



A Word In Season

Daily Devotional

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Greetings in the Wonderful Name of Jesus!

Praise God for keeping us through another year. God's abundant blessings have far exceeded any challenges we faced. The Lord has strengthened us, He has guided us, and He has comforted us. Reflect on the past, live in the present and prepare for the future. The end of this season means the beginning of a new season. "Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a The Lord says, way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert." (Isa 43:18-19)

2020 marks the beginning of a new year, new decades and a season. A new season presents new opportunities. We are in the season that is described in Acts 2:17-18, "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: 18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy."

20/20 is considered "perfect vision". Let 2020 be The Year of Perfect Vision for us. Hab 2:2-3 says, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

Remember, Lady Sarah and I love you and we pray for you. We appreciate your partnership. I trust that *A Word in Season* is a blessing to you. Let me hear from you soon.

Yours In Christ,

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January 1

Happy New Year

God has a Plan and a Purpose

Jer 29:11 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.

The Lord has great plans for us His people. He wants to give us a hope and a future. He wants to bring us to an expected end. When we are running this course called life, we don't always see or understand what God has in mind for us. God plan for you this year is a great plan. Walk in it!

Jer 29:11 (Amplified) says, "For I know the thoughts and plans that I have for you, says the Lord, thoughts and plans for welfare and peace and not for evil, to give you hope in your final outcome." As we put our trust in God and look to Him, and run with patience the course that God has set before us, God has a plan and a purpose. He will cause us to walk in victory and overcome the challenges of this world.

Don't let things derail you and get you out of your purpose. No matter what you are going through, go ahead and laugh. When things are going well, thank God, rejoice, but don't get caught up in it because even through it you are still a work in progress. When things look like they are not going well, it is a light affliction which is but for a moment! There is a greater plan and purpose for your life. If I have to go through the wilderness to get to my promised land, so be it! God has a plan for me, and His plan for me shall not fail. I shall reach my destiny!

Prayer Focus: Father, show me the purpose and plan you have for my life. I believe it will come to pass.

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

Living the Word Today: This is a new year and a new season. Walk in the newness of life. Have a blessed and prosperous new year.

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January 2

Justified by Faith

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

Justification means to be found blameless. Faith is our assurance, trust and confidence in God. We are saved because of and through our faith. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:" (Eph 2:8).

Because of faith, we have been found blameless through Jesus Christ as if we had never committed sin! We can therefore go before the throne of God with expectation and we can stand in the presence of God because our sins have been washed away. Justified means you stand before God as if you had never committed a sin!

Rom 5:1 (Amplified) says, "Therefore, since we are justified (acquitted, declared righteous, and given a right standing with God) through faith, let us [grasp the fact that we] have [the peace of reconciliation to hold and to enjoy] peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One)." Amen! God is not angry with us. Those sins that once separated us from God have been washed away!

Because of the shed blood of Jesus Christ, we are now in a right standing with God the Father. The glory and peace of God is ours. Thank God we are justified by faith in Jesus Christ!

Prayer Focus: Lord, I thank you that I have been found blameless and made whole by the blood of Jesus Christ.

Verse of the Day: Ps 103:12 As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

Living the Word Today: Walk with confidence knowing that you have been set free.



January 3

Our Light and Salvation

Ps 27:1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When we really think about it, the strength that we have comes from the Almighty God. We are going to make it because of God at work in us. He is the Light of our lives that makes us shine. His light does not shine because of us; it shines in spite of us. God's light reflects off of us much like the moon light does the sun.

God is also our Salvation. There is no Salvation apart from the Lord. He is the one who redeemed our lives that was shipwrecked and messed up and put the pieces back together again. Thank God He loved us so much that He sent His Son Jesus to die for us, that we might have Salvation.

You don't have to fear, because of God at work in you! You have already been made a winner. You are more than a conqueror! The Lord is the strength of our life. He will keep you, and cause you to overcome; therefore you should not be afraid! *"When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident."* (Ps 27:2-3)

Prayer Focus: Thank you, Lord that you are my strength, my life, my light and my Salvation.

Verse of the Day: Ps 27:4-5 One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple. For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

Living the Word Today: The Lord will cause you to triumph in all things and in all situations!

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Forgiveness

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

Until we get to the place where we can forgive one another, we do not qualify for God's forgiveness! We all need God's forgiveness, but it only comes about when we learn to forgive one another.

Christians would not think of using a word of profanity, or drinking alcohol, or striking someone, because they know those things are wrong. But the same Bible that tells us these things are wrong also tells us that bitterness, wrath, anger, clamour and evil speaking are wrong and need to be put away from us. (Eph 4:31-32)

We should, and we will forgive one another, Amen? But we should also know that God has forgiven us for the sake of Jesus Christ and given us another chance! If the Lord saw fit to forgive us, then surely we can forgive one another!

Prayer Focus: Father, today I chose to forgive and let things go. I chose to free those who have wronged me from the guilt and condemnation. I refuse to put them down and talk about them, or say anything against them! Let my heart be right and my motives pure towards them and before you.

Verse of the Day: Mark 11:23-25 Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

Living the Word Today: You have to let it go! Don't hold on to unforgiveness. Go ahead and forgive now. Say, Lord I forgive (call their name out and say what you forgive them for).



January 5

Call Upon the Lord

Ps 50:15 And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

Our deliverance and salvation is in the Lord. In the time of trouble, when things don't seem to go right, the Lord said we should call upon Him.

When the Lord Jesus said to Peter, "Come" Peter walked on the water towards Jesus. But when saw the wind begun to rage and it looked like Peter was sinking, he cried "Lord, save me!" The Lord reached out and took Peter by the hand and led him safely back to the boat. (Matt 14:28-30)

When the pressure is on and it feels like the power of darkness is all around you, and looks like you are not going to make it; if you will dare to call on the name of the Lord, Rom 10:13 says, "*For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*"

The Bible also says God is with us in the times of trouble (Ps37:39). Therefore, when the trouble and pressures of this world come, we can call upon the Lord as Believers. And when we call upon Him, He will save us and delivers.

No matter what you are going through, call upon the Lord! When the storms are raging, call upon the Lord! When it seems like the World is against you, call upon the Lord! In the midst of your trouble He will answer you and show you His Salvation! God will never leave us nor forsake us!

Prayer Focus: Father, I will call upon your name in the midst of trouble.

Verse of the Day: 2Thes 1:6 Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you;

Living the Word Today: Call upon the name of Jesus and watch God minister to you! He will deliver you!

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January 6

Walking in Victory

1Cor 9:27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

When we talk about walking in victory as Believers, it means walking in victory over flesh because we already have victory in the realm of the Spirit. Being Born Again makes you a brand new person on the inside. 2Cor 5:17 says, *“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”* It is the inner you, the heart, that is made new in the likeness and image of the Almighty God.

Unfortunately, this flesh house that we live in has not been made new. Yes it was a great change since we have been Born Again, but our body remained the same. There might be a glow and a God presence in you, you might put a smile on your face, your demeanor might change, but that is because of what is going on in the inside of you. Outwardly we are still the same person.

The change that takes place when we get “born again” is a spiritual one. We still have to contend with that old nature. We have to contend with the fleshly aspect, but it is through Christ that we overcome. That is why Paul writes, *“But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection...”* Another Bible version says, *“I beat my body and make it a slave...”* Thank God we have been born again and have a brand new nature.

Prayer Focus: Father, I ask for strength to follow after the inward man instead of the flesh. Thank you for total victory over the flesh!

Verse of the Day: 1John 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.

Living the Word Today: You must and can overcome the flesh by letting the inward man dominate. Follow the convictions of your heart rather than the lusts of the flesh. Feed and exercise the spirit man by walking in faith. This will develop you and give you victory over flesh.



January 7

The Greater One

2Chr 20:15 And he said, Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the LORD unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's.

We need to understand that in the midst of our adversity or whatever/whoever is arrayed against us, the battle is not ours; it is the Lords! Faced with the threat of attack by three armies, Jehoshaphat turned to the Lord for answers. He began to cry out to God and he received comfort, reassurance and a strategy. He found out that the battle was not his.

In the face of your attack, you need to turn to the Lord and remember that the battle is not yours but the Lords. The Lord told Jehoshaphat that he did not need to fight the battle. He instructed him to appoint singers to praise and say "*Praise the Lord; for his mercy endureth for ever*" (2Chr 20:15-21). As they began to praise God, the enemy turned and attacked one another. All Jehoshaphat had to do was come in and pick up the spoils!

You might be facing a giant in your life, but know that the battle is not yours. Don't allow yourself to be pulled in to fight against flesh, because flesh against flesh only makes a mess! As you put your trust in the Living God, realize that the battle you are facing today is not yours but the Lord's.

If you have messed up, go before the Lord and repent. God is greater than your mistakes. The consequences of the mistake might cause you some hurt and pain, but God will forgive you and deliver you even from your mistakes. He will still come through for you!

Prayer Focus: Father, I acknowledge that the battle is not mine and cast it over to you.

Verse of the Day: Ps 37:39 But the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD: he is their strength in the time of trouble.

Living the Word Today: The Lord will carry you through and fight for you! Your outcome shall always be victory!

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Gird up your Mind

1Pet 1:13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

Girding our minds up through the Word of God is vitally important. We must protect ourselves from being victimized by the pressures of this world. We should not allow ourselves to lose sight of who we are and quit functioning in the mental capacity that God would have us to be because we are stressed out and worried about the things that are going on in this world.

As Christians we have to fortify our minds by taking time to put the Word of God inside of us. Let the Word of God dwell in you. Put your trust and confidence in the Lord. Speak the Word, refuse to worry. Cast doubt and unbelief out and say, no to worry! Walk by faith and put your trust in the Living God. Gird up your mind, be sober and keep your hope in the Lord. He will never leave you nor forsake you!

We are living in a time when people's hearts are failing them for fear, and they cannot stand the pressures that they are under because they have not totally given themselves unto the Lord in prayer. They have not cast that care over to the Lord. Therefore gird up your mind and fortify with the Word of God. Keep your confession of faith in place and believe to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Prayer Focus: Father, I ask that you will strengthen me to gird up my mind and stand against oppression and depression. Thank you for soundness of mind. I cast that care to you.

Verse of the Day: 1Cor 2:16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

Living the Word Today: Pray and ask God to give you soundness of the mind. Fight against every depression, oppression and everything that would try to come and put pressure on your mind.



January 9

Jesus is our Example

Phil 2:4-6 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

The Bible lets us know that Jesus Christ did not just care about Himself, but He was more concerned about others than He was for His wellbeing. Jesus came and humbled Himself as a servant and washed His disciples' feet as an example to us.

Jesus surrendered to His captives when He could have called upon the angels for His rescue. He suffered vicariously in the hands of evil men for the salvation of all mankind. Jesus became a curse for us so that we could be free from the penalty of sin. Phil 2:7 says, *"But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men."* Jesus became what we were so we could become what He is. He became the likeness of man so that we could have the likeness and image of God.

Ps 2:8-10 goes on to say, *"And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."*

Prayer Focus: Father, I thank you for the example of servitude that we have through Jesus Christ. Help me to walk in the likeness of Jesus.

Verse of the Day: Matt 23:12 And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.

Living the Word Today: Let the mind of servitude, humility and love be in you just like it was in Christ.



January 10

A Pure Heart

Prov 23:7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.

The real us is revealed by our thoughts and heart attitude. The Bible tells us that man looks at the outward appearance, but God judges the heart. (1Sam 16:7). God knows the heart's motives and our very thoughts. Therefore it is important that we keep our hearts pure before God.

God will also give you discernment about those that are around you. Many times people say one thing with their mouth but they have something else brewing in their heart, but God will give you discernment. Just follow the Lord and don't get caught up in the praises of people or what they say. Follow the Lord and don't be flattered by everything that comes along. Understand that the real motive is what comes out of the heart.

Sometimes, if we talk long enough, we will reveal our heart; and when this happens, we have to examine what is coming out of the mouth because out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks! (Matt 12:34) It can either be life or death, and it can be for you or against you.

Therefore let us start with our own heart and judge our hearts' motives to make sure they are right and pure before God.

Prayer Focus: Thank you, Lord for my heart being right and pure before you.

Verse of the Day: Matt 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Living the Word Today: Purpose to have a pure heart. Purpose to do what's right in the sight of God.



January 11

God is Love

1 John 4:8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

Our heavenly Father is the personification of love. His love is pure, His love is unconditional and His love is everlasting. Because of His love, He sent His Son Jesus Christ to carry out His plan of redemption for sinful mankind.

God loves us and wants the best for us as His children. He has said no good thing will He withhold from us. He also gives us all good things to enjoy richly. In other words, God loves us so much He wants us blessed!

Be assured of God's love no matter what the situation or the circumstances are. On the days that you may feel all alone or in despair, know that God loves you and He will always be there. His love brings comfort, peace and Joy. God is love.

Prayer Focus: Heavenly Father, thank you for your great love being revealed to my heart.

Verse of the Day: Ps 86:15 But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

Living the Word Today: Walk in love because God is love. Walking in love is the manifestation of God dwelling within us.



January 12

God's Love Surpasses Our Understanding

Titus 3:3-5 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost.

God's love is beyond our comprehension. Because of our human limitations, we cannot understand how God can have such great love for those that did Him so wrong. *All have sinned and come short of His glory.* We rejected Him by rejecting His Son, Jesus. We have failed time and time again, and yet still God loves us.

Many times we can see people that we would have written off a long time ago, but God loves them in spite of what they have done. The most hideous person still can be assured of God's love for them. God's love does not mean He agrees with our action, it does not mean that we can escape the punishment for doing wrong, but it does mean that God still loves us. He will do what's best for us.

Prayer Focus: Lord, reveal your love to my heart, that I might comprehend the depth of your love.

Verse of the Day: Rom 5:5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Living the Word Today: Give God praise for His great love.



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January 13

God's Great Love

Eph 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

We often measure the love that others have for us by the way that they treat us, by the things they do for us, by what they give to us and by the words they say to us. God excels in all these areas in our lives.

God shows His mercy and loving kindness to us. That's love. God demonstrated His love for us by providing a plan of redemption from the bondage of sin. That's love. God gave His Son, who gave His life that we might have life. That's love. God sent His Word and healed us and delivered us from our distraction. That's love.

But, "*greater love has no man than this, that a man laid down his life for his friends*" (John 15:13). God's great love produced the great sacrifice of His Son Jesus for our deliverance. That's love.

Prayer Focus: Father, I thank you for your great love and rich mercy. Thank you for loving me.

Verse of the Day: 2 Thes 2:13 But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

Living the Word Today: Spend some time in the presence of the Almighty God, giving Him thanks and praise for His great love.



January 14

The Father Loves You Because You Have Loved Christ

John 16:27 For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God.

When we accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, we accept God's love towards us. Making Jesus the Lord of our life is the way to the kingdom or into the family of God. Jesus made a statement: when you have seen me, you have seen the Father. In other words to accept Jesus is to accept God the Father.

Our covenant relationship with God the Father comes through Jesus Christ. He said, come unto me and I will show you the Father. Jesus came and took away our sins that we might have unhindered relationship with God the Father.

To love God is to love His Son Jesus. Because we love Jesus, we have a right standing with God the Father.

Prayer Focus: Heavenly Father, I thank you for your Son Jesus Christ, who loved us so much that He gave His life that we might have life and that we might have it more abundantly. Lord Jesus, I love you!

Verse of the Day: Matt 10:40 He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.

Living the Word Today: Spend time telling Jesus how much you love and appreciate Him. Give the Father praise for sending Jesus for your redemption.



January 15

God's Love Gives Us Consolation and Hope

2 Thess 2:16 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,
Consolation means the alleviation, or the lessening of grief, or sorrow, or disappointment. God is our everlasting consolation.

God's love gives us comfort. He consoles us in the midst of our pain and despair. He is a present help in time of trouble. The Lord is the one that says, I will never leave you nor forsake you. God is our consolation.

God is our good hope. Hope is a divine expectation. Through Christ we have hope because we know He will grant the desires of our heart. The Lord never leaves us in despair, for we always have hope because of His great love.

God loves us and He is our consolation and our hope. He promised to never leave us nor forsake us. In the midst of all the troubles in the world around us, we can have the peace that passes all understanding and a joy that is unspeakable.

Prayer Focus: Thank you Father for being my consolation and my hope.

Verse of the Day: Jer 29:11 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.

Living the Word Today: Rest in the Father's love. He loves and cares for you.



January 16

We Dwell in Love in Order to Dwell in God

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

In order to live a Godly life, we must walk in love. Our love walk is essential to our walk with God. The scripture says that we must love those that we can see in order to love God whom we do not see. Love is a Godly attribute.

Jesus said that love was the fulfillment of the commandment. When we walk in love, we keep the commandments of God. When we walk in love, we walk in the right relationship with God. Walking in love also helps us to walk in the right relationship with one another.

Every day we should practice walking in love as an act of faith and as an act of obedience. Loving those that love you and those act right is easy. However, the real challenge comes when we must love those that act unlovable. Because of God's great love flowing through us, we can love one another.

Prayer Focus: Heavenly Father I thank you for giving me the strength, the patience and the faith to love all people. Strengthen me to walk in love.

Verse of the Day: John 15:9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

Living the Word Today: Take time to tell several people today that you love them and that you appreciate them.



January 17

We Are Called "Sons" Because of God's Love

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

The phrase “Sons of God” literally means the children of God. One of the greatest words that a father can speak to their child is to say “son” or “daughter”. This indicates love and acceptance. More than all the gifts and all the opportunities, a child wants to know that Daddy loves them. We are blessed to know that our Heavenly Father loves us.

One of the great comforts and joys in life is to know that we have a loving and caring Heavenly Father. To hear the Father say: “daughter” or “son” brings us hope, healing, peace and joy. Those words say to us that our Father recognizes and loves us.

Thank God we are the children of God! We have the family heritage and the Father’s love.

Prayer Focus: Thank you Father for making me a part of the family and for loving me.

Verse of the Day: 1 John 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

Living the Word Today: Act like the King’s kid that you are and walk in confidence knowing that your Father loves you!



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God's Love Turns the Curse into a Blessing

Deut 23:5 Nevertheless the Lord thy God would not hearken unto Balaam; but the Lord thy God turned the curse into a blessing unto thee, because the Lord thy God loved thee.

When Balaam, the backslidden prophet, was sent to curse the children of Israel, God turned that curse into a blessing and would not allow Balaam to speak harm against His people because of His great love. Because God loved them, He would not allow the harm that was intended to come upon them. He sent an angel to block the path of Balaam, yet Balaam was determined to go anyway. God spoke through the donkey to stop Balaam from the evil he was intending to do.

God will protect you because He loves you. The curse that was intended for you will be turned into blessings as you continue with the Lord. He will make your enemies be your footstool. God always causes you to triumph.

You cannot curse what God has blessed! Thank God we the people of God are blessed!

Prayer Focus: Thank you Lord that I am blessed and cannot be cursed. Allow me Father to walk continually in your blessings.

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

Living the Word Today: Fear not, put your trust in the living God, and continue to walk by faith.



January 19

Nothing Can Separate Us from God's Love

Rom 8:37-39 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

We did not do anything to deserve God's love. He loved us while we were still rejecting Him. You can't do enough good for Him to love you more, or enough bad for Him to love you less. Therefore God's love is not dependent upon our action but rather upon His grace. His Word says "*nothing can separate us from God's love.*"

Believers sometimes do things that grieve the heart of God. Yet He continually loves us anyway. People will love you to their point of intolerance. Then they drop you. God says I am married to you. Nothing can separate you from His love!

Prayer Focus: Thank you Lord for loving me in spite of my shortcomings.

Verse of the Day: Jer 3:14-15 Turn, O backsliding children, saith the Lord; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion: And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

Living the Word Today: Trust in God's love for you.



January 20

God's Loving Kindness is Better Than Life

Ps 63:3 Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee.

We should all praise God for His love and kindness toward us. Our God is a loving God. He shows great mercy and kindness towards us. He has not dealt with us according to our actions, but according to His grace and mercy.

We couldn't make it if it was not for the Lord on our side. But thank God for His love and compassion for us. Our lives would be void and empty without God's love; but because of His love, our lives are full and have purpose. We are here today because of God's love.

Nothing that this world has to offer us can compare to God's love for us. More than money, we need God's love, more than material things, we need God's love, more than prestige and fame, we need God's love. But the good news is, we have God's love; let's walk in it!

Prayer Focus: Father, thank you for your loving kindness towards me. Thank you Lord that you love me, and Father, I love you.

Verse of the Day: Ps 89:33 Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail.

Living the Word Today: Let your lips praise God because of His loving kindness.



January 21

Follow After Righteousness

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

God's love for us is unconditional, yet God expects us to follow after righteousness. He loves for us to walk uprightly, to walk in holiness and to walk in love. Walking in righteousness opens doors for blessings in our lives.

As believers, we should strive daily to live a life of righteousness. We should do this because it pleases God the Father, we should also do this because it is a gateway to God's greater blessings in our lives.

The Bible says that wickedness is an abomination to God. It is not that He hates the person, He hates the sin. The scripture tells us to "*come out from among them and be ye separate*" (2Cor 6:17, 18) We should always follow after righteousness.

Prayer Focus: Thank you Father for making me the righteousness of God. Strengthen me to live righteous daily.

Verse of the Day: Prov 21:21 He that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness, and honour.

Living the Word Today: Make the decision to live righteously. You can do it! You will be blessed!



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January 22

God's Love Delivers Us from the Pit of Destruction

Isa 38:17 Behold, for peace I had great bitterness: but thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.

God's love is a delivering love. When our lives were headed for destruction, God sent His Son Jesus into our life to bring deliverance to us. When we were in the miry clay, He brought us up and set our feet upon the Rock. That's God's delivering love.

When the devil thought he had us, he underestimated God's love for us. We can give God thanks for delivering us from the hand of the enemy. God sent His Son Jesus Christ to set the captives free, and whom He sets free is free indeed.

Ps 107 vs 20 says, "*He sent his word and healed them and delivered them from their distraction.*" We should praise God for His goodness, for His wonderful works and for His great love for us. Thank God we are delivered!

Prayer Focus: Thank you Lord for setting me free! Strengthen me to walk in that freedom.

Verse of the Day: Col 1:12-13 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

Living the Word Today: God has set you free. Refuse to live in bondage.



January 23

God's Love Gives Us Mercy

Ps 51:1 Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

It's because of God's great mercy that we have eternal life. We did not do anything to earn it, and we certainly didn't deserve it. But because of His great love for us, He has great mercy upon us.

God has not dealt with us according to our doings, but according to His grace and mercy, He has saved us. If divine justice was required, we would be sentenced to hell. "*For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*" (*Rom 3:23*). We should all rejoice because of mercy.

If God is so gracious and merciful to us, then we should be gracious and merciful to one another. If God has seen fit to forgive us, then we should also forgive one another. "*Blessed are the merciful for they shall receive mercy*" (*Matt 5:7*)

Prayer Focus: Thank you Lord for your great love and mercy towards me. Strengthen me to walk in mercy and love towards others.

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

Living the Word Today: Forgive those that have wronged you. Let it go!



January 24

God's Love is Everlasting

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

The thing that draws us into the kingdom of God is His great love for us. He showed mercy and kindness to us even when we didn't know how to love Him. God loved us so much that He provided salvation through His Son Jesus. His great love protected us even when we didn't know it.

God doesn't quit loving us because we did wrong; His love is an everlasting love. The Word of God says the goodness of God leadeth us to repentance. God is steadfast in His love towards us.

Believers should share God's Word with a dying hurting world. Much of the world does not know that God loves them. A simple message of God's love is hope to those that feel hopeless. God loves the sinner as well the saint. That's the good news we need to be sharing with the world

Prayer Focus: Heavenly Father, I thank you for your everlasting love. I ask you to strengthen me to share your love with others, even as I receive it myself.

Verse of the Day: Eph 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith He loved us,

Living the Word Today: Tell someone about God's love today.



January 25

God's Love Is Unconditional

Titus 3:4 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,

God loves us unconditionally. His love is not based on our performance, not even out righteousness. God's love is not based upon our family heritage, or our accomplishments. God loves us because we are.

God loves His creation as a loving father with his child. The Lord said that we were created for His Glory. He loved us so much; He made us in His likeness and His image. He loves without partiality. God simply loves us.

When we know that God loves us unconditionally, we have great confidence in our relationship with Him. God is not trying to get us for our sin, or mistakes, or shortcomings. God is not trying to send us to hell. Because of His great love, He sent His Son Jesus to deliver us from the kingdom of darkness. He loved us so much that He accepted us into His kingdom.

Prayer Focus: Father, I thank you for loving me when I didn't know how to love myself, and when I didn't know to love you.

Verse of the Day: Titus 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

Living the Word Today: Accept the reality that God loves you, not based on performance but on the fact that you are His.



January 26

The Lord is My Shepherd

Ps 23 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

A shepherd is one that attends to, cares for, guides and protects sheep. Our Lord attends to us, He is our guide and He is our protector. The Lord is our Shepherd that watches over us to keep us from harm and danger so we can live in peace. He makes sure that we are nurtured and fed.

With the Lord as our Shepherd, we shall have no lack. He is our provider. A shepherd loves his sheep, a shepherd knows the sheep. Our Father loves and knows us.

Prayer Focus: Thank you Lord for being the Shepherd of my life. Thank you for your love.

Verse of the Day: John 10:11 I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep

Living the Word Today: Submit to God as the Shepherd of your life.



January 27

You Are the Apple of God's Eye

Ps 17: 8 Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings,

We are special and precious in the eyes of God. His Word says we are the apple of His eye; which means that we are dear to the heart of the Almighty God. God cherishes us. God loves us.

God watches over us and protects, He keeps us from the attack of the enemy. God is the one that says that we belong to Him, and he that touches us, touches the apple of His eye.

He spoke of Jacob in Deut 32:10 where He says "*He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye.*" In other words Jacob was chosen by God.

Always remember that you are precious in the sight of God. Remember, you are the apple of God's eye.

Prayer Focus: Father, I thank you for watching over me and keeping me in every way. It thank you Lord for making me the apple of your eye!

Verse of the Day: Zech 2:8 For thus saith the Lord of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye.

Living the Word Today: Walk with boldness knowing that God is watching over and keeping you.



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January 28

The Father Gives Light

Ps 18:28 For thou wilt light my candle: the Lord my God will enlighten my darkness.

The Word of God says the spirit of man is the candle of the Lord. God uses our spirit to reveal to us what's within. He reveals all the secrets of the heart that we might know where we are in the Lord.

The Word of God says that the entrance of God's Word gives light. God is the one that brings light to our life. He causes us to walk in light so we won't stumble in darkness. He causes the light of our understanding to come on. God gives light.

The Word of God tells us that we are to let our light shine, however we know that the light that shines through our life is a reflection of God shining on our lives.

Each day, we should purpose to walk in the light, as He is in the light. Light reveals what would otherwise be hidden.

Prayer Focus: Father, I ask you to live big in me and to let your light shine through me.

Verse of the Day: 1John 1:5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

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



January 29

The Lord Loves Justice

Ps 37: 28 For the Lord loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.

God has told us in His Word that He will never leave us nor forsake us; that He will always be there for us. But He also says that sin will separate between us and our God. God says, the righteous shall be kept forever, but the wicked shall be cut off.

We should purpose to walk in a way that pleases the Almighty God. When we do, we give birth to the manifestation of the promises of God. The blessings of the Lord are upon the upright.

The Word says, when a man's ways please Him, He will make even his enemies be at peace with him. We have to do right even when others do us wrong. We have to live right when the world seems to be living wrong.

Prayer Focus: Lord, help me to walk uprightly before you and do justice towards others that I might please you.

Verse of the Day: Micah 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?

Living the Word Today: Make the commitment to live God's way.



January 30

The Lord Takes Pleasure in His People

Ps 149:4 For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation.

God loved us so much that He created us in His likeness and image. The Word says we were created for His glory. God loves us. God takes good pleasure in us.

The Lord says in Rev 3:20 that He stands at the door and knocks and if we would hear His voice and open the door, He will come in and fellowship with us. In other words God has such great pleasure in us that He wants to spend time with us. When you love someone, you get pleasure out of spending time with them. God loves us and gets pleasure out of spending time with us.

We should love God so much that we find pleasure in spending time with Him. We are instructed in Col 3:2 to set our affections on things above. In other words, we have to love God on purpose

Prayer Focus: Thank you Father for taking pleasure in me as your child. Thank you for loving me.

Verse of the Day: Ps 35:27 Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant

Living the Word Today: Spend some time in fellowship with your Heavenly Father. He takes pleasure in you!



January 31

God is Our Glory

Prov 17:6 ...The glory of children are their fathers.

Glory means very great praise, honor or distinction. Our God causes us great praise and gives honor and distinction to our lives. Because of our relationship with God, we have the splendor and glory of God on our lives.

We have honor and distinction because we are connected with God. His glory gets on us because we are in covenant relationship with Him. The Bible tells us that we are to glorify God in our spirit and in our body, which belong unto Him. Every day, we should purpose to "*let our light shine before men that they may see our good works and glorify our father which is in heaven*" (Matt 5:16)

As glory comes to our lives, we should be quick to give God the praise and the thanks. We know that any glory that comes to our lives is a reflection of our Father's glory upon us. Therefore, we want to live in a way that the world can see Christ in us. Walk in the glory of the Almighty God

Prayer Focus: In my life Lord, be glorified.

Verse of the Day: Ps 3:3 But thou, O Lord, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head.

Living the Word Today: Live your life in such a way that others can see Christ shining through you. As the moon is the reflection of the sun, our lives should be a reflection of *the Son*. Let God's glory shine through you!



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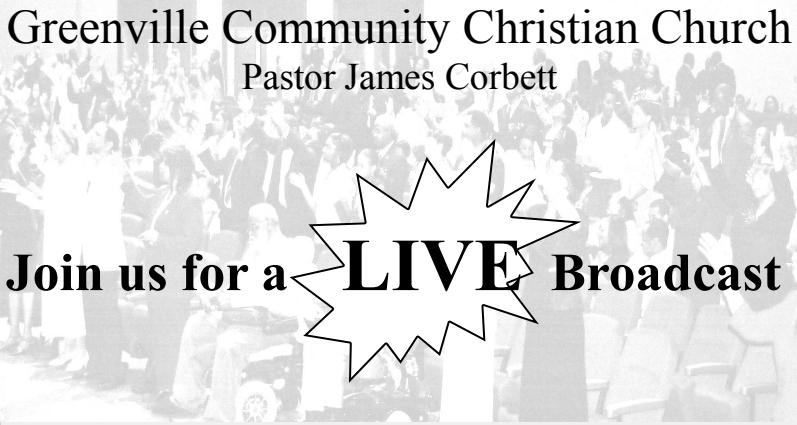
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Ps 65:11 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness.

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