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February 1

Light to the world

John 12:35 KJV

"...for he that walks in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth."

When people walk in darkness, they become confused and make mistakes that are avoidable. People have walked into walls in their house because there was darkness. This could be avoided if there was light. So it's a proven fact that men make mistakes when they are in darkness, avoidable mistakes.

"...for he that walks in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth."

Such men are confused! But to every darkness, there can be light. To every confusion, there can be clarity. This is where sons of God come in.

Matthew 5:14 KJV

"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid."

You are God's channel to remove the darkness in the path of men. You are God's channel to remove the confusion many are battling and replace it with clarity. You're God's answer to rectify the mistakes of many people in the world. Without us, the world is lost. But light don't make impart when it is locked in a corner. Hence, you are;

"A city that is set on an hill that cannot be hid."

Just as light is put in the space that gives room for maximum effect, that's how God always set His children in places where the grace He has given them can have a maximum effect.

Matthew 5:14

"People don't light a lamp and put it under a basket but on a lamp stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house"

You are not just "somebody" like everyone else. You are the son of the living God, a light like your Father. Shine forth before men. Where you are now, it is an opportunity to shine into some people's path. Many are held bondage by darkness in the form of poverty, sickness, failure and ungodliness. They need knowledge. That knowledge of God which you have is what they need. It's a light! That prevalent ignorance is what Satan has been using to hold them in bondage. That's their darkness. Many are sick now because they do not know if God want them well or not. They need your knowledge, they need your light. Teach them and minister healing to them. This is how to shine as light.

God will set you in places where you can influence men for Him. This is the way of God. A light is set in a place depending on the capacity of that light. Allogen is set on bigger fields compared to security lights. In the kingdom of God, you can rise through the ranks and increase in relevance as you execute well that which He gives you per time to do for him. God doesn't need to bring you more opportunities to impart more lives when you haven't been successful with the ones He's brought around you first.

Luke 19:17 KJV

"And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities."

Men are in darkness and God has made you His light to their path. Go ahead and shine now and they will give all glory to the Father in heaven. Soon people will start saying now that *"as I came across you, things began to change."*

Confession:

Thank you Lord for the privilege to be your light to the world. I change lives as I lighten up men's path. I give knowledge of God everywhere and I crush the ignorance of God in the heart of men in Jesus name.

February 2

Negative opportunities

Hebrews 11:15 KJV

“And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.”

Opportunities always come to those seeking it. Many people don't know that by the actions they are taking, they are digging up opportunities. What you constantly think about, you will see a means to eventually get it done. This has a positive and negative application. The positive side is that when you are always looking for a means to achieve something good, a door will open. Many call it *"opportunity"*. But if you were never exploring that idea, what is now called opportunity, could be there right by your side for years and you won't see it in that light. On the negative side, when you keep considering what you shouldn't be considering, negative opportunities will show up. It's called temptation.

Hebrews 11:15 KJV

"And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned."

The men of faith referenced here left their homes to follow God to unknown territories. The only reason they didn't turn back despite all the difficulties they faced is because they didn't think about what they left behind. They were busy thinking about where God was leading them. If they had done otherwise, opportunities (temptations) would have shown. You can shield yourself against temptation if you focus on things that matter to your faith. Some are now messed up in immorality because they won't stop considering the possibility in their hearts. Suddenly they start to wonder how the idea and means to execute this immorality came from. Now as they keep starring at these available means, they don't know how to come out without falling into it. All these could have been prevented if you guard your heart with all diligence.

The heart is where the battle is. The body only act out whatever the heart has settled. Focus on the promises of God about that project and you won't see enough reason to quit and back out. Focus on what God has said about the health and you won't have enough reason to prepare your mind for death. Focus on what God has said about your life and you won't ever give up. God is good and easy but you must be willing ready to not give place to Satan. He will mess with you and force you to thank him for it.

Whatever the situation of things around you, that promise of God in His word about the situation is what you must hang unto. Testimony is inevitable.

Confession:

I hold unto the promises of God. I look at the future you have promised and do not allow my heart to drift away to tempting corridors. I realize the promises and come back with testimony about God's goodness.

February 3

Goodness and mercy

Psalms 23:6 KJV

“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: And I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.”

David made this assertive statement. One could only wonder what prompted such boldness and assurance. It's a revelation of God's faithfulness and experience with God that prompted that. Goodness here means welfare, prosperity, blessings, good things. Mercy here refers to kindness. We could say,

"Surely, good things and kindness of God shall follow me all the days of my life'.

Because God is kind, He will ensure good things follow me every single day of my life. This is a very good news. What goodness do you desire right now? Health is part of it, marital bliss is part of it, peace of mind is part of it, the list goes on and on. All these will follow you. When something good is following you, it means wherever you are, goodness will always overwhelm. Stop explaining or convincing yourself on why you can't see certain good things because of the location of your residence right now. Don't be the one limiting the strength of your blessings.

If you desire it, just open your mouth and tell yourself it will come to you because good things come to you wherever you are. Then command it to come through in the name of Jesus. While Satan is always busy trying to show God's people why they can't enjoy good life, you must be busy reminding yourself why it is impossible not to enjoy good life.

Psalm 23:1 AMPC

"THE Lord is my Shepherd [to feed, guide, and shield me], I shall not lack."

The shepherd provides all good things for the sheep. I'm a sheep and He's my

shepherd, I won't lack any thing I desire as long as it is good. He will provide.

Jesus said

Matthew 7:7-8 KJV

"Ask and it shall be given...because everyone that asks receives"

Stop doubting if God will do it or not. Stop doubting if God would want you to have it or not. If you desire it, He will grant it because it is good. Even if you want a house, He will give you.

Isaiah 65:21 KJV

"And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them."

This is the promise of God because house is a good thing.

Confession:

My God of good things, I thank you for you are ever willing to load me up with blessings. I thank you specially today. As I mention the good things I desire right, manifestation begins in Jesus name. Amen.

February 4

Happen to life

Matthew 7:25 KJV

“And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.”

There are three different types of people in the world. Those who make things happen, those who watch things happen and those who don't even know what is going on. The first category is those happening to life, while the remaining two categories are those that life is happening to. The first category make things happen, they don't wait for life to determine what will be, they take responsibility for that. The other two watch life hand things to them (either it is good or bad, sufficient or not). All they do is complain.

Jesus made it clear to us that life will throw things at us, it is we that should be prepared to deal with it. This is the summary of the house on a rock and the house on the sand. The rock is God's word, the sand is philosophy of life. When you set yourself up on what life says, philosophy of life, you will experience consistent frustration. Because life won't stop throwing things at you. The rain will come, the flood will come, the wind will come. If they manage to hold off the rain, the flood will do the damage, if they manage to get on a boat, the wind will go contrary and they will be shipwrecked. At this point many consider suicide. But all this could have been avoided. Philosophy of life will tell you that it is normal to fail, but God's word says whatever you lay your hands on shall succeed. Philosophy of life will tell you that death can come at any time, the word of God says the number of your days will I fulfill. At the end of the day, philosophy of life will justify the failures by saying "such is life".

According to the word of God, such is not the life of the sons of God.

Romans 5:17 KJV

"For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ."

Sons of God, we reign on earth. We happen to life. We determine what will be. The rain will come, the flood will come, the wind will come but it will meet us standing firm. The house on the rock!

Matthew 7:25 KJV

"And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock."

We have a sure word of Prophecy, we stand on it and can never be moved. We rather move all things by it. If you have programmed by the word, how your life will be, when things try to come, they have no choice but to make way. We happen to life (by determining what will be), we don't let life happen to us.

Confession:

I reign by one man Jesus Christ as a house on the rock. I live by God's word and shape my life His word. I announce His promises now and that's what will be for me no matter the odds. Amen

February 5

How to achieve the impossible

Zechariah 4:6 KJV

“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.”

Impossibility exists in the realm of man for with God all things are possible. However man can step into that realm of God where all things are possible by faith.

Mark 9:23 KJV

"Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth".

It means to walk in the realm of the impossible, saturate yourself with words of faith.

"...If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth".

All things mean nothing is left out. Whatever that will reinforce your faith will improve your capacity to achieve the impossible. To achieve the impossible, we must look beyond the human way of getting that result. Human ways are good but they have limitations. Human ways can give results but they are subject to laws of nature and man. God's way always break all limiting protocols. It means if that law either nature or manmade wants to work against God's will, it will bow out as long as there is a man who can believe.

"...If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth".

The best of man says that disease is incurable but God's way says, when they

lay their hands on the sick (whatever the sickness), they will recover. The best of man says, the land can only yield 10 percent because of drought but God's way made Isaac prosper with 100 percent returns in same year. The best of man's energy got Peter and his team no fish all night. But the way of God suddenly gave them multitude of fishes, all at once as they repeated same process. One thing is constant, when faith is involved, common sense has to comply or make way.

Zechariah 4:6 KJV

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To achieve the impossible, you must take your heart away from human power. It is strictly by the Spirit. Whatever He prompt you to do about that matter, it's the move you should make and you will see the result you desire. No matter the odds. Jesus said He would only do what He sees the Father do. That's because it's never by (human) power but by the Spirit. Following this approach made Him take decisions and make moves that looked insane to many men but the results showed He was greatly right. God's way, faith way, will always require you let go of common sense or it complies. This is how we achieve the impossible.

Confession:

Father I thank you because you have given me the Spirit to influence my journey and path. I allow Him to lead me as I follow His leading to always achieve the impossible. I embrace the strength of God and don't trust in the might of man. Amen.

February 6

Looking at the unseen

Hebrews 12:2 KJV

“looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

When an athlete starts a race, his attention is set on the finish line. He doesn't look around, despite all the applause and praise from a gathering of people and fans that could be in tens of thousands sometimes, an athlete doesn't take his eyes off the finish line. He doesn't look at who is supporting him or not because apart from his attention which is on the finish line, he must not miss his lane. That could get him disqualified. He will ensure everything ranging from opposition from those competing with him, opposition from those trying to distract him in the stands, opposition from the hurdle he has to scale to win, none gets him. Only one thing keeps the motivation of an athlete, the glory ahead of him. Ability to see the unseen is what keeps him motivated.

Jesus was exactly like this. He saw what it would mean to have many sons of God like Him. He saw you and I and concluded we are worth the pains and punishment He would go through. He saw the glory ahead and endured the shame the cross brought. It was a classic example of what happens when you know what the sacrifice is worth. Never look down or turn away from your God given vision if you're facing difficulties. Stay with it. Seriously, stay with it. If it's not worth something, it won't be tested. Satan only tests what has the potential to damage him. As you do the Lord's work of winning souls and discipling them, he will raise problems for you. He did that with Jesus, he did with the apostles and early disciples. But it was never recorded that they gave up. Nobody gives up on a vision that's worth it.

See what your labour and effort will make those men become and press on. See what your continuous energy will turn that venture into and press on. Don't

take your eyes off the finish line. Ability to see the unseen will keep you going. All Satan wants to achieve is to make you lose that sight. Once that happens, he has won because nobody proceeds further after losing the driving force. The Lord ensured Abraham didn't lose this by showing him the stars, sand by the sea shore etc to let him know how numerous his children shall be. Whatever it will take to keep you seeing the unseen, engage it. If you need to get a perfect teaching and set it on repeat, don't hesitate.

2 King 6:16-17 KJV

"And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha."

Elisha's servant who came to show him something was showed something else. You can't afford to be seeing the wrong picture because everybody sees something. What they see can either get them to the finish line or stop them from getting there. Nobody's sight is devoid of vision. So see the right things. Ability to see the unseen will give you needed victory, steer you through hard times, give you smooth sail on stormy seas and ensure you don't ever come out defeated.

Confession:

Dear Lord, I focus on seeing the unseen. I see that victory even though it's yet to manifest. I hold unto that picture and refuse to let go no matter what. I stay on my victory lane in Jesus name.

February 7

Power of the spoken word

Psalms 107:20 KJV

“He sent his word, and healed them, And delivered them from their destructions.”

The people of God needed help and God sent a messenger to do the job - His word. His word brought them complete salvation and rescued them. God has put in His children the ability to do exactly just like Him today. As many who are born again and have His Spirit dwelling in them, they have the ability to operate and function just like He does. You can send your words out to create deliverance and it will not fail.

Mark 11:24 KJV

“For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.”

Jesus explained that it is possible to change all situations if you task your word with the assignment. Even physical mountains will be moved by your words if you set it to do just that. Jesus doesn't exaggerate. He says what is possible.

If words made physical mountain, why can't it also move by same word? The pests hunting your farms can be wiped off as you being to pronounce words against them. When we speak, we speak with the authority of Jesus, the divine right the Father has bestowed upon us. Nothing can resist that force. Even demons make way when we speak. Halleluyah!

To get God's kind of results when you release words, you need to operate God's kind of faith. When God speaks, He doesn't doubt, that's all. When you speak, believe you have it and you shall see it manifest. Jesus clearly demonstrated this when He cursed the fig tree and walked away despite not seeing what He

said physically. This is how to get results by words. Be assured what you have created will manifest.

Isaiah 55:10-11 KJV

“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: 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.”

What an assurance! If water from sky doesn't return midway as they're falling down, our words too won't fail to achieve its goals. Your words can never return to you void. Be bold to send it on errands. When you have a means to achieve something, instead of getting frustrated, start using your words to achieve that thing. It will always work. What can my words work on? Your body, it can fix your health right away if you will talk to the body instead of complaining about the body. It will change your finance, it will change your marriage for good, it will change the attitude of men around you, it will change the ministry God has given you. Don't look down on the power of the word spoken in full faith.

On the flip side, when words are spoken over your life, take it with full faith and watch it transform your life in the direction it has been released.

Confession:

My words don't fall to the ground, I release them and results follow always.
When I speak, angels are acting on my words.

February 8

The word - a messenger

Matthew 8:8 NLT

“But the officer said, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come into my home. Just say the word from where you are, and my servant will be healed.”

Messengers go about to execute instructions as precise as it was stated. That's what they excel at doing. They don't disobey because that is their assignment. Imagine for a moment that you have a messenger who can go to any end of the earth to get your message delivered and bring back results with great ease.

But this is not a vain imagination; it is a truth and reality. We have a messenger, an errand boy; it is our word of power. Your words can go far and near to deliver message and bring back results in the most extraordinary ways. The centurion who met Jesus in Matthew 8 didn't need Jesus to come into his house. He specifically requested that Jesus simply send a messenger - His spoken words.

“...but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.”

This man was so sure of what He would get if Jesus released His words. Such was the effectiveness of Jesus' messengers. Did it work?

Matthew 8:13 KJV

“And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.”

It worked! Self same hour, the servant was healed, the man got what he wanted. This is how simple it is to get results by spoken words. Words made the world and words will always shape things in the same world. Begin to put your words to better use. Results will always follow. Stop looking down on your words. Deliberately send it out on errands and watch it deliver answers to your

door steps.

Instead of complaining, initiate operations through spoken words. Our words function like soldiers who would always obey commands.

Matthew 8:9 KJV

“For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.”

The centurion had a great revelation of how words work and he took advantage of it. You can agree in prayer with friends and family who are far away now and see mighty turn around in situations. Anything is possible when we use our words deliberately to get answers. This is why Jesus told us to “*speak to the mountain*”. We now have the authority of Christ and anything that responds to Him will also respond to us.

Don't go about complaining, put your words of power to work. In same hour, same period, just like the centurion, you can also start seeing your results.

Confession:

I place premium on my words and in the name of Jesus, I begin to use them deliberately to change things for good. My words don't fall to the ground. When I speak, strange things happen. Amen

February 9

The most important validation

John 8:18 KJV

“I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me.”

Put no trust in man if you want to live a happy life without unnecessary sorrow. This is because the heart of men is fickle - it can be easily swayed. When the Lord directly or via His word gives an instruction or assignment to you, never look for the validation of men to determine if you should follow God or not. You run the risk of not following God at all. Not every man has the right heart to discern God in people's decisions.

Jesus Christ gave us these examples. He is the author of our faith and showed us how to handle the affairs of men in our dealings. He was called of the Father to do what He was doing and made it clear that He didn't need any man's approval to pick up His calling. This is not because He disregarded men who could guide or support Him but rather He disregarded those who are bent on hindering positive progress through doubt and unbelief

John 8:18 KJV

“I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me”

He was clear! Either the men believed Him or not, He won't let it change His conviction. When God has His hands upon your life, don't let anything affect your conviction. Even the brothers of Jesus doubted Him.

John 7: 2-4 KJV

“His brethren therefore said unto him, Depart hence, and go into Judaea, that thy disciples also may see the works that thou doest. For there is no man that doeth anything in secret, and he himself seeketh to be known openly. If thou do these things, shew thyself to the world. For neither did his brethren believe in him.”

How do you keep focus when your brothers you grew up with don't believe in you? The answer is to simply ignore men's opinion and exalt God's word about you. He said His Father bears witness about Him. That's the most important validation. What witness do you have today about your life? What is the persuasion for your convictions right now about your life, success, marriage, health, prosperity etc?

What men you love have said or what God who cares has said? Never forget that the opinion of men can change but the word of God remains the same forever.

Don't wait for men to say it for you. Have you heard it from God that you're a success, you are healed, you are prosperous, open your mouth and consistently announce it like Jesus did. He so much declared his convictions that the men felt irrelevant with their distracting opinion. That's how to live a life of victory and extraordinary fulfillment. Be bold, be strong, be determined and be very convinced. His validation is more than enough.

What you keep saying will strengthen or weaken your heart. Speak more about what the Lord has said. As you do this, you will also gain more clarity about it. God has defined you, don't let men redefine you and give you a wrong identity.

Put no trust in man nor live for their approval. If you live for the approval of men, you will die from their rejection.

Confession:

Thank you Jesus for giving me insight into how important your word is about my life. I deliberately exalt it above all other things and other opinions of men. My heart is strengthened to hold unto what you have said about me in Jesus name.

February 10

Build bridges

1 Thessalonica 5:15 KJV

“See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.”

When dealing with imperfect men, we are meant to be hurt. Imperfect men make mistakes regularly and these are not deliberate actions. We also have wicked men who deliberately choose to hurt others. In our daily operations, we are meant to encounter these two set of people. But you have a responsibility to follow God's word in dealing with such men.

“See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.”

If we've been counseled to not give evil for evil, it means men will really do evil things to us. It also means men will do things that will be so grievous we may be tempted to pay them back according to their coins. We must not go down that route. Build bridges and don't burn them. You can't be wiser than God who commanded it. As long as you choose not to repay evil with evil, you're keeping the bridge alive and that's what God want. This gives room for God to still be able to use us to bring them to repentance. While you do your best to always position yourself in a corner where men can't consistently hurt your life, we don't have a mandate to unleash evil on men.

James 3:18 ISV

“And a harvest of righteousness is grown from the seed of peace planted by peacemakers.”

We are the peacemakers not the evil doers. When you are tempted to repay evil with evil, you multiply the evil in the world and shut the door for a mighty harvest of righteousness. God said, by your good, overcome evil. The force that

works with good men is more powerful than the one that operate with evil men.

God is always with peace makers and fights their battles.

Confession:

I do not repay evil with evil, I do choose to make peace with all men. I am able to do this by the power of the Holy Ghost who resides in me. I remain a son of God. Amen

February 11

Keeping oneself in God's love

Jude 1:21 KJV

“Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.”

Our opening text contains one of Jude's final exhortations to the believers. After the popular twentieth verse, then He went on to talk about the believers keeping themselves in God's love.

The next right question should be how? How can one keep himself or herself in the love of God because Jude in that same chapter seems to not elaborate on the instruction.

Jesus Christ in the fifteenth chapter of the book of John has given us the answer by the Spirit.

John 15:9-10 NLT

“I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father’s commandments and remain in his love.”

Remaining in God's love is synonymous to keeping oneself in God's love. And how to do that is by keeping or abiding in the words of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ while He walked the earth told us the secret of His love for the Father which was by keeping to the instructions of God to Him.

God loves us unconditionally and this is confirmed by all God's word, but not every believer has kept his or herself in the love of God by keeping God's words. The challenge is never with God but with ourselves and this is what Jude was

addressing in His exhortation to us.

God's words we obey are a reflection of our love for God. God expects that we do all we do today for Him out of our love for Him. Do you love God? Keep His commandments. By doing so, you are keeping yourself in the love of God.

Confession:

Thank you Father for the light of your word, instructing me to keep your commandments, thereby keeping myself under your love. I receive sufficient grace today and forever to follow this admonition in Jesus name. Amen

February 12

Let God lead you

Proverbs 3:5-6 NKJV

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths”

God is all-knowing. There are many things you don't know which God knows. As a child of God, allow God to lead you and give you the right strategies for success in life. Depend on Him. Your brain alone is too small to run your life!

Many lead God instead of being led by God, this is simply because they want to do things the right way. Many people assume to know what God wants for them rather than being assured of God's intention towards them. Assurance is when God is leading you and assumption is you leading God, which is wrong.

The Bible says, “*Unless the LORD builds the house, they labor in vain who build it; unless the LORD guards the city, the watchman stays awake in vain. It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows; For so He gives His beloved sleep*” Psalm 127:1-2 NKJV

Don't engage in vain labour.

Ecclesiastes 10:15 says “*the labor of fools wearies them, for they do not even know how to go to the city!*”

Don't labour like a fool; wait on God for divine guidance and strategies. Make Him your principal partner, let Him give you the strategies that will work and the results will last. If God had not led the children of Israel the way they went after they left Egypt, they would have gone the wrong way. They would have followed the shorter route, which would have exposed them to early enemy attacks.

It will save you a whole lot of stress and pains if you allow God to lead you rather than you leading God or yourself.

Exodus 13:17-18 NKJV

“Then it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for God said, ‘Lest perhaps the people change their minds when they see war, and return to Egypt.’ So God led the people around by way of the wilderness of the Red Sea. And the children of Israel went up in orderly ranks out of the land of Egypt”

The Israelites benefitted from the wisdom of God, although then, going through a longer route might have appeared foolish. God saw ahead what they didn't see. Let God lead you; don't lead yourself. God knows the choices and decisions that can spell danger for you in the future, though it may not appear so now. Don't trust your brain above God's judgment. God's leading or guidance is necessary for success in life.

Confession:

Lord Jesus, thank you for this privilege to see through your word again today. Thank you for this understanding. Henceforth, I let God lead me in all my ways, I do not lead God or myself in Jesus name, Amen.

February 13

Owe no man- Avoid being a bad debtor

Romans 13:7-8 NLT

“Give to everyone what you owe them: Pay your taxes and government fees to those who collect them, and give respect and honor to those who are in authority. Owe nothing to anyone—except for your obligation to love one another. If you love your neighbor, you will fulfill the requirements of God’s law.”

For a man in Christ, there is nothing God desire for us that is not clearly spelt out in the scripture. Some people think God is not interested in our day to day relationship with people. But the bible makes it clear, that He is interested in even the minutest details of our life. Our opening text, reveals the will of God when it comes to debt. How that God's original plan is that we don't borrow.

Romans 13:8A NLT

“Owe nothing to anyone—except for your obligation to love one another. . .”

God wants all believers to take advantage of the wisdom of the Spirit to live without having to borrow. However, if anything ever happened that led a believer to borrow, God also still instructs us to do everything to make sure we pay back what we borrowed.

This is the will of God for every believer. This idea where a Christian collects loan or an advance from people, or a fellow believer and He or she is running away from repayment or returning what was hired is not of God. Or even avoiding the person you are owing either by avoiding physical sight or not picking calls.

Have you found yourself in any situation where you owe people? Don't feel bad about it, know this today that God is interested in clearing your debt, take

advantage of returning what you borrowed when God begins to send you provisions.

The story of the wife of late servant of God comes to heart here as recorded in 2 Kings 4-1-19 for the full story.. But our focus today is on what Elijah told the widow when the miracle happened.

2 Kings 4:7 NLT

“When she told the man of God what had happened, he said to her, “Now sell the olive oil and pay your debts, and you and your sons can live on what is left over.”

“Sell the Olive oil and pay the debts and live on the left over..”

This idea of living flamboyant life when you have debt to service is not of God, repent in Jesus name. Let this word today instruct you on matters of debt and borrowing. Do everything to live without borrowing, but if by any means you have to borrow, always be credit worthy, pay back what you owe timely.

Confession:

Father, I appreciate you for instructing me on matters that has to do with my relationship with men as it have to do with loans and debts. I make up my mind with your help to live debt free and to not bring shame to your name by being a bad debtor to those I borrowed from in Jesus name. Amen

February 14

Power

Acts 1:8 NLT

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Power has been defined as the ability or capability to do something or act in a particular way. In the spirit realms, it's the capacity or ability to direct or influence the behavior of others. This influence can be manifested in numerous ways hence we have: Legitimate power, political power, Expertise power, information power, connection power and so on.

However, the most powerful of all is the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit. The supernatural power of the Holy Spirit refers to the ability to do the supernatural _the ability and capacity to do all things through Christ.

Philippians 4:13 NLT

“For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.”

The Holy Spirit's outpouring is the source of all blessings. Without it, genuine progress is impossible.

Luke 24:49 NLT

“And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven.”

Jesus gave His disciples instructions to receive this great power of the Holy Spirit by staying in the city until the arrival of the Holy Spirit. This tells us that, Christ Jesus knew the importance of this supernatural power of Holy Spirit in the life and ministry of His disciples. There's a desperate need today for the power that enable us to do extraordinary works.

John 14:12 NLT

“I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father.”

The Holy Spirit's power is the cure for every human weakness, inadequacy, spiritual futility and unfruitfulness. This is the only remedy for the spiritual paralysis and failure to accomplish meaningful results in life and ministry.

The power of the Holy Spirit settles every problem in a believer's life. It is very important to understand that without the power we will be fearful. Only the power of the Holy Spirit guarantees ultimate success in life and ministry.

We read in Acts chapter 2 that the disciples were filled with the power on the day of Pentecost. From that moment onwards, they were able to do what they could not before. They suddenly discovered that the Holy Spirit was the universal currency they required to fly higher and above the limitations of their surroundings.

What do you do with the power of the Holy Spirit in you today, do you put it to work in every aspect of your life or not? Some people didn't even realize they have this power and that's why it's important for you and I to go out there and make them discover that what they have in them is not ordinary but supernatural power of the Holy Spirit. This was their simple discovery: *“The more they were filled with the power from on high, the higher they flew.”*

God does not want us to be filled as a mere one-time experience, He wants us to live Spirit-filled lives on a daily basis.

Romans 8:4 KJV

“That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”

Galatians 5:16 KJV

“This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.”

Confession:

Holy Spirit thank you for your supernatural power in me, I accomplish great things for God and His kingdom with the power of the Holy Spirit in me.

Amen.

February 15

When we do the word

John 1:1-3 KJV

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.”

The word of God pre-existed man, he is as eternal as God himself, the word of God knows the origin of Man and his ending, it is only the word of God that can truly inform man of his origin, his purpose, his life and his identity. When a child of God tries to live outside God's word his life will be controlled by the forces, limitation, wickedness and corruption of this world.

1 Peter 1:23-25 KJV

“Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. 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: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever.”

And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

Psalms 119:105 KJV

“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”

When you see a child of God that lacks direction and focus in his/her life, the truth is he /she doesn't believe the word of God or the person is not given to God's word.

Confusion is darkness, ignorant is darkness, when we switch on the lamp of God's word all these works of darkness disappears and then can we see properly and walk in the right direction and fulfill our purposes in life because the word of God will guide and guard us and He will see to it that we have a beautiful

life.

If you are born by God's word then you will live by God's word, that is your origin and source of life. Living outside God's word is like a fish that wants to live outside water.

Confession:

I live my life by God's word, I live my life in God's word, no matter what I am not moved by what I see or what my emotion says but what the word of God says.

February 16

We are ambassador for Christ

2 Corinthians 5:19-20 KJV

“Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.”

Who is an ambassador?

An ambassador is a person sent to a foreign land to represent a nation. Our text tells us that we are an Ambassador for Christ. As believers we are God's representative in this world. We are not part of the common men of this world but a representative sent by God to this world.

As a believer we are God's image on earth through which God is reflected and His character is made visible to all. Through this we reconcile men unto God.

John 5:19 KJV

“Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.”

Jesus shows us an example in this text that He does nothing of Himself but what He sees the father do. He revealed the father to us in words, character and action. He showed us the love of God; He showed us the mind of God towards men.

Acts 10:38 KJV

“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.”

To represent Jesus we must first know who He is, we cannot represent who we don't know. We get to know Him through fellowship with the word of God.

The more we study God's word, we get to know Him more. This makes us to be able to represent Him rightly. We must desire to know Him more, make it our priority to pray and fellowship with Him.

We must carry this mindset that we are an ambassador of Christ and carry ourselves like one. We ought to behave accordingly wherever we find ourselves, either in school, workplace, road etc. Let people be able to say that we are God's own children.

As we represent Christ we also deliver His message so others could know him through us. This way we are winning more men for Jesus. We are increasing the kingdom of God. We deliver the message of peace to men and we are shining the light of Christ on earth.

As an ambassador we must deliver the message of peace to men. Let men know God is not angry with men, just like Jesus has shown us.

John 13:35 KJV

“By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.”

Our words and action must show where we come from, we must be conscious of who we are representing in our day to day life. Study the life of Jesus you will find out He didn't speak against the word, He was full of the spirit all day. Even when the Pharisees came to tempt Him concealing the woman caught in act of adultery, He was full of the spirit and knew the right answer to give, showing the mind of God.

Confession:

In the name of Jesus, I declare I am not of this world. I am an ambassador of Christ. I show forth Christ in all I do. I reflect His power and love. I spread the message of peace to nations in Jesus name.

February 17

Hear God

Galatians 1:8 KJV

“But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.”

There're those who think its okay to try and contact the dead for information about their future. It's wrong. In the Old Testament, God specifically warned the children of Israel not to do it. Saul, the king of Israel, did it and got into trouble for it. The dead don't know the future; so, it's even absurd to try to consult with them about the future. Only the Holy Ghost knows the future, and through the insight He grants us, we're able to know things about the future as He reveals them to us.

John 16:13 Easy English

“However, when he, the Spirit of true knowledge, has come, he will be your guide into all true knowledge: for his words will not come from himself, but whatever has come to his hearing, that he will say: and he will make clear to you the things to come.”

Trust the Holy Spirit: instead of hoping that, somehow, the ghost of a dead person will reveal some secrets to you or give you some esoteric information about your future. Of course, there are manifestations of the Holy Spirit in which He ministers to us in different ways.

He can even use the face of your pastor, a brother, or sister to bring you a message or a word; He does such things. He could talk to you through the voice and the face of someone who has passed on to glory. He can do it, because He's eternity; He's not restricted.

However, everything you hear must be consistent with the revealed body of truth—God’s Word. No matter what you hear, and from whom you hear it, if it doesn’t square up with the Word, discard it. The consistency of the message with the Scriptures is what counts. That an angel brought you a message doesn’t make it any more authentic. What authenticates a message and gives it power is its consistency with the revealed Word of God. It’s the same reason we’re to judge all prophecies (1 Corinthians 14:29), and test all spirits to see if they be of God (1 John 4:1).

Confession:

Blessed Father, thank you for the sure guidance I receive from your eternal Word, and the light it unveils to my spirit. Your Word is my life, and by my faith in your Word, I rule over circumstances, and bring glory to your Majesty, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

February 18

Meditate on the word not the challenges

Mark 11:23 KJV

“For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.”

The Lord Jesus gave us the recipe for effecting a change in any situation. He said, *“you shall have what you say.”* In other words, to change hopeless situations, what you need do is to talk to the mountain. Sadly, what we find is people talking about the mountain thereby mediating on the challenges, instead of talking to it, and that’s not going to change things.

As long as you’re discussing the challenges, you’re fellowshiping with the problems. You should rather fellowship with and in the Word. Meditate on the Word, not on the problems you seem to be going through, because the so-called problems aren’t real; only the Word is real. What you need is to meditate on what the Word says about your situation.

2 Corinthians 4:18 KJV

“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.”

Maybe it’s a growth in your body and you’ve been complaining about it to everyone around you; it’s time to change things! because the growth are seen thing and the Word is an unseen thing that produces the results seen things cannot produce.

Declare the Word. Saying, *“Growth, die and pass out of my body in Jesus’ Name, because my body is the temple of the Holy Ghost.”* Perhaps, it’s your financial

condition that needs a change; get on a Word-therapy. Start poring over scriptures that talks about your financial prosperity, such as 3 John 1:2 which says "*Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth*" therefore you declare to the situation that God wants me prosperous so devil take off your hands over my finances in Jesus name.

Psalm 23:1 Easy English

"...The Lord takes care of me as his sheep; I will not be without any good thing."

Take the Word capsule and use it. Meditate on them until all you can think, see, and talk is health and prosperity. God gave you a mouth, not just for eating, but primarily for meditation; so you can speak and effect the changes you desire.

In Joshua 1:8, the Lord gave Joshua the simple recipe for success: meditating on the Word. Rather than waste precious time building the problem, focus on the power of God and the efficacy of His Word to put you over and effect a change in that situation.

Confession:

Thank you dear Father for the grace of Jesus Christ that has made me rich in all things. You've granted me all things that pertain to life and godliness, and for this I praise your Holy Name, therefore I am healthy and wealthy according to the scripture. I meditate on your word always. Amen

February 19

God of Abundance

Ephesians 3:20-21 NIV

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.”

Paul wrote to the Ephesians to remind them of these powerful truths about who God is and how He cares for our needs.

Firstly this means we must ask, we should not go about complaining about things, if you need anything you should ask God, be it business ideas, wisdom, finances anything at all.

1 Corinthians 3:21 KJV

“Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours;”

The Bible said don't glory in men all things are yours, so you need to ask the father what you want. When asking God, know in your heart that our heavenly father is a God of abundance, He gives much more than we can imagine.

Another version says *“God is able to do immeasurably more than you can ask or imagine.”* Not just a little bit better than we ask. No, immeasurably. It is so much better than what we can ask or imagine that it can't even be measured. What are you asking God for today? What are your biggest dreams that you are imagining? God can (and will) do immeasurably more than that. Just believe.

Nothing is bigger than God, so shift your gaze from what you are experiencing and focus on God's ability.

Matthew 14:17-20 KJV

“And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes. He said, Bring them hither to me. And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full.”

The miracle of five loaves of bread and two fishes, when the entire crowd have finished eating and was filled, note they were all filled. What was left was much more than the initial five loaves and two fishes. This shows the mind of God towards us, He doesn't just give us what we ask for, He gives more than what we ask or think. With this truth we should not stop asking God, and expecting more than enough. Open your heart to receive more than you ask for.

Confession:

Father I know you are a God of abundance, you specialize in giving me more than I ask. Today my heart is open to receive abundance in Jesus name. Amen.

February 20

Attitudes of a believer during challenging times I

Romans 12:12 NLT

“Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying.”

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us an eternal truth about our Christian walk on this earth which we must never forget when it comes to challenges of this life.

John 16:33 NLT

“I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.”

Trials, troubles and life challenges are normal things as far as this world is concerned and we know from scriptures that God is not the one behind those troubles, rather the devil is.

Revelation 2:10 NLT

“Don’t be afraid of what you are about to suffer. The devil will throw some of you into prison to test you. You will suffer for ten days. But if you remain faithful even when facing death, I will give you the crown of life.”

But there are attitudes God expects us as believers to portray during those difficult trials. The first we are talking about from our anchor text today is *“Be patient.”*

As simple as that phrase is, our hearts really need to be established in the fact that patience during difficult times is never a time waster. I know from experience that the devil will do everything to make us be in a hurry to walk in the flesh and do things our Lord has never commanded.

Listen and listen very carefully, dear saint of God, God's wisdom is supreme above any other wisdom on this earth. If during trials, God's word says you should be patient, just obey.

Be patient, endure the trouble and keep rebuking the devil the one behind that issue. In no longer time than you expected, your victory will show forth. Paul has this to say:

2 Corinthians 4:17-18 NLT

“For our present troubles are small and won’t last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever!

So we don’t look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.”

Hallelujah

Confession:

Father, I thank you for your comforting and instructive words to me this morning, guiding me on the need to be patient. I ask right now that I don't get discouraged, rather I know according to your words that this present trouble is but for a moment. My victory is here already. Amen

February 21

Attitudes of a believer during challenging times 2

Romans 12:12 NLT

“Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying.”

Yesterday we looked at the first attitude of a believer during troublesome times, how that waiting on God's victory is never a waste of time.

Today we are looking at another instruction every believer going through difficult times must keep at heart- which is to keep praying.

Usually, during challenging period, most people do forget to continue in prayers and the reason is because many would have prayed at first when the challenge came at first and since the trials continued, we tend to think it's not prayer that we need again or how that we need another thing apart of praying.

However Paul the apostle says clearly here that we must continue in prayers. Continued prayers during difficult times does a lot to our heart in being steady in the will of God much more than solving the problem itself. A man not given to continued prayers during such times will walk off the will of God for himself or herself. The person will become hasty at heart. And this is not what God intends.

Proverbs 19:2 NLT

“Enthusiasm without knowledge is no good; haste makes mistakes.”

Prayers do so much than just having our needs/requests met. Rather it positions our heart to remain in the divine plan of God for us. And this is contrary to what the devil wants for us, he wants us to be lukewarm and be in haste.

He wants us to be complaining and telling every persons we see about our 'big' troubles without telling our troubles how big our God is.

Dear believer, continued prayer/praying have no alternative particularly when there is storm. It's the only way to remain in the will of God.

Continue to pray the storm is almost over.

Confession:

Father, I thank you for your words to me. I choose to never stop praying irrespective of whatever may be. I follow God in continued prayers, in Jesus name. Amen

February 22

Attitudes of a believer during challenging times 3

1 Corinthians 10:10-11 NLT

“And don’t grumble as some of them did, and then were destroyed by the angel of death. These things happened to them as examples for us. They were written down to warn us who live at the end of the age.”

Anytime you find yourself in a tough challenge, just as it has been established in the first two parts of this series that is not the time to make rash carnal decisions or strategize. That is the time to pray to God and wait for His salvation. In a difficult situation, you should pray before you think. Moses didn’t think, strategize or plan when he saw the red sea before them and the Egyptians trailing them behind. There was no human to call but there was a God he could call. We have emphasized this so much in the last two treatises.

For today, we are learning not to grumble or say profane words. To grumble means to complain about something in a bad tempered way. This is not the will of God for us.

You have to be like Moses not like the Israelites. The Israelites were professional complainers and grumblers but Moses knew how to call on God. Your prayers will do in split seconds what complaints, grumbling and murmuring cannot do in years! Jesus asked which among you can add a cubit to his stature by just taking thoughts. The sincere answer is none.

David was strong, skilled and strategic, yet the scripture reveals his heartfelt prayers. In Psalms 69¹, he said *“Save me, O God! For the waters have come to my neck”*

Psalms 70:1 he said "In you. O Lord, I put my trust; let me never be put to shame"

Psalms 120:1, he said, "In my distress I cried to the Lord, And he heard me"

Psalms 125:1, he said "Those who trust in the Lord are like mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever"

Psalms 132:1, he said "Lord, remember David and all his afflictions" and in Psalms 140:1, he said "Deliver me, O Lord, from evil men; Preserve me from violent men"

Obviously, you can see that David was never a man who grumbles with all the life challenges he faced. He knew how to call on the Lord. You must learn this too. Most times, those who grumble are ungrateful and they never see the salvation of God. Repent if you are such type.

Confession:

From now henceforth, I declare myself a man of prayer. Rather than complaining. I learn to be cool and calm with my approach to stormy seasons in Jesus name. Amen

February 23

Following God's plan for your Life

Ephesians 2:10 AMP

“For we are His workmanship [His own master work, a work of art], created in Christ Jesus [reborn from above—spiritually transformed, renewed, ready to be used] for good works, which God prepared [for us] beforehand [taking paths which He set], so that we would walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us].”

God has a wonderful plan for the life of every believer. He did not just create us to be living life anymore. He has a purpose for every one of us.

Jeremiah 29:11

“For I know the plans and thoughts that I have for you,” says the Lord, ‘plans for peace and well-being and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.’”

We can see in this text that God first plan a life of peace for us, a good life and a better future. As a believer we are to trust God and know that His will for us is perfect. Every manufacturer has a plan for his product and this plan determines how the product is made, what the product is made of, who will use the product. God, the greatest manufacturer of all times, has a plan for everyone. He declared this boldly and clearly in Jeremiah 29:11, that He has a specific plan for everyone.

Our manufacturer knows the end already, you see, He is the Beginning and the End, He knows the end from the beginning, He has the best plan for our life. When God was making us, He had His plan for us in mind and so, all our intrinsic, physical features and talents are there to help us achieve this plan.

He wired us with His plan in mind. We are not a product of any circumstantial occurrence. We were not born just because our parents wanted us. We were

deliberately created by God because He has plans of peace and wellbeing that will give us a good future.

How to know God plan for us, we need to look at the word of God to know His plan for us. God's way and mindset is different from the nature of men. His word will guide to know and understand His plan for us. As we work in the will of God this doesn't mean challenges with not come, but as long as we are in his plan God has given us the power to overcome all challenges and come out victorious.

Look at the story of Joseph, he passed through many challenges and sufferings but God was with him all through. He protected him and prepared him ahead to fulfill the plan He has shown him. It is important we reflect on our life and be sure we are walking in the will of God. If at any point we are not sure we need to ask the Holy spirit to guide us. For the Holy Spirit is the spirit of truth and He will guide us into all truth.

John 16:13 KJV

“When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future.”

When you are working in God's plan, everything you ever need is already available to you for God cares about you. He will never leave nor forsake us. As He unveils His will, He also prepares provision ahead of us.

Confession:

Thank you Lord for the plans you have for me. I am prepared to work in the will of God for my life, I am not distracted in any way in Jesus name.

February 24

The Word

Matthew 12:37 KJV

“For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned”

Words are so important in the Kingdom of God and should never be used carelessly. Your real personality is revealed in words. Even when you think you're joking, what you say could make or mar your destiny. Never take the risk to joke against the Word.

Matthew 12:36 KJV

“But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.”

Take Esau for example; by what some consider “mere words,” he forfeited his birthright to his brother, Jacob.

Genesis 25:32-34 MSG

“Give me some of that red stew—I’m starved,” said Esau. “Make me a trade: my stew for your rights as the firstborn,” replied Jacob. “...I’m starving! What good is a birthright if I’m dead?” ...And he did it. On oath, Esau traded away his rights as the firstborn. Jacob gave him bread and the stew of lentils. He ate and drank, got up and left. That’s how Esau shrugged off his rights as the firstborn”

Very pathetic indeed!

Let's look at the woman with the issue of blood too she got her miracle by the word she spoke within herself.

Matthew 9:20-21 KJV

“And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment. For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole.”

Your words represent you; they mean everything and you can get your miracle by the Words you speak in your heart or with your mouth same thing you can get the other result if you always speak words that are idle.

Don't speak carelessly and say, *“I didn't mean it!”* Speak truth. The Bible says in

Proverbs 15:28 KJV

“The righteous studies to answer; he meditates to speak.”

Don't be like Esau who had no regard for spiritual things, and disparaged his birthright with words. Put a premium on words. Be a master of words as Jesus was a master of words, for by your words, you shall be justified, and by your words, you shall be condemned.

Confession:

Dear Father, I thank you for granting me supernatural insight, wisdom, and knowledge; I deal and speak wisely always. Therefore I am blessing conscious and I speak blessings always in Jesus name. Amen

February 25

Acting on the word

Luke 5:5 KJV

“And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.”

God’s Word has integrity. Whatever He says is truth—absolute reality—and you can bet your Life on it. The Lord Jesus had just used Peter’s boat to preach, and when He was done, He instructed him to cast his net into the sea for some fish. Peter and his crew had toiled fruitlessly all night trying to catch fish; so he said to Jesus,

Luke 5:5 Easy English

*“Teacher”, Simon replied, ‘we worked all last night and we did not catch anything. But because you say it, I will put down the *nets.’*

But thank God Peter didn’t stop there; he continued, “...but if you say so, we’ll try again.”

Peter acted because the Master said so, and the result was a harvest so great that he needed partners to help him with the multitude of fishes to shore. Yes, acting on the Word activates the power of God! Often times, people have no doubts as to the power of God being able to put them over in life, but what they lack is how to activate that power and take advantage of it in their personal lives. Some will say, *“I know what the Word of God says, BUT...!”* That’s their problem; there’re no *“ifs”* and *“buts”* when it comes to the Word; just act on it! When you do, the Lord will confirm it with His power, and there’ll be divine results.

Recall when the Lord Jesus turned water into wine at the wedding ceremony in Cana of Galilee. Before the miracle, Mary had said to the servants, “*Do whatsoever He tells you to do*”. That’s the secret.

The Master then instructed the servants to fill the water pots; that didn’t make sense, but they acted on the instruction nonetheless. When the guests drank of it, it was the best wine they ever tasted (John 2:1-10).

There’s always a miracle—a testimony—for the one who acts on the Word. Always speak and act in consonance with the Word, and God’s power will overwhelm you and enable you to lay hold on the results that you desire. Hallelujah!

Confession:

Thank you dear father for the Word, I act on it and I get results always in Jesus name. Amen

February 26

We believed therefore we speak

2 Corinthians 4:13 KJV

“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;”

Faith is not about we just believing alone, it doesn't depend on our believing alone but we, also saying the same thing we believed. If faith is involved we must speak what we believed.

What we believed must be the same thing that comes out of our lips.

There is a speaking part of faith that brings about a physical manifestation of what we believed. The Bible tells us in Genesis chapter 1 at creation, how God created the heaven and earth. God began the process of creation by speaking what He believed will happen in His heart. When God began speaking His faith, His words leaped into being and the universe was created.

When we receive a word from God, we believed it with all our heart without doubt. That word need to continually be in our mouths, we need to keep speaking that word we believed till it becomes all we see, till we become one with that word. At that point nothing can convince us against that word. Then the bible says we shall have whatsoever we say.

Mark 11:23 KJV

“For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.”

In this text we can see that believing is not all there is to faith, we have to speak. The Bible said we have to speak to the mountain and we shall have whatsoever we say.

When you speak, always speak your faith words; never speak your doubt. Never give legitimacy to your doubt. This is very important because your words legitimize your conviction. You are meant to speak your faith. Never confess fears or doubts. Starve your fear to death. Only speak your faith.

Matthew 12:34 NKJV

“Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.”

God has shown us what to say in His word. All we need to do is fellowship with the word of God. When we study the word we will know what to say by the spirit of God. We speak the word when we speak, not things surrounding the circumstances. So if we don't study the word of God we can't know what to say.

Confession:

In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I declare that my mouth speaks the Word consistently with conviction in my heart. I am a doer of the Word and I walk in the fullness of God's power made manifest through my faith.

February 27

You will receive it

Luke 11:9 Easy English

“So I tell you this. Continue to ask for what you need. And you will receive it. Continue to look for what you need. And then you will find it. Continue to knock at the door and God will open it for you.”

Our opening text explains to us that we will receive if we don't get tired of asking. The mistake many make is giving up easily on that need and situations.

Looking at the account in Luke 11 Easy English

“5 He then told a picture story to teach them how to pray. ‘Let me tell you about someone that goes to a friend at midnight. “My friend”, he says, “please give me three loaves of bread.

6 Another friend of mine is on a journey and he has arrived at my house. But I have no food to give him.”

7 But his friend answers from inside his house. “Do not cause problems for me! I have locked my door. My children and I have gone to bed. So, I cannot get up and give you any bread.”

8 I will tell you what will happen. Perhaps the friend will not give him anything because they are good friends. But if he continues to knock, he will get up. If he continues to ask for bread, his friend will give him bread. He will give him everything that he asks for.”

This is Jesus explaining to the disciples why the Friend will answer him because he did not quit easily. The truth is God is never without answer or solution to the situation you are going through. God is a faithful father who has time and season for everyone. The silence of God over that matter may mean daughter rest over this, I've settled it or He's working on it and waiting for the time and season for the manifestation because the truth is, even if it seems not working

yet it is working.

Don't quit so soon wait on the Lord and be ready to share your Testimonies; see yourself in your testimonies as you wait patiently on the Lord.

Psalms 27:14 KJV

“Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.”

Psalms 37:9 KJV

For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth.”

While waiting, devil will try to discourage you because he knows your manifestation is at hand but never welcome the discouragement because that is the weapon of the devil to win. Always remind yourself of the scriptures and what the Lord has said about that matter.

Remember,

Numbers 23:19 KJV

“God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?”

Isaiah 55:10-11 KJV

“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.”

Your patience and consistency will determine your thirty, sixty and hundred folds. God is very faithful, Hallelujah.

Confession:

Thank you dear father for your faithfulness, I am not discouraged I wait patiently on the Lord and I see my full answers in Jesus name. Amen

February 28

Have absolute trust in the Lord

Proverbs 3:5-6 NLT

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.”

Knowledge is a strong road to trust. The reason why we couldn't trust enough is as a result of certain knowledge that is yet to click in our heart. The Bible has shown us several people who trusted in the Lord despite the challenges that they faced, some of them walked through the path of death with great confidence of God's presence. Ours won't be different because such is written for our learning.

The word “*trust*” here implies confidence or security. It is a concept that is associated with firmness or something that is solid or secure, according to the Hebrew-Greek Study Bible. Simply stated, we can put our confidence or security in the Lord because we know that He can be trusted. We can absolutely trust Him, His Word and His promises are secure.

Isaiah 55:11b

“His word will not return void until it accomplish that which is sent to do. Glory to God”

A man that trusts his own understanding has not yet put his security in God. He is still alive to himself. He still in-charge of the wheel of his life. Bible recognizes that human understanding exists which is limited and achieve little but there's a supreme knowledge of Spirit that super imposes all human understanding. That's what God wants us to believe to have heavenly rest.

A friend wants to write an examination and he has prepared so much but a night previous to his examination the Holy Spirit ministered to sleep but he resisted and read all through the night. Well, none of the topics he read came out. It's a wasted efforts, he regretted his sleepless night. What only came from the questions were things he has read before. God wants us to trust Him with everything and not be agitated.

God's first in all our activities is a proof of our confidence in the Lord. What's a first choice is life? God or yourself? If it's God, your testimony is secured. You are on the winning side for those that put their trust in the Lord are like mountain Zion that cannot be moved.

Confession:

Today, I put my trust in the lord; nothing can move me because I am rooted in the promises of God now and beyond. Amen

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