

# *A Word In Season*

Daily Devotional

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## Greetings in the Wonderful Name of Jesus!

In times of testing and trials, we should look to the Lord for life's answers. The Psalmist David wrote in Psalm 27:13 "I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living." Believe to see God's goodness manifest in your life on this side of eternity. Look to the Lord for eternal salvation, healing, prosperity, and a blessed family life. He is our strength, our source of supply. Jesus is Lord!

Psalm 27:14 In the Amplified Bible instructs us to, "Wait and hope for and expect the Lord; be brave and of good courage and let your heart be stout and enduring. Yes, wait for and hope for and expect the Lord." Keep your trust and confidence in the Lord. Expect Him to show himself strong on your behalf. Expect His protection.

I trust that *A Word in Season* is a blessing to you. Your testimonies and support are blessings to this ministry. Thank you in advance for your offerings of support. Please check out the Greenville Community Christian Church upcoming events in the back of this devotional. Join us if you can.

Lady Sarah and I love and appreciate you. You are constantly in our prayers. Continue standing in faith on Psalm 91:10 which says "There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling."

Yours In Christ,

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## **They That Seek the Lord Shall Not Want Any Good Thing**

**Ps 34:10** The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.

Seeking the Lord is the key. This is not about seeking things but rather seeking Him. The things come as a result of seeking to know God and His fullness; seeking to fellowship with Him and seeking to please Him by doing His will. The scripture says in Matt 6:33 “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”

To seek means to go in search or quest of. Seeking requires effort. Wanting to know or wanting to find are motivations for seeking. Hunger causes the young lion to seek food. A hunger for God and the things of God will cause us to seek Him. He said in Jer. 29:13 “And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart”.

**Prayer Focus:** Father, let me know You in every aspect of life. I ask you to open my understanding, so I might know you.

**Verse of the Day: Ps 37:4** Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

**Living the Word Today:** Pursue the Lord with you whole heart. “Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his face continually” (1 Chron 16:11).



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## Being Fruitful

**Gen 1:28** And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Being fruitful means reproducing after your kind. The law of Genesis says everything reproduces after its kind. As Christians reproducing after our kind means bringing more Christians in the earth. In reference to children, God said to married people in Mal 2:15 that He seeks Godly seed. We need to also reproduce spiritually and bring forth Godly seed by bringing people to salvation.

The Lord wants us to be fruitful in the work of the kingdom. Paul by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit writes in Col 1:9, “For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; 10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, **being fruitful in every good work**, and increasing in the knowledge of God;”.

**Prayer Focus:** Lord, strengthen me to be fruitful.

**Verse of the Day: John 15:8** Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so, shall ye be my disciples.

**Living the Word Today:** Remember the seeds you sow will grow and produce fruit. Sow good seeds.



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## **Little Becomes Much with God**

**Mark 6:41** And when he had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before them; and the two fishes divided he among them all. 42 And they did all eat, and were filled.

Jesus instructed the disciples to feed a hungry multitude of people. The only food they could come up with was two fish and five loaves of bread which belonged to a boy in the crowd. Jesus had compassion on the people and wanted them fed. Little becomes much with God's blessings upon it.

The disciples brought the two fish and five loaves to Jesus. He blessed and gave them back to the disciples to feed over 5000 people. The multitude was fed and there were twelve baskets of food left over. Little become much with God.

Your gifts, your talents, your resources or your abilities may seem small to you. However, if you will give them to God, He will bless them and use them to bless the multitude. God will multiply that which you give Him. He will make your little to become much. Little becomes much with God.

**Prayer Focus:** Father, I present my body as a living sacrifice unto you. I give you all of me, all of my abilities and all that I have. I am yours, Lord.

**Verse of the Day: Isa 6:8** Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

**Living the Word Today:** Surrender your life to God. He will do things through you that will amaze you. Blessings.



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## **Rooted and Settled in the Faith**

**Col 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;

Our relationship with God is based on faith in His Son, Jesus the Christ. Every attack the devil launches against you is an attack on your faith. Our fight is the good fight of faith. Continue in the faith. Let faith in God be a settled issue.

Continuing in the faith is continuing to look unto Jesus for salvation and the blessings of a saved life. Continuing in the faith is continuing to believe and trust in Jesus for eternal life. The scripture says in Heb 10: "Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. 39 But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul". Jesus is the way, the truth and the life.

**Prayer Focus:** Father, I purpose to continue in the faith. I ask you for strength and empowerment for this walk of faith.

**Verse of the Day: Col 2:6** As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: 7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

**Living the Word Today:** Be steadfast in the Lord. Continue in the faith.



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## **Resist Bitterness**

**Heb 12:15** Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;

Bitterness is a feeling of pain, anguish or distress. Bitterness is also a feeling of antagonism, hostility or resentment. Bitterness not dealt with, can become hatred. Forgiveness and walking in love are keys to overcoming bitterness. Cast down the thoughts of bitterness. Let it go.

We can become bitter because of the actions of others. Offenses can turn into bitterness if we don't forgive the offender. Jonah became bitter with God because God repented of destroying the city. Hurts and pains brought about by society can lead to bitterness if a person continually dwells on the wrongs that were suffered.

Resist bitterness by forgiving quickly. Remember the scripture says, "don't let the sun go down upon your wrath". You also resist bitterness by the love walk. Prov 10:12 says, "Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins". Resist bitterness by forgiveness and with love.

**Prayer Focus:** Father, I ask you to cleanse me from every root of bitterness.

**Verse of the Day: Eph 4:31** Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

**Living the Word Today: Eph 4:32** And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.



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## Ceasing From Your Own Labors

**John 6:27** Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

Ceasing from your own labors is coming to a place of rest in the Lord. This is resting in your labors rather than resting from your labors. Jesus said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt 11:28). Therefore, the first step in ceasing from your own labors is to come to Jesus. Trust Him for salvation and the keeping of your soul. We are saved by grace, not by works.

"Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief" (Heb 4:11). As believers, we work or serve God because we are saved. We are not saved because of our works. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph 2:8-9).

**Prayer Focus:** Father, I thank you for your saving grace. I thank you for eternal life through Jesus Christ.

**Verse of the Day: Heb 4:3** For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

**Living the Word Today:** Rest in the Lord.



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## Harvest Time

**John 4:35** Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.

As we look at the signs in the world today, we know harvest time is here. We see the manifestations of Matt 24:6-8 which says, “And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. 7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. 8 All these are the beginning of sorrows”.

As believers we have been commissioned and charged to evangelize the world. Jesus said, “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15). As we go with the life changing gospel message, we should also shine as lights in the midst of the darkness (Philippians 2:15). The gospel, which is the power of God unto salvation, gives life and hope to lost hurting people.

**Prayer Focus:** Father, here am I. Send me.

**Verse of the Day: Matt 9:37-38** ...The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; 38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

**Living the Word Today:** Share the good news of Jesus Christ every opportunity you have. Pray for souls to be saved. Go and give people the message of salvation.



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## The Harvest is Plenteous

**Matt 9:37** Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; 38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

“Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision” (Joel 3:14). This world is in search of answers for life’s challenges. People are trying to decide which way to go in life. We know the answer they need is a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Jesus came that we might have abundant life. Share the good news of Jesus Christ every opportunity you get. The harvest is plenteous.

Mighty moves of God are born out of prayer. Prayer creates a hunger for souls. A hunger for souls motivates us to pray. A great revival took place in the city of Ninevah after repentance and prayer. A great outpouring of the Holy Ghost took place in Jerusalem as a result of the prayer in the upper room. As a result, thousands came to know Jesus. Pray for souls and laborers; the harvest is plenteous.

**Prayer Focus:** Father, I ask you to open doors of utterance that I may share the gospel of Jesus Christ. I ask you for wisdom and boldness to share the gospel.

**Verse of the Day: 1 Tim 2:4** Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

**Living the Word Today:** Prepare to be a laborer for God; preach the gospel and pray for the harvest of souls.



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## The Lord's Release

**Deut 15:1** At the end of every seven years thou shalt make a release. 2 And this is the manner of the release: Every creditor that lendeth ought unto his neighbour shall release it; he shall not exact it of his neighbour, or of his brother; because it is called the Lord's release.

God instructed the children of Israel to release or cancel all debt and restore property to the original owner every seven years. This was the year of release; also called the Lord's release. People were given a fresh start every seven years.

We don't honor the year of release as a part of our economic system. However, you can still look to the Lord and claim this as your time of release. The Lord came to set the captives free. The most important release we have to be freed from, is our sin debt. Jesus paid for our release through His death, burial, and resurrection.

Accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior cancels your sin debt. He restores your soul. He also puts you back in a right relationship with God, the Father. He makes you a new creation in Christ and all things become new.

**Prayer Focus:** Father, I thank you for my release. Help me to walk in the newness of life. Thanks for setting me free.

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

**Living the Word Today:** Claim your release.



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## Where is Demas?

**Col 4:14** Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas, greet you. Paul was giving greetings to the church from some of his fellow workers to include Demas. Demas is mentioned by name three times in the Bible. Two of those times were greetings from Demas as a fellow worker with Paul. However, in the third instance Paul writes in 2 Tim 4:10, “For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world ...” Where is Demas?

Demas appears to have been apostatized because of a love for this world. 1 John 2:15 says; “Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him”. The fellow laborer mentioned in Philemon had now forsaken Paul. Where is Demas? He is not mentioned again in scripture.

Where are we in relationship to God and the work of the kingdom? The world seeks to pull you away from the things of God. The more we love the world, the greater the pull. Love God with your whole being. Love not the world. “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you” (Matt 6:33).

**Prayer Focus:** Father, I love you. Keep me from this world.

**Verse of the Day: Gen 3:9** And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

**Living the Word Today:** Continue in the Lord.



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## **Creating Our World by the Words We Speak**

**Heb 11:3** Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

God created the world by speaking it into existence. God said things like “let there be”, “let us make” and the creation came into being. His Words were infused with creative power.

We are made in the likeness and image of God. Therefore, our words have creative power. We are shaping and influencing our world, personally, by the words that we speak. Prov 18:21 says “Death and life are in the power of the tongue...”. Deut 30:19 tells us to “...choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live”. We make the choice for life by the words that we speak. God creates the fruit of the lips (Is 57:19). Change your words and you will change your world.

**Prayer Focus:** Father, let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer (Ps 19:14).

**Verse of the Day: Rom 10:8** But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

**Living the Word Today:** Speak faith-filled words.



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## **Giving Thanks**

**1 Thess 5:18** In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Having a thankful heart should be a part of our Christian walk. Surely we can find a lot of things to murmur and complain about. However, we should focus on giving thanks. Everything that happens is not a good thing, yet in the midst of everything we should have a thankful heart.

Giving thanks glorifies God. Our giving thanks testifies of His goodness. We have so much to be thankful for. The most important thing is our salvation. Ps 35:18 says, “I will give thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise thee among much people”.

Giving thanks helps us have a heart of gratitude. Thankfulness expresses appreciation for the blessings of God. Being thankful to God helps us to be thankful to others. We should be thankful the things others do for us. Every act of kindness and every act of love should have a response of thankfulness.

**Prayer Focus:** Father, I thank you for your goodness.

**Verse of the Day: Ps 69:30** I will praise the name of God with a song and will magnify him with thanksgiving.

**Living the Word Today:** Give God thanks. Express your thankfulness to others, especially your spouse and other family members. Never take what people do for you for granted.



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## **Have Faith and Doubt Not**

**Matt 21:21** Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done.

Jesus used the fig tree to teach the disciples a lesson of faith and the power of words. When Jesus saw that no fruit was on the tree, he cursed it by saying, "...Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever..." (Matt 21:19). The disciples marveled at how fast the leaves withered.

Jesus's explanation was, "have faith and doubt not." Having faith in God gives great power to the words you speak. Jesus said you can speak unto the mountain and it will obey you if you have faith and doubt not. You can speak to situations in life with great confidence if you have faith and doubt not.

Have faith in God. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. We must speak in faith. We must patiently wait for the manifestation of the promises. 2 Cor 4:13 says, "We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak,".

**Prayer Focus:** Father, I speak my faith with expectation.

**Verse of the Day: Matt 21:22** And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

**Living the Word Today:** Speak to that mountain.



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## The Word of God is Working on Your Behalf

**Isa 55:8** For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. 10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: 11 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.

God's Word will not return unto Him without results. His word is continuously working on your behalf as you receive and believe it. Remember the scripture that says in Isa 43:26, "Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified". We put God in remembrance by praying the word to Him. Boldly confess the word of God.

**Prayer Focus:** Father, I thank you for your Word abiding in me. May your Word have free course in my life.

**Verse of the Day: Heb 4:2** For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

**Living the Word Today:** Receive the Word with gladness. Believe the Word of the Lord. The Word is working for you.



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## **Power to the Faint**

**Isa 40:29** He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. 30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: 31 But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

The Lord gives us power and strength even when we are weak and weary. As we wait upon the Lord in fellowship prayer, service and worship, He renews our strength. The Lord empowers us to rise above the circumstances as an eagle rises above the storm. Spending time in fellowship with God takes the weariness out of the Christian walk.

The Lord is our strength. Ps 28:7-8 says, “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”. The Lord is our strength, and he is the saving strength of his anointed. Be strong in the Lord.

**Prayer Focus:** Father, I thank for your strength working in and through me.

**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:** Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord (Ps 27:14).



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### **The Word of God Lives, Abides and Endures Forever**

**1 Peter 1:23** Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.  
24 For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:  
25 But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

God's word is alive. Jesus says in John 6:63, "...the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life". The Word of God also gives and sustains life. We are to live by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.

Jesus said, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you" (John 15:7). The word of God gives us the faith to pray effectively. Faith comes by the hearing of God's word. Asking in faith is the key to answered prayer.

The word of God endures. God's word never changes and never loses its power. His word will continually work in you if you receive it. The word of God endures forever.

**Prayer Focus:** Father, I thank you for Your word abiding in me.

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

**Living the Word Today:** But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves (James 1:22).



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## The Goodness of God Leads to Repentance

**Rom 2:4** Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

God wants people to come to a place of repentance. He is looking for our restoration and not our condemnation. Repentance is turning away from sin, disobedience, or rebellion and turning back to God (Nelson's Illustrated Bible Dictionary). Repentance requires a change of mind which leads to a change of action. Remorsefulness or godly sorrowfulness is necessary for true repentance.

God, in His great love and mercy, uses His goodness to lead us to repentance. He is not out to punish us for the wrong done, but rather to bring us to His saving grace. The scripture says, "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved" (John 3:17).

**Prayer Focus:** Father, thank you for your great love, mercy and good. I surrender all of my life unto you.

**Verse of the Day: John 3:16** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

**Living the Word Today:** If you have not accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior, ask Him to save you today. (Note the plan and prayer of salvation near the end of this devotional book.) If you have gotten away from living for God, come back to him today. If you are walking with the Lord, continue in the faith. Receive His goodness.



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## **Faithfully Speak God's Word Over Your Life**

**Ps 119:13** With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth.

Continually confessing the Word of God is one of the keys to successfully walking or living by faith. Make your declarations of faith by saying about you what God's word says about you. "Death and life are in the power of the tongue" (Prov 18:21) Choose life by speaking or confessing God's word over your life. Be a doer and not just a hearer of the Word.

We should say about us what God's word says about us. We need to make adjustments when the word of God comes in the form of correction or rebuke. The Bible says if we judge ourselves, we should not be judged. Judge yourself according to the Word of God. Now receive His love, grace, mercy and forgiveness.

God's Word says in 1 John 1:9-10, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us". Confess your sins unto God, receive His forgiveness and accept His saving grace.

**Prayer Focus:** Thank you, Father, for loving and forgiving me.

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

**Living the Word Today:** Receive the chastisement of God's Word.



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## God Blots Out Our Transgression

**Isa 44:22** I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee.

Scripture teaches us that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. We are saved and kept by the grace of God. Ps 130:3 says “If thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? 4 But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared”.

God, in His mercy, no longer remembers our sin. He does not see us as sinners who are forgiven. He sees us as the righteous who has no sin. We are new creations in Christ who are made in the likeness and image of God. Heb 8:12 says, “For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more”.

In addition to forgiving and forgetting our sins, God removes our sin. “As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions [sins] from us” (Ps 103:12). Jesus’s blood cleanses us from all sin. God’s justification makes you just, as if you have never sinned.

**Prayer Focus:** Father, thank you for forgiving and cleansing me from all sin.

**Verse of the Day: Ps 51:1** Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

**Living the Word Today:** Accept God’s forgiveness and now, forgive yourself. Walk in the newness of life without guilt of the past.



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## The Day of Salvation

**2 Cor 6:2** (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)

The day of salvation refers to the dispensation of time we live in. The word of God says in John 1:17 “For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ”. We now live in the dispensation of grace which is the day of salvation.

The prophets of the Old Testament longed to see this day. The God that dwelt among Old Testament saints now lives within the Christian. We live in the time that God removes, as well as, forgives sin. Today, we can have the new birth through Jesus Christ. Today, righteousness comes by faith rather than by works. Today, salvation and righteousness or right standing with God comes by grace rather than the works of the law. Eph 2:8-9 says, “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast”.

**Prayer Focus:** Father, I thank you for your saving grace.

**Verse of the Day: Rom 3:22** Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

**Rom 4:5** But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

**Living the Word Today:** Continue in the faith.



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## The Compassionate Nature of God

**Ps 145:8** The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy. 9 The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.

Mercy grows out of compassion, compassion grows out of love. God is love and therefore, He is full of compassion. Jesus was moved by compassion when the multitude was fed. He was moved by compassion when He healed the sick. He was moved by compassion when He saw the multitude as sheep without a shepherd.

God's compassionate nature is shown in His provision for our salvation. God loved us while we were yet sinners and sent His Son, Jesus, to die for our sins. He did not deal with us according to our sins, but His compassionate nature gave us grace and mercy. We were sentenced to death and to hell. But, God in His compassionate nature sent Jesus to pay the penalty for our sins and to give us eternal life.

"Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another" (1 John 4:11). This love will produce compassion. Compassion will lead us to do acts of mercy and kindness towards others. Compassion causes us to care about people's souls. Compassion will motivate us to intercede on behalf of the lost and the hurting.

**Prayer Focus:** Thank you, Father, for your great love and compassion.

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

**Living the Word Today:** Let the compassion of God flow through you. Be merciful as He is merciful.



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February 22

## The Lord is Our Strength

**2 Sam 22:33** God is my strength and power: and he maketh my way perfect.

As believers we often quote Phil 4:13 which says, “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me”. This confession of faith can give us the courage to face the challenges of life. God gives us the strength needed for this journey of life when we look unto Him. “He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength” (Isa 40:29).

In addition to giving us strength, God is our strength. Ps 46:1 says, “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble”. When the pressures of life come, remember God is your strength. When you feel like you are at the end of your strength, remember God is your strength.

Spending time in the presence of the Lord gives you strength. Isa 40:31 says, “But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint”. Nehemiah 8:10 says “...the joy of the Lord is your strength”. Keep your joy full and stay strong in the Lord. In His presence is fullness of joy.

**Prayer Focus:** Father, I thank you for strengthening me and for your strength working in me.

**Verse of the Day: Isa 41:10** Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

**Living the Word Today:** Be strong in the Lord.



February 23

### **Believe to See the Goodness on This Side of Eternity**

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

Faith in God keeps us going in the difficult or challenging times. Keep looking unto Jesus as the author and finisher of your faith. Keep your trust in God. He never leaves nor forsakes you. "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Gal 6:9).

All things are possible to the believer. Believing is the key to not fainting. Believe that tomorrow will be even better than today. Believe for a manifestation of healing in your body and peace in your mind. Believe to see the miraculous power of God manifested on your behalf on this side of eternity.

Keep walking by faith. Expect your outcome to be victory. Believe that your best is yet to come. Remain faithful in living for and serving God. Your due season is coming.

**Prayer Focus:** Father, let your blessings and your goodness manifest in my life. Thank you for your goodness.

**Verse of the Day: 2 Cor 4:16** For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; 18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

**Living the Word Today:** Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might (Eph 6:10). Believe to see the goodness.



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February 24

## **Let Love Prevail**

**1 Cor 13:8** Charity [love] never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

The scripture says, "And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him" (1 John 4:16). The Word of God teaches us that we cannot love God whom we have not seen unless we love our brother whom we have seen. We must let love prevail.

For the Christian, love is a commandment rather than a choice. Every step out of love is a step in sin. We have to repent if we have not been walking in love toward anyone. The Bible says we are to even love our enemies. Loving some people is more challenging but we are still to love them.

God's love in you strengthens and empowers you to love others. God loved us while we were still sinners. He loved us when we didn't know how to love Him. We also have to love ourselves in order to love others. Love thy neighbor as thyself.

**Prayer Focus:** Father, help me to walk the love walk.

**Verse of the Day: 1 Cor 13:13** And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity [love].

**Living the Word Today:** A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another (John 13:34).



February 25

## Our Help is in the Name of the Lord

**Ps 124:8** Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

"The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it and is safe" (Prov 18:10). The name of Jesus is above every name. Acts 4:12 say Jesus is the only name we can call upon for salvation. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Rom 10:13). Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Jesus said in John 14:14, "If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it". Therefore, our help in prayer is in the name of the Lord. We are instructed to pray to the Father in the name of Jesus. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Jesus also said, "And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover" (Mark 16:17-18). The name of the Lord gives us authority in spiritual things. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**Prayer Focus:** Father, I thank you for the power that is in the name of Jesus.

**Verse of the Day: 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.

**Living the Word Today: Col 3:17** And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.



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## Vision

**Prov 29:18** Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

A vision gives you a blueprint or plan for what you are doing. A vision is a road map for where you are going. Vision defines directions for you. A dream tells what you want to do; a vision tells how you are going to do it.

Moses went to the top of mountain in presence of the Lord. There, in addition to giving Him the ten commandments, God gave Moses the vision of the tabernacle. Being in the presence of the Lord will cause vision to be conceived within.

Vision is also the ability to see. In this case, we are talking about spiritual insight and perception. Jesus said, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35). He was giving the disciples a vision for a harvest of souls.

Vision causes you to see the unseen so you can do the impossible. Vision sees through the eyes of faith. A picture is painted on the canvas of the heart for a person of vision.

**Prayer Focus:** Father, let the vision in my heart be inspired by you. Bring the vision to fruition. Thank you for breathing life into the vision you gave me.

**Verse of the Day: Hab 2:2** And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.

**Living the Word Today:** Fellowship with God in prayer and worship. God will paint the vision on the canvas of your heart. Commit and invest time daily into your primary vision assignment. Run with the vision.



February 27

## Vision is Essential for Staying on Course

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

The race that is set before us is the vision that is laid out for us. God often gives us a glimpse of where we are going. On the inside we see the finish line when we can see it naturally. Vision keeps us on the right course. Vision motivates us to keep running.

Vision gives you a view of the future. Vision helps you overcome the pains, shortcomings, or failures of the past. Vision puts a new horizon in sight. Vision says, "...forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil 3:13-14).

Vision helps you eliminate unnecessary baggage. Let us lay aside the weight and the sin. Paul writes in 1 Cor 9:24 "Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain".

**Prayer Focus:** Father, I ask you for strength to run the race you set before me.

**Verse of the Day: Hab 2:2** And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. 3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

**Living the Word Today:** Stay on course. Run your race.



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## **Great Peace**

**Ps 119:165** Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.

God want us to have great peace. We should strive to have great peace. Our homes should be places of great peace. Spouses should live joyfully and in peace with each other. Isa 54:13 says, "And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children". Loving the law or word of God is a key to great peace.

Believers should let the peace of God rule in their hearts. The peace of God rules within when your life is in harmony. When our actions and thoughts are in line with the word of God, we have great peace. When we are doing what we know to do and following the Spirit, we will have great peace. The peace will leave if we get off course. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord (Col 3:16).

Isa 26:3 says, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee". Keeping your mind on the Lord and trusting in Him will yield perfect peace. Perfect peace is great peace. Let God's peace prevail in your heart.

**Prayer Focus:** Father, I thank you for perfect peace.

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

**Living the Word Today:** Love the word of God, keep your thoughts focused on Jesus and keep speaking faith. Enjoy great peace.

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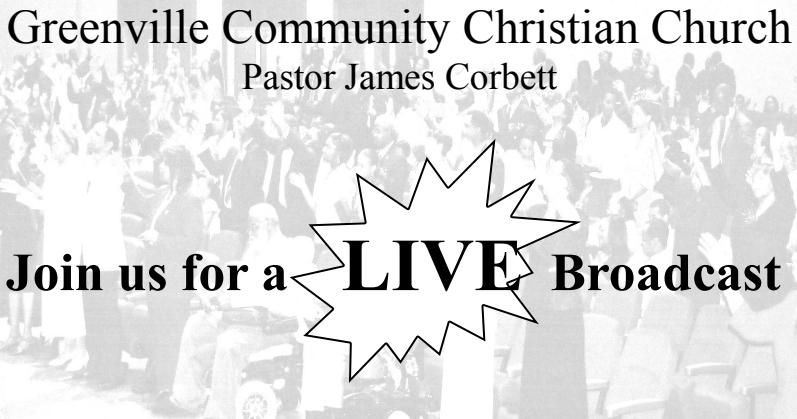
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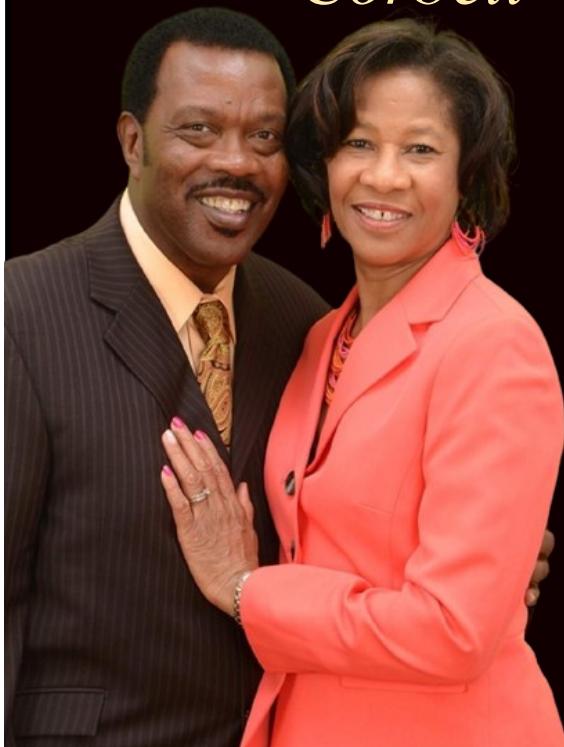
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