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Greetings in the Wonderful Name of Jesus!

You invited to join Greenville are Community Christian Church on Sunday, September 6th as we celebrate 38 years of ministry. This celebration will be during our 8:15 and 10:00 AM services both in person and online. The 8:15 service will be in the sanctuary and the 10 am service

will be a drive-in parking lot service. The theme for this anniversary is "Believe to See the Glory".

While we must honor the past, we must also move into the future. I believe God will also launch us into the "new things" He has in store for us during this time of celebration. Come expecting a historic move of God. Isa 40:5 says, "And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. Let's "Believe to See the Glory".

I trust that A Word in Season is a strength and blessing to your walk with Christ. I believe that the Lord will speak to you through each daily devotional message. Your prayers and financial support help send this devotional out each month.

Please note the upcoming events listed inside the back cover. Save the dates for future reference. I invite you to participate in the various events. I look forward to seeing vou.

Remember, Lady Sarah and I love and appreciate you. Expect God to do a new thing in your life.

Yours In Christ,

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September 1

With God, All Things are Possible!

John 11:1-4 Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. (It was that Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.) Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick. When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.

There are times when we find ourselves in situations that seem impossible, but if we would dare to believe, with God all things are possible. Jesus was delayed in getting to Mary's house and the sisters were concerned that He was not there. Lazarus did, in fact, die.

When Jesus arrived, Martha said, "Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died" (John 11:21). It is easy to blame others when we have adversities in life. Blaming others is one of the symptoms of grief. But in the midst of it, the Lord said, "Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep." And His disciples said, "Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well". So Jesus made it plain and said, "Lazarus is dead. And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him" (John 11:11-15).

There is nothing too hard for God and no situation too late for God! It may look like it is over and it is not going to work. However, Jesus walked up to Lazarus's grave and called Lazarus out of the grave. *"And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go" (John 11:43-44). You may have some dead situations, but if you put your trust in the Lord, He will call that situation forth!*

Prayer Focus: Lord, I expect to see the glory of God manifested in my life. I choose to believe your Word.

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

Living the Word Today: Dare to believe God's Word. Put the Word at work on your behalf and you shall see the glory of the Almighty God!



Keep Jesus First

Rev 2:4-5 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.

We have to make sure that we stay in our right place relative to our relationship with God, the Father. Jesus should be the first love of our lives. We cannot let anything come in and take His place in our heart.

Our first love is where our passion is directed. Our first love directs our pursuit. Our first love is what causes us to want to get up in the morning and "go". As a result of Jesus being our first love, we want to please Him by doing the things that are pleasing in His sight. We want to honor Him with our life, honor him with the words of our mouth and meditation of our heart.

Getting away from Jesus being our first love can come upon us very subtle. When we let other let things come in and choke the Word, or get caught up in activities, in relationships, etc., Jesus is pushed out of the first love position. The next thing you know you are obeying those things rather than obeying God, and you are doing and giving them what they demand from you rather than giving God what He demands. Let's keep Jesus as our first love!

Prayer Focus: Lord, I want you to be first in my life and I want to love you with all my heart, body and soul. I look unto you as my first love and ask you to forgive me for letting other things creep in and try to take your place in my heart.

Verse of the Day: Matt 22:37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

Living the Word Today: Put Jesus first in your life.



September 3

God's Favor

Ps 5:11-12 But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee. For thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield.

Not only does God bless us, but He causes His favor to be upon our lives. We can make this confession of our faith: "we walk in God's favor"! God will cause favor on your behalf. He even says that when your ways please Him, He will make even your enemies to be at peace with you (Prov 16:7). Thank God for the favor that is upon us.

When Jesus was growing up, the Bible says He was at the temple talking with the lawyers, the doctors, physicians, etc. but then it also says He grew in stature and in favor (Luke 2:46-52). The disciples went out preaching and the Bible says they had favor with all the people (Acts 2:47).

We want to walk in that favor, that God will cause things to work on our behalf. God will turn situations to our benefit. God will cause His favor to be upon us as a shield, a weapon of protection. So, we thank God for it and give Him the glory and praise. Thank you, Lord for favor and strength being in our lives!

Prayer Focus: Father, I thank you and praise you for favor. Let it encompass me as a shield, in the name of Jesus, Amen!

Verse of the Day: Isaiah 26:3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

Living the Word Today: Expect the favor of God. Confess it boldly. Expect Him to do wonderful and mighty things in your life. Keep your mind on the Lord and He will cause you to have perfect peace.



The Greater One Living Within

1John 4:4-6 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. They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them. We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

The good news for us as believers is that the greater one lives on the inside of us. The one who is on the inside of us is greater than he that is in the world! That is enough to put us over every situation and enough to cause us to triumph! As a matter of fact, the Scripture says, God always causes us to triumph (2Cor 2:14).

No matter what the situation you are facing today, you need to give God thanks and give Him glory because that greater one lives within us. "*Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us*" (*Rom 8:37*). We can do all things through Christ which strengthens us (Phil 4:13). The Lord is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us (Eph 3:20).

So rejoice! Give God glory, give God praise! Realize that the greater one lives on the inside of you. You are going to make it! This is a blessed day; this is a blessed week! We triumph! Victory is already ours! Thank God for the greater one living within.

No matter the report from the doctor, from the banker, the attorney, or whomever; greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world!

Prayer Focus: Thank you, Lord, for your goodness and mercy towards me. Thank you for the greater one living on the inside of me.

Verse of the Day: 2Cor 2:14 Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.



September 5

Work Out your Salvation

Phil 2:12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

As believers, salvation is free; we receive it and don't have to work to get saved. But we have to work through fighting the good fight of faith and walking in the victory of our salvation. We must continue to walk with the Lord in the midst of the challenges that we face and carry our salvation out to full maturity.

There are issues that come up in life but we, through Christ, have to overcome all those issues. The Bible says in all our ways, we should acknowledge Him and He shall direct our paths (Prov 3:6). We declare His Lordship in our lives and trust Him to be the Lord of our lives.

Therefore "work out your own salvation" does not mean you are working to get saved, but it means you are working while you are saved. You must work to go through all of the different situations that will come up and try to hinder you and to stop you. You must take the Word of God and apply it to your life and to your situation.

Make up your mind that you are going to triumph in Christ and the Lord is going to always cause you to come to that place of victory. God always causes us to triumph! We just need to believe that the victory is already ours in Christ Jesus.

Prayer Focus: Thank you, Lord, for saving me, for delivering me and for setting me free. As I purpose to work out my salvation, I thank you that it is already done, it is mine and I shall see the full maturity of what God has done in my life.

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

Living the Word Today: You can make it, you can do it, and you can carry this thing out! The victory is already yours! No weapon

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formed against you shall prosper!

September 6

God has a Plan and a Purpose

Jer 1:5-10 Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations. Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child. But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD. Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth. See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.

God had a plan and a purpose for us from the very beginning. He had a plan and a purpose for you and me before we ever got started in life! He not only has a plan and a purpose for our lives, but He will also equip us to carry out that purpose! So whatever our excuses are, God said He has already given us an answer for it. We can do whatever God has assigned us to do!

It is good to know God had a plan for us before we ever knew ourselves, and before our parents knew us. He had a plan before we came into this world. God told Jeremiah, *"I have put my words in thy mouth. See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms".* God already did this while Jeremiah was still saying, *"I am a child."!* God had already sanctified and ordained him for that purpose and that plan.

Therefore, do not be afraid; be bold! Go out and be all that God has made you to be. The enemy will try to throw things in your way to cause you to stop, but the good news is, your victory is in Christ Jesus!

Prayer Focus: Lord, I look unto you as my strength, my source, my peace, my joy, the keeper of my soul, the greater one who lives within. I realize that I can do what you have assigned me to do through Christ!



September 7

Supernatural Living

Zach 4:6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

Believers are called to supernatural living. "This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh" (Gal 5:16). So often, if we are not watchful, we will reduce ourselves to a natural lifestyle when God has called us to walk in the supernatural. He has called us to walk in the Spirit.

John 14:26 says, "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you".

1John 2:26 says, "But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him".

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

As you walk in the Spirit, God will cause that door to open that no man can shut. He will cause His angels to encamp round about you. He will give you wisdom beyond your years. He will cause you to understand all things. The supernatural power of God operates in your life as a believer. He gives you direction so you will not walk in darkness.

Prayer Focus: Thank you, Lord for the call to supernatural living. I purpose to walk in the Spirit, so that I will not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

Verse of the Day: Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Living the Word Today: You are called to supernatural living. Walk



in the Spirit and do not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

September 8

The Word at Work in You

Ps 1:1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

We are to receive Godly counsel, as we walk with Lord. We must purposely walk in His ways. We ought to expect God's blessings to be upon our lives. The Word of God brings blessings to us. Ps 107:20 says, *"He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions"*. So, we can see the Word of God at work on our behalf.

Applying God's word in your life drives sickness and disease out of your body. Oppression and depression have to go; they cannot stand in the light of the Word of God! The Bible says God's Word shall never fail! Therefore, we have to apply the Word of God to every situation in life, and as we do so, we will walk in multiplied blessings.

We believe that the blessings of the Lord will come upon us because we give His Word first place in our lives. We need to be doers of the Word and not hearers only. Give the Word first place in your life and watch it manifest on your behalf.

Prayer Focus: Father, I thank you for your Word at work in my life, and for the blessings associated with abiding in the Word.

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



September 9

Established in Righteousness

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

Enduring temptation includes keeping the commandments of the Lord when the devil is trying hard to get you to compromise and sin. The Lord said if we love Him, we will keep His commandments. The Lord promises the crown of life because we endure the temptation.

Temptation comes to all of us, but in the midst of it, we must make up our minds that, we will serve God and do what is right in the His sight. Endurance is the strength to overcome. Temptation comes, but we make up our minds that we will do what is right, no matter what the temptation is! *"Blessed is the man that endureth temptation.."*

Isa 56:1-2 says, "Thus saith the LORD, Keep ye judgment, and do justice: for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed. Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil." We have made a decision to follow Christ, and if we are going to walk in the blessings, we have to face temptation without sinning.

Therefore, we cannot stop the temptation from coming but we can refuse to yield to it. We ought to continue walking in the blessings of the Lord and doing the right things in His sight. In doing so, the blessings of God overtake us!

Prayer Focus: Thank you, Lord, that I can chose to do the right thing in the midst of the temptation.

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



Living the Word Today: Chose to obey God's Word. Walk in the blessings of Almighty God! September 10

Our Help is in The Name of The Lord

Ps 124:1-7 If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, now may Israel say; If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, when men rose up against us: Then they had swallowed us up quick, when their wrath was kindled against us: Then the waters had overwhelmed us, the stream had gone over our soul: Then the proud waters had gone over our soul. Blessed be the LORD, who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth. Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped. Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Thank God, our help is in the name of the Lord. The Bible tells us that whosoever shall call on that name shall be saved (Acts 2:21). Thank God, one day, we called upon the name of the Lord for our salvation, for deliverance from sin and the effects of sin. We can and should call on the name of the Lord in the time of trouble. Jesus!

We can call upon that name when we face adversity. We can call upon that name when sickness and disease is trying to overcome our body. Our help is in the name of the Lord! The Lord is on our side! We will not fear what man can do to us! If God be for us, who can be against us?

Whenever we call upon the name of the Lord, we need to know that we are calling on our Savior, our deliverer, our healer, our source and our strength! We can call upon that name! *"The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe"* (Prov 18:10). Our help is in the name of the Lord!

Prayer Focus: Father, thank you for the name that is above every name. My help is in the name of the Lord! My deliverance is in the name of the Lord!

<u>Verse of the Day: Acts 2:21</u> And it shall come to pass, that www.greenvillecommunitychristian.com



September 11

Preach the Gospel

Matt 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, 6667 and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

As believers, we have to accept the call of God to fulfill the great commission. Not only have we been charged to go into all the world and preach the gospel, but we have been commissioned and empowered to go into all the world and preach the gospel.

Proclaiming the Gospel is not an impossible task. Witnessing is not something that we cannot do. We can fulfill the Great Commission by the strength and the power of Almighty God! Therefore we have to accept that call. We are entrusted as stewards of the gospel of Jesus Christ! We have been made the light of the world; we are the salt of the earth. We are entrusted to the vision that God has called us to, even in our different areas of ministry.

Therefore, we must have that attitude that we will be the ones to say, "Here I am Lord, send me!" As we go into the world and preach the gospel, realize that God will confirm His Word with signs following. We can expect God to do great and mighty things!

Prayer Focus: Father, I thank you for the assignment that you have given me. Help me to be a doer of your Word and not a hearer only.

Verse of the Day: Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

Living the Word Today: You have been commissioned with the vision to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature!



The Love of Christ Constrains Us

2Cor 5:12-14 For we commend not ourselves again unto you, but give you occasion to glory on our behalf, that ye may have somewhat to answer them which glory in appearance, and not in heart. For whether we be beside ourselves, it is to God: or whether we be sober, it is for your cause. For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:

Sometimes people wonder why we as Christians have the level of commitment and faithfulness that we do. It is because the love of God constrains us. When we think about what the love of God has done for us and the fact that He loved us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to die for our sins, we know that we might have life and have it more abundantly. When you really give all these things full thought, you cannot help but serve God! You want to serve Him and honor Him because of what He has done for you and because of how good He has been to you.

When we think of God's great faithfulness toward us and how His mercies are new every morning, we just don't want to let Him down. "Lord, I thank you and I praise you for what you have done for me!" When we think about the fact that we were dying and on the way to a devil's hell, and God took a life like ours and turned it around, put the pieces back together, washed us from the filth of the world, and made us whole, we have to serve God!

And for these reasons, we want to continue to honor God with our lives, keep Him first and do what thus says the Lord. *"For in him we live, and move, and have our being;" (Acts 17:28).* We are here today because of what God has done for us and where He has brought us from. Therefore, we cannot think about doing anything else or going in another direction; other than to serve God.

Prayer Focus: Lord, I am so grateful for your love that constrains me. Thank you for what you have done for me and for where you have brought me from.

Verse of the Day: Lam 3:22-23 It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.



September 13

God Loves You

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.

God loves us so much that nothing can separate us from His love! It is because of His great love for us that we are saved. Because of His great love for us we are delivered and set free and kept by the power of God, we are healed and we are sanctified. Nothing can separate us from the power of God!

We can look at our own lives and see the mistakes that we have made, and things that we have done, but through it all, God still loves us. That means that we also need to have an unyielding love for God and let nothing separate us from our love for God.

Don't let the things you go through, the challenges that you face and the oppositions that you deal with, cause you to fall away from the things of God. Remember, we love God because He loved us first! He says in John 14:15, *"If ye love me, keep my commandments."*

Prayer Focus: Thank you, Lord, for your love. Let me be established in the fact that you love me and let nothing enter in my mind to make me doubt your love for me.

Verse of the Day: John 15:13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Living the Word Today: Continue to walk in God's love and watch God work on your behalf. Let nothing separate you from the love of God.



Jesus Christ the Same

Heb 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

We look to Jesus to do today what He did yesterday. The Jesus of the Bible is the Jesus of today! He did miracles yesterday so we ought to expect miracles today. The thing that would cause our faith to go to another level is when we have our expectancy in Jesus and expect the supernatural miraculous power of God to work on our behalf.

"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever." This verse turned my life around. It launched our ministry through the revelation that there is no difference between the Jesus of yesterday; the one who went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil and the Jesus of today, who is still doing it! "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him" (Acts 10:38).

Acts 10:34 says, *Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons.* Therefore, what Jesus did yesterday, He will do it again. And for whom He did it yesterday, He will do it for us today; He is no respecter of persons! We can expect the God of the Bible to be manifested in our lives today.

Jesus will show Himself BIG in your life because He has not changed; God will never change on you! Give Him thanks and praise for it!

Prayer Focus: Thank you, Lord, that the Jesus of the Bible is the Jesus of today; and what He did yesterday, He is doing again today.

Verse of the Day: Luke 4:18-19 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

Living the Word Today: Expect Him to do today what He did yesterday. Expect Him to show Himself BIG in your life.



September 15

God's Word at Work in You

Ps 107:20 He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

This is a great day, and every day with the Lord is a good day! The Lord is the greater one who lives on the inside of you. His Word at work in you empowers you to carry out the work of the Lord on this earth. It empowers you to have a choice and to overcome. We are here because of God's goodness and mercy today.

Sometimes we forget how powerful the Word is in our lives. It is the Word of God that brings deliverance to a hurting and broken life. It is the Word of God that empowers us to overcome sin. It is the Word of God that empowers us to walk in divine health and walk in healing. Not only did God send His Word and healed but He also delivered us from our destructions!

When we take hold of the Word of God, it changes us. His Word is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword. It is His Word at work in us that empowers us to do and to overcome. So, show up every day and partake of the Word of God. Remember the Lord is giving you victory and bringing you prosperity. The Word of God causes you to walk in deliverance.

Every time you go to church and sit to hear the Word of God, realize the Word is effectually working in you. 1Thes 2:13 says, "For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe".

Prayer Focus: Father, thank you for your Word at work in me.

Verse of the Day: Heb 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. (Heb 4:12)

Living the Word Today: You have total victory because of the Word of ______God working in you.______

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September 16

Choose to Grow in the Lord

1Pet 2:2-4 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

Our growth in the Lord is a choice. We have to choose to grow in the Lord. We have to apply ourselves to knowledge and understanding. We have to seek the Lord to grow beyond where we were. Growth is a choice. We must choose to hear the Word of God that we might grow. *"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word..."*.

It is our desire and hunger for the Word of God that produces growth within you. Two people can be born again at the same time and sit in the same church, hear the same message and one's growth would be accelerated while the other's growth would seem to lag behind. It is because of the level that a person will apply themselves.

Are you really hungry for God? Are you thirsty for the things of God? Do you desire the sincere milk of God even as a baby would desire milk from his mother? We have to have the attitude: Lord, I want to know you! *"Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near"* (Isa 5:6). The Bible says if you seek Him, you shall find Him. He will reveal and show Himself to you as you seek Him.

"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen" (2Pet 3:18). Anytime there is a command given to us and it is something that we need to do, it means we have a choice, so we must choose to do so.

Prayer Focus: Father, I thank you for growth in you.

Verse of the Day: Deut 4:29 "But if from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy

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September 17

Let Not the Sun Go Down Upon Your Wrath

Eph 4:26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:

One of the keys to relationships whether it be marriage, friendships or even your relationship with the Lord, is to everyday try to settle everything that needs to be settled that day. Don't carry today and yesterday into tomorrow. Whatever it was that you are angry or upset about, go ahead and get that thing fixed. One of the keys to a successful marriage is, don't let the sun go down upon your wrath.

Forgive quickly. Be quick to repent and make sure that you settle things quickly. When I say settle, it does not mean that you always talking about it and going on and on about it. Sometimes you just have to go on and forget it, let it go! Say, alright it is not even worth this; it is not worth losing a relationship over this particular issue, so I forgive you.

Mark 11:25-26 says, "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. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses". If we do not learn to forgive, then we close the door on forgiveness. God cannot forgive us if we do not learn to forgive others. Therefore, settle things quickly, and don't let the sun go down upon your wrath.

Move on, put a smile on your face and say, "This is the day that the Lord has made, I am going to rejoice and be glad in it! I am going to make it through this! This thing is not too hard for God; I can make it to the other side!"

Prayer Focus: Dear God, I forgive those that have wronged me and I choose to let it go, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Verse of the Day: Eph 7:9 Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools.



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September 18

The Lord Keeps You from Falling

Jude 24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

I have good news for you today; the Lord is the one who keeps you from falling! The Lord is the one who will protect us as His people. God's protection will keep all the plans of destruction the enemy has for your life. God will deliver you from everything that the devil uses to try to take you down. God has a plan of protection for your life and He will keep you from falling. Put your trust in God. Walk by faith!

The devil cannot take you captive at will. If he could stop you, he would have already done it. He is waiting for an opportunity, but the good news is, you have the protection of the Almighty God! John 10:27-29 says, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand".

Your salvation is not just holding on by a thread, you are in the hands of Almighty God. He is the one who bruised Satan under your feet and said no man can pluck you out of His hands! The Lord is the one who delivers us from evil and keeps us from temptation. *"Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place" (2Cor 2:14).*

Even when you make the wrong decisions, God will nudge you back in the right path and will direct you in the pathways of righteousness. Your peace will leave you if you ever get away from the will of God. The Lord is the one who keeps you on the straight and narrow way.

Prayer Focus: Father, I thank you for keeping me from falling.

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

Living the Word Today: The victory is already yours! Put your trust and confidence in the Lord; He will keep you from falling!



Repentance

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Our salvation was conditional upon our repentance. In order to repent, we had to come before God with a brokenness; realizing that we had sinned. We had to turn from sin and turn to God. The Bible refers to repentance as turning away from our sin and away from what we were in.

While repentance is necessary for our salvation, it is also critical for our continued walk with the Lord. We do not hear the word 'repentance' used as much as we should. Do not wait until you are way off and outside the will of God. Repent as soon as you realize you missed it (sinned). I read something once that said because we are under grace, we don't really have to repent but just acknowledge that we are sinners and grace covers all our sins. But I am here to tell you that repentance is still necessary for us every day!

Even when we have done our very best, we still come up short. When we make a mistake, or just blatantly sin, the answer is repentance. We should go before God with a repentant heart and ask Him to forgive us. Yes, we are under grace. Yet, we still have to come before the Lord and say, "Lord, I am sorry; I messed up". God has delivered us and set us free; therefore, we should have a righteousness conscious. But we should also continue to surrender our will to God and be broken before His presence, so He can make us whole.

Prayer Focus: Father, I ask you to forgive me for the spirit of pride and arrogance in my Christian walk. I surrender myself and ask you to fill me to overflow and transform me to the image of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Verse of the Day: Acts 3:19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;



September 20

God is Your Provider

Ps 78:12-14 Marvellous things did he in the sight of their fathers, in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan. He divided the sea, and caused them to pass through; and he made the waters to stand as an heap. In the daytime also he led them with a cloud, and all the night with a light of fire.

God sustained the Israelites while they were in Egypt and delivered them with a strong hand. He divided the Red sea and they walked on dry ground. God led them in the day with a cloud and with a light of fire by night. He clave the rocks and gave them water to drink, yet the Israelites sinned against him and tempted Him in their hearts. They spoke against God and said, "Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?" (Ps 78:17).

The Israelites questioned God's ability to provide for them in the midst of the wilderness. Aren't we asking that same question today? Can God sustain us in the midst of the famine? Can God sustain us when jobs are getting cut? If we will continue to walk with Him as His people, God will take care of His people! You might not how, you might not be able to see it, but God is your provider, He is your source, He is the one who will take care of you!

If God can lead the nation of Israel through and out of the wilderness, the same God who provided then can provide again today. Therefore, we need to look to Him as our source and our provider. Let's not murmur in our heart against God. Let's not question the sovereignty or ability of God to take care of us. God shall sustain you no matter where you are!

Prayer Focus: Lord, I thank you for being my source and my provider.

Verse of the Day: Rom 10:11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.



Living the Word Today: Put your trust and confidence in the living God. September 21

Things that can Cause Lack

Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

Lack means we are doing without something that we are supposed to have; something that the Lord has provided for us.

1. Lack of Knowledge: If we are being destroyed for lack of knowledge, then knowledge can prevent destruction in our lives. Therefore, in order to overcome lack, we need to have the knowledge of God, the knowledge of His Will and the knowledge of His Word abiding within us.

2. Lack of Faith: We must believe that God is and that He will do exactly what He said He would do! Heb 11:6 says, "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

3. Lack of Financial Integrity: Rom 12:17 says, "Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men."

4. Lack of Commitment to God: Luke 12:34 says, *"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also".* When we have a lack of commitment to God, it robs us of His blessings. But when Jesus is Lord in our lives, God obligates Himself to provide for us and cause blessings to come upon our lives.

Prayer Focus: Lord, I ask for your overflowing blessings that there may be no lack in my life.

Verse of the Day: Ps 23:1-4 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.

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September 22

Victory over the Power of Death

Heb 2:14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

We should thank and praise God for victory in our lives, especially for victory over the devil. Rejoice and praise God for victory over the devil. Jesus Christ came to destroy him that had power over death; He destroyed the devil through His death.

1John 3:8 says, "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil". Sin is a work of the devil; the devil is the author and the root behind sin. The results of sin are the works of the devil. Jesus Christ came to save us from sin and the effects of sin.

Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil in our lives that we might have total victory. Col 2:15 says, "And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it." Spoil means to strip away. Jesus stripped away the power of the devil. He stripped away his authority. He stripped away his ability and openly displayed the total victory.

"And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death" (Rev 1:17-18).

Prayer Focus: Father, thank you for total victory in my life.

Verse of the Day: 2Cor 2:14 Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.

Living the Word Today: Thank God for victory over the devil and for defeating the devil in your life! Rejoice and praise God for victory over the devil!



Power to Become Sons of God

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

God has given us power to become the sons of God, to become Christ-like or Christians. Rom 10:13 says, *"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved"*.

God gave us the power to become new creatures: "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2Cor 5:17).

God gave us the power to be healed: He told the woman with the issue of blood in Mark 5:34, "...Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague". By the stripes of Jesus, we are healed but we have to exercise the power. The man with the infirmity in John 5:5-9 had to take action!

God gave us the power to prosper: *"For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich" (2Cor 8:9).*

God gave us the power to enjoy household Salvation: "And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway" (Acts 16:30-33).

Prayer Focus: Thank you, Lord, that you have given me the power to be a son of God.

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



September 24

Transformed

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

The Greek word for transform is "metamorphoo". It literally means to change into another form. This is also the root of the word, "metamorphosis", which is used to describe the change of form a caterpillar takes to becomes a butterfly. This same Greek word is used to describe what happened to Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration; "And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light" (Matt 17:2).

Christians are "to undergo a complete change, which under the power of God will find expression in character and conduct" (Vine's). We, who are "caterpillars", are to become "butterflies". We are changed from sinners to saints. We are changed from carnal to spiritual. We are changed from babes to mature Christians.

The phrase "but be transformed" indicates that this is something we must allow to be done. It also indicates that we can't do this alone. We are transformed by God's power and by His grace through His Word.

Verse of the Day: Eph 4:22-24 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Prayer Focus: Lord, change me into what I ought to be.

Living the Word Today: Yield your life to Christ. Purpose to be Christ-like in all areas of life.



Walking in God's Strength

Ps 28:7 The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.

God's strength is needed to live victorious in the midst of today's tests and trials. God wants to give us the strength for the journey. "The God of Israel is he that giveth strength and power unto his people" (Ps 68:35). We must receive through fellowship with the Father in prayer, worship and through His Word.

Obedience is also a key to tapping into God's strength. We have to choose to live God's way rather than our own way. "But God's ways are higher than man's ways, and God's thoughts are higher than man's thoughts" (Isaiah 55:8-9). Obedience brings empowerment.

The Lord commands us to "Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might!" (Ephesians 6:10). God wants us to be strong in Him. Our confidence must be in the Lord and not in our own abilities. We can do all things through Christ that strengthens us. My prayer for you is: "That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;" (Eph 3:16).

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

Prayer Focus: Father, I ask you for the strength to conqueror today's challenges; strength to take advantage of today's opportunities and strength to live victoriously.

Living the Word Today: Keep walking by faith. Don't quit now. God will see you through. You are empowered by God.



September 26

We Have the Mind of Christ

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

The more we grow in relationship with Christ, the more we learn to think like Jesus. My children often commented that their mother and I thought alike. We could start a sentence and the other would finish. This was a result of being married so many years. This was because we knew each other. More importantly, we should know Christ so that we have the mind of Christ.

Spending time with the Lord through the Word in prayer and in worship will cause your thoughts to become more Christ-like. As you walk daily, you get to know His desires, likes, dislikes, and His way of doing things. You also learn how He responds to certain situations. As a result, your thoughts become more like His thoughts. You become more Christ-like, daily.

Verse of the Day: John 16:13-15 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

Prayer Focus: Father, I ask you for soundness of mind, pure thoughts, righteous judgment, discernment, and great memory. Let your thoughts be my thoughts. Thank you for the mind of Christ.

Living the Word Today: Purpose to think like Christ. Spend time with the Lord through the Word, in prayer and in worship. Boldly confess, I have the mind of Christ!



Hate Evil, Do Good, Seek Peace

1 Peter 3:11 Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it.

Believers should hate evil. We should not hate evil people but rather the evil itself. One of the keys for abstaining from evil is to hate it. Our love for God must be greater than our love for the pleasures of sin. The more in love with God we become, the more we hate evil. "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him" (1 John 2:15).

Doing good carries with it the promise of blessings. The scripture says, "Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed" (Ps 37:3). But we must also remember, "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (James 4:17). "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith" (Gal 6:10).

Blessings are upon the peacemakers. Seek peace in every situation and in every relationship. "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God (Matt 5:9). "If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men" (Rom 12:18).

Verse of the Day: Ps 34:14-15 Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank you for delivering me from evil. I set my love upon you. I seek your peace that is beyond understanding.

Living the Word Today: Purpose in your heart and mind to live according to God's will. www.greenvillecommunitychristian.com



September 28

No Lack to Those That Fear the Lord

Ps 34:9 O fear the Lord, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him.

We have many Biblical promises that say God will meet the needs of our lives. Many will try to use circumstances to cast doubt on the message of God's provisions. We all know Christian people who have obvious lack in their lives. We may be dealing with our own lack. Yet, God's Word is true. If there is a shortage, it is not on God's end. We need to believe the report of the Lord.

Expect God's provisions. See God as your source. God can and will do exceedingly abundantly above all you can ask or think according to His power at work in you. Religious thinking may convince you to stop believing God for no lack. Situations may come to challenge your faith. Choose to believe the report of the Lord. Jesus said, *"I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly (John 10:10).*

Believe the truth of God's Word. Phil 4:19 says, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Jesus became poor that we might be rich (2 Cor 8:9). God gives us "richly all things to enjoy". Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart (Ps 37:4).

Verse of the Day: Ps 37:25-26 I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread. He is ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed is blessed.

Prayer Focus: Father, I ask you to supply every need of my life and grant the desires of my heart. Thank you for an abundant supply.

Living the Word Today: Meditate on the promises of the 23rd Psalm.



Graced

Rom 12:6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;

Paul was faced with a tough challenge in life. There was a messenger of satan sent to buffet him. He had prayed for deliverance. God's response was, "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me" (2 Cor 12:9). Grace, here, means an empowerment. God had given Paul all that was needed to withstand the attack and to overcome the challenge.

What are you facing today? God has graced you for this challenge. You are equipped by God to overcome every test and trial. If you are standing in faith for a loved one's deliverance, you are graced as an intercessor. Are you serving as a caregiver, you are graced for this season. Facing the challenge of a dysfunctional family? You are graced to stand. If you are still waiting for the manifestation of your healing, you are graced to continue in faith. When it looks like you are in a valley of despair financially, remember you are graced to overcome. God's grace is sufficient. Victory is assured.

Verse of the Day: Eph 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

Prayer Focus: Father, I thank you for your gracing for this season. I ask you for total victory and deliverance.

Living the Word Today: Count it all joy. Rejoice! Shout unto God!



September 30

Living a Consecrated Life

Heb 10:22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

Consecration means to be set apart and made holy. Living a consecrated life is to live consistently in personal holiness. This is a life of morality and righteousness. We should endeavor to live pleasing unto God every day. This consecration brings spiritual power into your life and peace within. *"When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him" (Prov 16:7).*

A major purpose of prayer is to shape our character, attitudes and behavior. The prayer of repentance is a part of our consecration. Repentance shows sorrow or remorse for doing wrong (sin) and a commitment to change to what is right.

Consistency in prayer brings a deeper commitment, higher level of consecration and a closer walk with God. Living a consecrated life is a powerful witness for Christ. Living a consecrated life is the most important work of the believer.

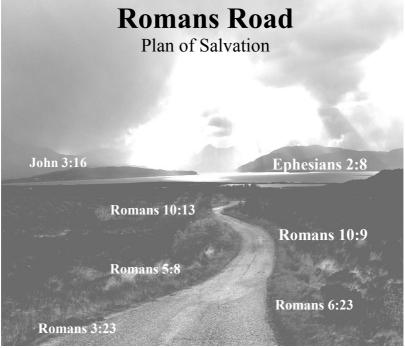
Verse of the Day: 1 Peter 1:15-16 AMP But as the One Who called you is holy, you yourselves also be holy in all your conduct and manner of living. For it is written, You shall be holy, for I am holy.

Prayer Focus: Father, I consecrate and dedicate my life unto you. Lord, in my life be glorified.

Living the Word Today: Make a thorough examination of your life, motives and attitudes in light of God's Word. Change everything that needs changing. God will strengthen and empower you to change.







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

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