Christ, draw others into the kingdom and strengthen us in our walk with Christ.

1. Be Rich In Good Works

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; 18 That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; 19 Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

2. Maintain Good Works

Titus 3:7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. 8 This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

3. Provoke Others to Good Works

Heb 10:24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: 25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

4. A Lifestyle of Good Works Brings Glory to God

1 Peter 2:12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

Prayer: Father, I commit my works unto you.

Verse of the Day: Ps 100:2 Serve the Lord with gladness:

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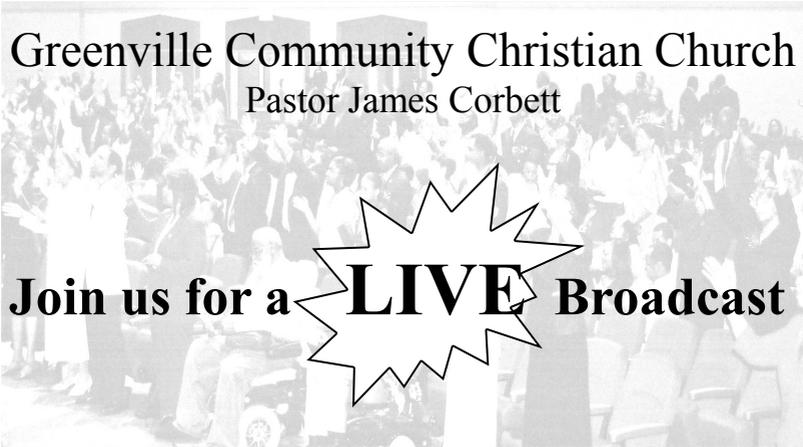
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