

A Word In Season

Daily Devotional



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Greetings in the Wonderful Name of Jesus!

Jesus Christ is Lord. Acknowledging and submitting to His Lordship is more important than ever. We must not forget to continually look to the Lord for His blessing on America and on our lives personally. We should continually give Him thanks for our freedom. God has blessed America even in the midst of current tests and trials. America should bless the Lord. "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance." (Ps 33:12)

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We are honored to host the ICFM Eastern Regional Convention. This is a time for Ministers and ministry leaders to come and RECHARGE. Pastors, come and bring your leadership team. Dr. Doug Wingate will be our guest speaker.

Greenville Community Christian Church will celebrate our 38th anniversary Sunday, September 6th. Make plans to join in the celebration.

I trust *A Word in Season* is a blessing to you. Make it a part of your daily devotion. Your prayers and offerings of support help us reach others with this devotional. Sow a seed of support today.

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Yours In Christ,

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Remain Steadfast

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

As believers, we have to be rooted and grounded in faith. We cannot allow things to move us away. We live in a time where our value system is being challenged. We cannot allow things to get us away from the hope of the gospel.

Things are coming along offering us alternatives that we have never even dreamed of before. This thing over here is saying I'm right, and the other thing is saying it's right. As believers, we cannot be moved away from the hope of the gospel.

We cannot be moved away from our position in faith and knowing who we are in the Lord. We have to stand steadfast, rooted and grounded in Christ. He that has begun a good work in us will continue. We cannot be swayed by every wind of doctrine that comes along.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank you for giving me strength and discernment to remain steadfast in you.

Verse of the Day: Philippians 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:

Living the Word Today: Remain steadfast in the things of God.



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Don't be Moved

Galatians 1:6-9 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

Sometimes people come along with some new things. We cannot allow those things to move us away from God. Somebody comes along saying they are Christian but living something totally different. We cannot be moved by that.

We have to remain steadfast in the things of God; continuing on and not letting things sway us away. Resist the temptation of being moved to another gospel. Don't lower your standards. Don't compromise your belief system. Stay strong in the Lord. He is your strength and power.

Prayer Focus: Lord, I purpose to remain unmoved from the truth of your Word.

Verse of the Day: Ephesians 4:14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

Living the Word Today: Don't be moved by every wind of doctrine.



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Put Your Trust in God

Psalm 13:1-6 How long wilt thou forget me, O LORD? for ever? how long wilt thou hide thy face from me? How long shall I take counsel in my soul, having sorrow in my heart daily? how long shall mine enemy be exalted over me? Consider and hear me, O LORD my God: lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death; Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him; and those that trouble me rejoice when I am moved. But I have trusted in thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation. I will sing unto the LORD because he hath dealt bountifully with me.

The beginning of this Psalm is really a cry out as if God has forgotten you or as a person who's going through. But the last couple of verses show us where we really need to be. We have to trust God!

When life looks like God has forgotten, and it looks like it's not working for you, remember God will never forget you. When the enemy seems to have triumphed over you, remember God always causes you to triumph. Victory is yours. Know that God will see you through.

We must continue to rejoice in the salvation of the Lord. Sing a new song to the Lord because the Lord has blessed you. Don't be despaired and don't be dismayed if things look like they are not working for you. Count it all joy.

Prayer Focus: Lord, I trust you.

Verse of the Day: Ephesians 1:12-13 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

Living the Word Today: Put your trust in the living God.



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Real Freedom Comes from God

Ps 119:45 I will walk about in freedom, for I have sought out your precepts (NIV).

As flags wave, patriotic songs are sung, fireworks sound, we are reminded of America's freedom from British rule. A colony of states became a sovereign nation. The price for this freedom included sacrifices of life, pain and suffering. Our freedom was summarized in what is known as the bill of rights which included the freedom of religion. We should celebrate our freedom. American need to remain "One Nation Under God". We should continue in our motto, "In God We Trust".

Real freedom comes from God. The scripture says, "...where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom (2 Cor 3:17 NIV). Celebrate your freedom in Christ. Freedom from sin. Freedom from the kingdom of darkness. Freedom from the bondages of the past. Freedom for oppression, etc. Thank God we have been set free. Jesus paid for our freedom with His life.

2 Cor 3:17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

Gal 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank you for the opportunity to live in a free country. But, most of all, I thank you for setting me free from the snare of the devil.

Verse of the Day: John 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Living the Word Today: Celebrate your freedom as a citizen of the USA but most of all, celebrate your freedom as a Christian. In both cases, fight for what is rightly ours.



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In the Name of Jesus Christ

Acts 3:16 And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

We talk about the healing of the lame man who was at the gate of the temple called Beautiful. He had been lame from him mother's womb. Peter spoke to him and said, "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk".

People wanted to start giving Peter glory and began to look at Peter and John as if they were great. We thank God they were great men of God, but that's not why the man was healed. Through faith in the Name of Jesus, the lame was healed.

Peter asked, why are you looking at us? Peter explained "it's the name Jesus though faith that has made this man strong. Now you see him and you know him. This happened in the presence of you all." The faith given by Jesus gave the lame man perfect soundness.

Thank God, we have an opportunity to use that name, Jesus.

Prayer Focus: Lord, I thank you for my victory in Jesus' name.

Verse of the Day: Philippians 2:9-10 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

Living the Word Today: Speak healing to your body in the name of Jesus. Speak healing to others in the name of Jesus.



July 6

Call on the Name of Jesus

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

When we face situations of adversity in life, we can call on the name of Jesus and have faith in that name. The power in that name causes change in our situation and causes breakthroughs in our situation. There is power in the name of Jesus.

We need to look unto Jesus as our strength and source knowing that God is the one who will turn things around on our behalf. So, when it looks like it's not working, when you feel like you are in despair, call on the name that's above every name, His name is Jesus.

As Peter said to the lame man at the gate of the Temple, "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk". I say to us today, in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and take your victory over every adversity and everything that the enemy would try to throw our way.

Prayer Focus: Father, I thank you for the power of God that works in me and through me.

Verse of the Day: Hebrew 7:25-26 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;

Living the Word Today: Victory is already yours. Give God glory and praise for it. Speak to adversity in the name of Jesus. Speak victory.



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Pursue Your Passion

1Corinthians 9:10 Or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope.

What is the passion of your life? Devote time to it. I read that if you want to learn a new skill, devote an hour a day to it. In 30 days, you will become fairly proficient with that skill. Everyday spend at least one hour on your passion.

My generation did not grow up with computers. Years ago, I did not know how to turn a computer on. I did not know how to do anything on a computer. One of the brothers in the church gave me one, so I took it home and I worked on it everyday.

I learned how to get on a computer, maneuver it, get around in it. I learned how to do what I needed to do. More knowledge came and I kept progressing. Now I can look up stuff. Play with it. Put messages on Facebook and more.

Today, I am fairly computer literate. I am not an expert, but I can do what I need to do. I can get a sermon out. That is what I mainly wanted to do. I write the AWIS on the computer. That's my passion.

What is it that you want to do? Stop saying I don't know how to do it. Put your hands to the plow and do it.

Prayer Focus: I will not fear the unknown. I believe that with your help, all things are possible to accomplish. Everyday, I will pursue the passion you have placed in my heart.

Verse of the Day: Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Living the Word Today: Devote an hour a day to whatever it is that you are passionate about. Develop your passion.

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Make Healthy Choices

Jeremiah 30:17 For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the LORD; because they called thee an Outcast, saying, This is Zion, whom no man seeketh after.

If you want to change your health conditions, measure where you are and make healthy choices (especially if a doctor is recommending that you change your diet). It is time to make some tough decisions in order to live a long healthy life. Our bodies are the temple of God. Let's not defile God's temple.

I am using this as an extreme example. If you eat a bag of fried pork rinds every day and the doctor told you to stop eating the fried pork rinds because they were killing you and you continue to eat them, you are going to have health problems. I hate to say this, but you are digging your grave with your teeth.

Many of us have other eating habits we need to change, like putting too much salt on our food, drinking too many sodas, or eating too many sweets. Start making healthy choices now. Psalm 91:16 says, "*With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation*". God wants you to live, but we must make healthy choices.

Is eating the wrong foods worth you being unhealthy and not being able to do the things you like to do? There is a simple solution. Change your eating habits. Eat to live!

Prayer Focus: Lord, I want to live a long healthy life. Help me to change my eating habits.

Verse of the Day: Jeremiah 33:6 Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them, and will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth.



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Choose Right Companionships

Psalm 119:63 I am a companion of all them that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts.

In a relationship, ask yourself what is this relationship doing to me. Is it putting something in me, or is it taking something out of me? Purpose to be in a position where you can receive as well as give.

People either add value to your life or they take something from your life. We should not mind being in a relationship where we are giving, but you should also be able to receive. If I am the one giving out all the time, sooner or later, I will be emotionally bankrupt. When you become emotionally bankrupt, stress, anxiety, anger and other negative emotions come out.

You should witness, be kind and be friendly to everybody. However, you need companionship with those that fear and live by the Word of God. Yes, we can influence the people that we hang out with, but they also influence us.

Evil communications corrupt good manners. Be a companion of those that fear the Lord. We are influenced by those we hang out with. Ask God for the wisdom to choose right companionships.

Prayer Focus: Lord, help me to recognize when I am being deceived and pulled in the wrong direction. Surround me with companions that fear and honor you.

Verse of the Day: 1Corinthians 15:33 Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.

Living the Word Today: We ought to always be a blessing to others, but we also need to be in a position where we can be blessed.



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Invest Your Time

Ecclesiastes 3:1 To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

Your time is one resource that you cannot get any less or any more of. You have 24 hours a day. That is it. You cannot get more time. The only thing you can do is manage your time better.

Sometimes people say, ‘we spend time together’. Well I don’t like to just spend time. I prefer to invest time. When I invest in something, I have a return coming. Investments usually grow and bring increase. When you start using your time wrong, you spend more time doing the wrong things. Then you end up paying for it on the other end. For example, if you need time to study and something encroaches upon your time, you will pay by losing sleep and/or missing due dates.

There was a point in my life where I found myself being nonproductive. I was not getting anything accomplished, so I went before the Lord, and the Lord showed me that I had to limit some of my extracurricular activities because it was taking me away from what I needed to do.

Invest time in your marriage, your children and family, and your friendships. Also learn to prioritize and live a balanced life. Ask God to help you recognize and eliminate activities that are nonproductive.

Prayer Focus: Lord, show me the changes I need to make in order to live a productive life.

Verse of the Day: Ecclesiastes 8:5 Whoso keepeth the commandment shall feel no evil thing: and a wise man's heart discerneth both time and judgment.

Living the Word Today: Time is one thing you can never get back. Invest your time wisely.



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Endure the Temptation

James 1:12-15 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. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, it bringeth forth death.

What happens when believers give in to the temptation of sin? He/she loses the God consciousness. The desire for the creature overcomes the love for the creator. Satan does not fill that person's heart with hatred for God, but with a forgetfulness of God. Lust for the object or temptation takes over the mind and will.

That lust drives him to behave out of character. Fight against temptation with your whole being and the Lord will keep you from falling. Look unto Jesus as the author and finisher of your faith.

Resist the devil and submit to God. Read God's word, daily. Remove yourself from the source of temptation. And remember the high cost of sin.

Prayer Focus: Lord, please keep me from falling.

Verse of the Day: 1Corinthians 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: Endure the temptation, resist the sin, cast down ungodly imaginations and walk in victory. The Lord has equipped you to endure.



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A Passion for God

Deuteronomy 6:5-7 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

Having a passion for God is to have a burning desire for God and the things of God. The dictionary says passion is any powerful or compelling emotion or feeling, as in love or hate. Believers should love God with all their heart.

There should be a passionate love for God and the things of God. Our love for God should be greater than our love for anything or anybody. He is to be our first love. Passion becomes a driving force in your life. Passion is a strong compelling desire. The evidence of desire is pursuit. You will pursue your passions. Make sure your number one passion is for God. Set your affections on things above.

"Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent" (Rev. 2:4-5).

Prayer Focus: Father, I love you. You are first in my life.

Verse of the Day: 1 John 4:19 We love him, because he first loved us.

Living the Word: Focus on God's love for you. Now, start confessing your love for God. Tell God how much you love Him. Passionately pursue the things of God.



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Submit to God

1Peter 5:5-6 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

As believers, we know we must submit one to another because that's what the scripture tells us. We also know that we should commit to the authority figures in our lives. We don't do that very well until we submit to God and let Jesus Christ become Lord in our lives.

We need to let Jesus be Lord of every aspect of our lives. Any area of disobedience towards God is an area that we have not allowed Jesus to be Lord of. We want Jesus to be Lord of every area of our lives. As we do so, we will see the hand of God move on our behalf.

God is the one who wants to exalt us. He wants to bring us up and cause us to rise to high places in life. God is the one who wants to exalt you and cause you to rise above your circumstances.

Prayer Focus: Father, I surrender and submit to your Lordship in every arena of my life.

Verse of the Day: 1Peter 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

Living the Word Today: Humble yourself before God and submit to Him.



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Submission Grows Out of Trust

Psalm 37:3-5 Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.:

God wants to position you in a place that you can be best used by Him. Put your trust in God. You can safely submit to God knowing that He will cause all things to work together for your good. Submission grows out of trust.

When we submit to God, we are not submitting to one who will not treat us fairly; but we are submitting to Almighty God! He is the one who will take of us! He said He will be our help in time of trouble! *“But the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD: he is their strength in the time of trouble” (Psalm 37:39)*. Submission grows out of trust.

When we submit one to another, do it in obedience unto the Lord. The Lord will protect those submitting with a pure heart. God does not want us to be subject to abuse. *“Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord” (Rom 12:19)*.

Prayer Focus: Father, I submit my life to you!

Verse of the Day: Psalm 27:5 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: Trust, submit and commit yourself to Almighty God. He is able to keep you!



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Rest for your Soul

Isaiah 14:3 And it shall come to pass in the day that the LORD shall give thee rest from thy sorrow, and from thy fear, and from the hard bondage wherein thou wast made to serve,

This scripture refers to when the children of Israel will be carried away captives and be ruled over by their captives. But in that day, the Lord gave them rest from their sorrow.

We need to believe that God is the one who gives us rest from the sorrows of this world. He gives us rest from the things that have held us in captivity and bondage. God is the one who brings rest to our lives.

God gives us rest from our sorrow. He will give us rest for our soul. His yoke is easy. His burden is light. So, whatever it is that's standing against us in faith and brings fear upon our lives, God is the one that gives us rest.

I encourage you today to rejoice in the God of your salvation. Say, "Lord, I thank you that I have rest and can rest in the Lord".

Prayer Focus: Father, I look unto you for rest for my soul.

Verse of the Day: Matthew 11:28-30 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Living the Word Today: Turn to the Lord to give you His rest and peace that passes all understanding.



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Rest!

Psalm 37:7 Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

Thank God, the Lord is the one who gives us that place of peace and that place of rest in Him. We look unto Him for rest for our soul, rest from our sorrows, rest from our fears, and rest from bondage.

The Lord gives you that peace that passes all understanding. It's in Christ we live, we move and have our being. He is the one that causes the weary to rest! We should look unto the Lord of our salvation to give us rest.

Sometimes you can be in a situation so long and think that's the way it's supposed to be and when the rest comes, you don't even quite know how to enjoy it. No, it's not too good to be true. God did this for you. He turned it around for you. So, rest in it! Enjoy. Rest!

Jesus said, "*Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls*" (Matt 11:28-29).

Prayer Focus: Lord, I will rest in your peace that passes all understanding. Thank you for giving me rest.

Verse of the Day: Philippians 4:6-7 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Living the Word Today: Rest in the Lord of your salvation! He cares for you!



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Wait Patiently

Hebrews 10:35-36 Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

The time between doing the will of God, praying the prayer of faith, and the time of seeing the manifestation is where faith has to kick in. But it is also where we must patience.

After we have done the will of God, we must patiently expect. Patiently does not mean you have to be lethargic. Patience means resting while having an expectation to see the manifestation of the promise. Patience means not casting away your confidence.

Don't start thinking, "this thing is not working for me... I prayed the prayer of faith, but I don't see the manifestation of it..." No! You have need of patience that after you have done the will of God you might receive the promise!

"Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward". In other words, this thing is going to produce results for you! So, thank God that you can wait patiently in the midst of it.

Prayer Focus: Lord, thank you that I can wait on you!

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

Living the Word Today: Wait on the Lord! It's already yours!



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Wait with Expectation

Philippians 1:20 According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.

Now patience is the ability to endure times of test and trial calmly without murmuring or complaining. Therefore, get in faith and start saying, "I thank you, Lord! It's mine! It's mine now!". You're not being fretful over it nor being worried about it.

Rest in the Lord and expect the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Give God praise for it! It's yours! It's a done deal! Victory is already yours! So, now you need to go ahead and shout about it!

We have desires of our hearts and petitions that we have placed before God. Things that we are believing Him for. Choose to be patient; to wait for it and expect to see the manifestation of it. Wait on the Lord!

"My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him. He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defence; I shall not be moved. In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God. Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah" (Ps 62:5-8).

Prayer Focus: Father, I expect to see the manifestation of your promise, in Jesus's Name!

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

Living the Word Today: 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 (Jeremiah 29:11).



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It's in the Book

2Corinthians 1:20 For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

The promises of God are yes and amen. If God said it, it will surely come to pass. For it is impossible for God to lie. So, expect it. God said that you should have an abundant life (John 10:10). It's in the Bible. God put it in there, so, expect to have an abundant life.

The Bible says that if you bring the tithes and offerings into the storehouse, God will open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that you will not have room enough to receive (Malachi 3:10). It is in the book called the Bible; expect it.

The Bible says, Jesus took your infirmities and bore your sicknesses (Mathew 5:17). By his stripes you are healed (1Peter 2:24). It's in the book. Take hold of the promises in the Bible and expect God to move on your behalf. Believe that he will fix it; nothing is too hard for him.

The Bible says in Rom 10:13, "*For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved*". It is in the book. Call upon the Lord, today for salvation, healing, deliverance, etc. It is in the book!

Prayer Focus: Lord, I expect your promises to come to pass in my life.

Verse of the Day: Titus 1:2 In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began.

Living the Word: READ THE BIBLE!



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It's in the Book (cont'd)

Psalm 119:15-16 I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways. I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word

It is in the Bible that God's word will prosper and accomplish that which it was sent to do. *"So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, But it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it (Isaiah 55:11).*

Because it is in the Bible, you can expect all things to work together for your good (Romans 8:28). It's in the book. Expect God to turn things around and cause things to work in your favor.

Expect God to supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19). It's in the book.

Expect your marriage to be blessed according to 1Peter 3:6-7. Your marriage will work because you have an expectation that it will work and not fail.

And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up (Deut 6:6-7).

Prayer Focus: Lord, I will meditate on your word day and night. I expect it to work for me.

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

Living the Word: Remember God confirms His Word.



July 21

My Expectation is From the Lord

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

Many times, we are disappointed because we expect things from people that only God can deliver. We need to trust in the Almighty God. We need to put our trust and confidence in him and him alone. Let your expectation be from the Lord.

We are only disappointed by what we hope to get but do not receive. Hope deferred makes the heart sick according to Proverbs 13:12. This is why our expectation should be from the Lord.

You will rise up to the level of expectation. There is a saying that you are nobody yet until somebody expects something out of you. You are somebody because there are demands that have been put on your life. Thank God you are not what you used to be.

God has made you somebody. He has put deposits in your life. To whom much is given, much is required (Luke 12:48). There is a higher expectation of you than there is of other people. God expects something out of you. He says he has created you for his glory.

Prayer Focus: I will glorify you, Lord, in my life. I will live up to your expectations of me.

Verse of the Day: Luke 12:48 But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

Living the Word: Be a person who God and people can expect something from.



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July 22

What are You Expecting?

Proverbs 13:12 Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life.

We can expect great things from God. We expect God to come through for us. We should have high expectations.

You can have an expectation of a favorable outcome. That is hope. Fear is an expectation of an unfavorable outcome. To expect means to look forward to something. Expect also means to regard something as likely to happen. To anticipate the occurrence of or the coming of is also expectation. So, what do you really expect?

To guard your heart from disappointment is to let your expectation be from God. Lowering your expectation is not a protection but rather a compromise. Don't expect someone to bless you just because you blessed them. Look unto the Lord. If you do what you do as unto the Lord, then you are not looking for man to bless you; but looking for God to bless you.

God is your source. Expect him to increase you. Expect God to multiply your seed sown. Expect God to do great and mighty things in your life. God promised you an abundant life, so, expect it. He said he will make you the head and not the tail. He will make you above only and not beneath. Expect it.

Prayer Focus: Lord, I expect you to bless me.

Verse of the Day: Deuteronomy 28:13 And the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the Lord thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them.

Living the Word: What are you expecting?



July 23

Worship Service is Important

Luke 24:52 And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy:

People have told me that they cannot do things during the week because they have to work. That is reasonable but have this same concept on Sunday. Be the one who says, "I have to worship the Lord. As for me, worship is that important!".

Psalm 34:3 says, *O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.* When we worship, we are saying God is worthy. He is worth our time. Praise God because He is good and powerful! It lets everyone know that you belong to Him!

When you worship the Lord, you get in His presence. Everything that is not of God falls off of you. Deliverance takes place in His presence. You also receive wisdom and revelation knowledge for whatever situation and challenges you face.

Look forward to worshipping the Lord. Prepare for worship. Don't hang out on Saturday night then nod in church on Sunday morning. When you worship the Lord on Sunday morning, be refreshed and ready to receive what God has for you. Worship is that important! Make the worship service a priority in your life.

Prayer Focus: Lord, I worship you! I praise you! I honor you! You are my first in my life!

Verse of the Day: John 4:23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

Living the Word Today: Worship the Lord today. Make worshipping God your first priority. He will give you strength and wisdom to conquer every challenge.



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July 24

Be Present and Accounted For

1 Cor 4:2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

When I was a squad leader in the military, we had a saying when it came to roll call. We had to give an account for every member of our squad. If all my squad was there, I had to say, "all present and accounted for." If someone was missing, I had to say how many were present and how many were AWOL (absent without leave), on sick call, etc. In other words, I had to account for everybody.

Jesus gave an account for those entrusted to him. *"While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled"* (John 17:12). We must likewise give an account of those who we have been entrusted with. We are stewards of the influence that God has given us.

Stand in faith for household salvation. Expect to be able to say, "all present and accounted for." When it is time to go into the house of the Lord, be present and accounted for. When the Heavenly roll is called you want to be presented and accounted for. Expect the souls you witnessed to and prayed for to be present and accounted for. If you can't say that, call them in through prayer.

Prayer Focus: Lord, thank you for my family and loved ones. Thank you for allowing me to be an intercessor.

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: Believe God's Word and power because the Lord is present and accounted for.



July 25

Wisdom on Your Job

Proverbs 28:7 Whoso keepeth the law is a wise son; but he that is a companion of riotous men shameth his father.

My dad used to say “Boy, don’t work for a man if you have to talk about him. If you have to talk about him, you need to do something else. Don’t work for him.”

My father worked out in the field, sharecropping; during the times when there was a whole lot of oppression and depression. Yet, that was his philosophy on life. Don’t work for a man if you have to talk about him.

Sometimes people talk all kinds of ugly stuff about their job and wonder why they are not getting an increase. You are not going to get an increase in the place where you work when you are speaking negative words and mumbling in your heart about the place. You are cutting yourself off from promotions.

You must also be very conscious on your job. If you have somebody who is always bad mouthing the job and talking ugly about it, you might want to separate yourself from them. Otherwise you will be looking for a job.

Walk with wise men. Be around others who appreciate their job. Find those who keep God’s Word. That’s wisdom.

Prayer Focus: Lord, provide me with wisdom on my job. Help me to appreciate and see the good in whatever position you bless me with. Thank you for providing me with the wisdom I need to be promoted.

Verse of the Day: Philippians 2:14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings:



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Forsake the Foolish and Live

Proverbs 9:6 Forsake the foolish, and live; and go in the way of understanding.

You can be on a good track and start hanging out with the wrong people. Bad communication and bad companionship will mess you up. That is why it is good to make sure your friendships and companionships are right and in order. One year, a police officer did a seminar for our youth and told them if there is a big fight or something, get from around it. Chances are you will be arrested.

If you encourage somebody to do a crime, you are an accessory. For example, if you say, "if I were you, I would go get him...here's my piece and go over there..." If that person commits a crime because of what you said, you are going down too. That is called accessory, aiding, and abetting a crime. You don't have to do the crime to do the time. Just hanging with the wrong people and getting out of the will of God for your life can cost you your future.

1 Tim 5:22 says, "...neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure." Ps 53:1 reminds us, "The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God." Forsake the foolish and live.

1 Cor 5:11 says, "But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat."

Prayer Focus: Lord, help me to recognize when I am being pulled outside of your will for my life. Help me to choose right relationships.

Verse of the Day: Proverbs 12:12 What the wicked construct finally falls into ruin, while the roots of the righteous give life, and more life. (Message Bible)

Living the Word Today: Forsake the foolish and live.

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Believing That the House of God Will Be Filled

Luke 14:23 And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.

Compel them to come. We compel them to come with the message of the gospel. We compel them to come by the manifestation of the spirit. We compel them to come by a godly lifestyle. We compel them to come by a good report of the things the Lord has done in our midst.

Believe for the house to be filled. Paul preached, people turned to Christ, God confirmed the word with signs following, "and the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God" (Acts 13:44).

We must serve faithfully in order to see a harvest of souls. The Bible says the harvest is plenteous but the labors are few. We must "go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

Prayer Focus: Father, make me an instrument of your will in winning the world to Christ and in fellowship with your church.

Verse of the Day: Acts 2:47 Praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

Living the Word Today: Make a list of potential church invitees. Make a plan to invite each of them to church. Look for opportunities to share the gospel with them.



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July 28

The Spirit That Raised Jesus From the Dead

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

The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead dwells in believers today. If there was enough power to raise Jesus from the dead, then it is enough power to raise you above every situation. *“And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power”* (1 Cor 6:14).

The Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead was powerful enough to overcome death and give life to a mutilated dead body. That same Spirit is powerful enough to raise the believer above every situation. *“For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death”* (Rom 8:2).

Prayer Focus: Father, let your Holy Spirit live big in me.

Verse of the Day: Rom 6:4-5 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

Living the Word Today: Acknowledge the Holy Spirit as the Greater One within.



July 29

Wrong Relationships Turn the Heart

Judges 3:5-7 And the children of Israel dwelt among the Canaanites, Hittites, and Amorites, and Perizzites, and Hivites, and Jebusites: And they took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their daughters to their sons, and served their gods. And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and forgat the LORD their God, and served Baalim and the groves.

The children of Israel's hearts turned because they married the wrong people and started serving wrong gods. They began to serve the gods of the people they became entangled with.

King Solomon loved many women. He had 700 wives and 300 concubines. 1Kings 11:4 reads, *"for it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father"*. King Solomon was wise in a lot of senses, but he was not smart when it came to having women.

Wrong relationships will also turn your heart against people you like. You have to guard against how you let people get in your ear. Unfortunately, there are some people you cannot spend time with because they do not want to do right. Wrong relationships turn the heart.

Prayer Focus: Lord, I look to you. I praise you, and I pray to you only. Anything or anyone that does not lift you up and glorify you, I remove out of my life. I will not let anything nor anyone pull me away from you.

Verse of the Day: Proverbs 3:1 My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments.

Living the Word Today: Ask God to help you recognize right and wrong relationships. Guard your heart. Guard your ears.



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July 30

Overcoming the Thorn of the Flesh

2 Corinthians 12:7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

How do you deal with situations when a messenger of satan is sent to buffer you? To buffer means something continually coming against you when you are trying to please God. There is a constant attack. The Bible calls it a thorn in the flesh. The thorn in the flesh is simply a messenger of satan speaking words of doubt, unbelief, and discouragement; anything that is contrary to the Word of God.

Years ago, I remember having heartburn. I never had it before, and I did not know what it was. All of a sudden, here comes the messenger of satan. "You have throat cancer. You used to smoke. I know you stopped, but you won't get healed from this one." The devil wanted me to sign a package for sickness and disease. He wanted me to sign the package for throat cancer. Then he would have had a rite of passage to bring it on me.

I had to deal with that and rebuke it. Thank God, the Lord delivered me from heartburn. Fight against negative thoughts because it is a messenger of satan trying to talk you out of your heritage and what belongs to you as a believer. Put on your shield of faith to block the fiery darts of the devil.

Prayer Focus: Father, I ask you for the wisdom to deal with this situation. Thank you for total victory.

Verse of the Day: Ephesians 6:13 So put on God's armor now! Then when the evil day comes, you will be able to resist the enemy's attacks; and after fighting to the end, you will still hold your ground. (Good News Bible)

Living the Word Today: Overcome any thought that is contrary to the will of God through the knowledge of His Word.

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Abounding in Hope

Rom 15:13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

Hope is a feeling that something desirable is likely to happen. Hope is a confident desire. Our confidence is in the Lord. Christians must never lose hope. Hope says my outcome shall be victory.

Hope is a necessary ingredient of faith. Faith is the substance of things hoped for. Without faith we cannot please God. Hope is therefore necessary in order to have faith that pleases God.

Rom 8:24-25 says, “For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.” We came to Jesus in hope of a better life and in hope of eternal life. We had not grown it faith yet, but we had hope.

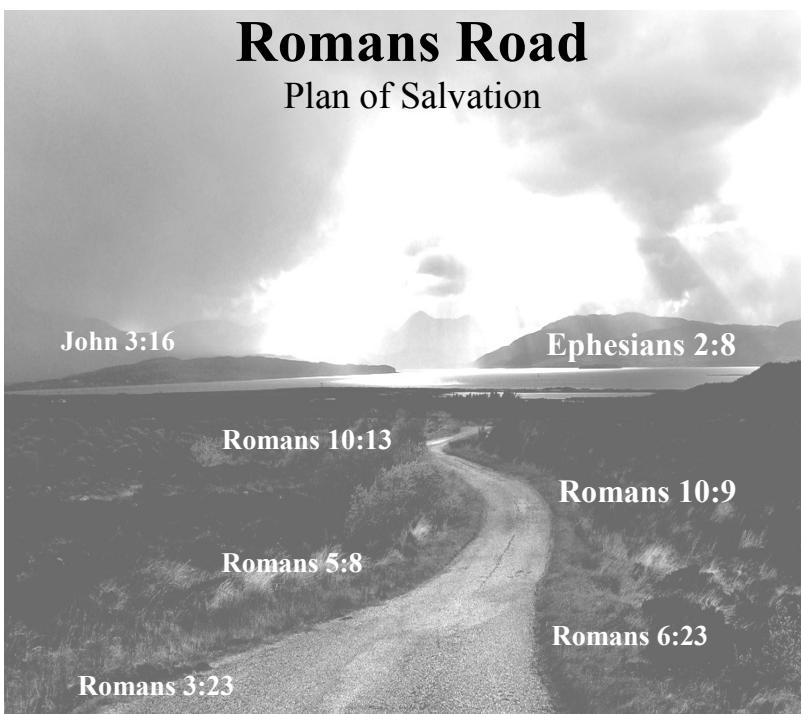
Prayer Focus: Thank you, Father, for allowing me to abound in hope.

Verse of the Day: Prov 10:28 The hope of the righteous shall be gladness: but the expectation of the wicked shall perish.

Living the Word: Build hope by defining your desired outcomes and writing them down. Find scriptural promises for each. Confess these promises over your situations.

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Plan of Salvation



Pray the Prayer of Salvation...

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

Four Things You Need to Do Immediately...

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



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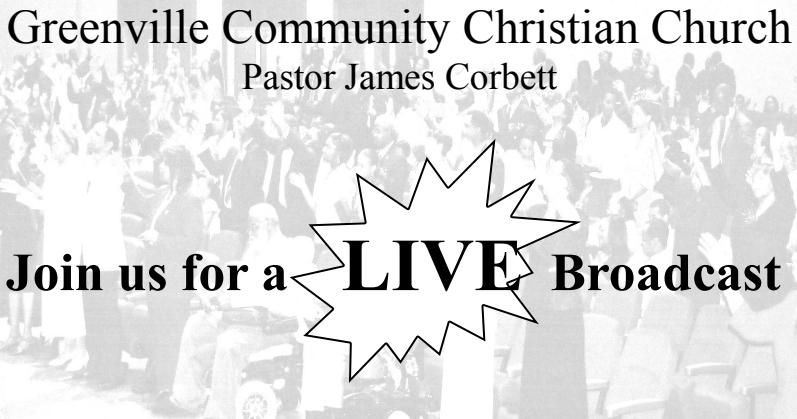


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