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# **FAITH HOUSE** **RISE DEVOTIONAL**

Teaching you to live a beautiful life

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March 1

## **The biggest winner**

**James 1:22 KJV**

*"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."*

Whatever you have and you are not enjoying, it is as good as if you don't have it. The only way to enjoy anything is to use it. Nothing was made or given to be unused. We have been blessed with the word. But what are you doing with the word? Some are believing, some are rejoicing about the word. While these are good, this isn't the end of the word.

You have to act on the word - do the word. It means take the word as it is do what it says. When you buy a product and you want to enjoy it, you will read the manual and strictly set up the component as instructed so that you can have an expected result. This is what you do with the word of God. Act on it and get results. When you check out God's word and you see what it says, take a step in that direction.

*1 Corinthians 1:30 KJV*

*"But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:"*

This here shows that Jesus is the source of our wisdom. Don't say I lack wisdom or I'm a dullard. That's not how to act on God's word. Say to yourself that I have wisdom, I'm full of it and I know what to do about this situation in Jesus

name". You want to enjoy God's goodness, do what His word has said. Simple! Many wish for it but don't join that group of people wishing for God's goodness without taking steps to enjoy it.

What has His word said about your health, act on it and see results. What has it said about your family, act on it and see results. What has it said about your finance, act on it and see results. Don't complain, just act.

If you can trust the instructions attached to a product as the best way to enjoy the goodness the product can offer, how much more God's word which has time tested integrity.

**Confession:**

Dear Lord, I believe your word has integrity. I hold unto the integrity of the word, therefore I start to act on it diligently henceforth in Jesus name. I get the results the word has promised always in Jesus name. Amen

March 2

## **Increase with no decrease**

### **Psa 107:38 NET**

*"He blessed them so that they became very numerous. He would not allow their cattle to decrease in number"*

In life many worry about just anything imaginable. How to start, when they start, they switch to how to continue, when they sort that one, they switch to how to get returns, when they start to see returns, they switch to how to expand and increase the returns, then they keep repeating this cycle. This is why many are always exhausted and easily depressed. If only they know our God. Dear child of God, don't trap yourself in this cycle?

As far as God is concerned, for His own people, this is His approach;

*35 As for his people, he turned a desert into a pool of water, and a dry land into springs of water.*

He initiates things for His children

*36 He allowed the hungry to settle there, and they established a city in which to live.*

He leads them to where He has prepared for them and help them start whatever they wish to do

*37 They cultivated fields, and planted vineyards, which yielded a harvest of fruit.*

He blesses their work so that they can always prosper no matter the season

*38 He blessed them so that they became very numerous. He would not allow their cattle to decrease in number.*

He ensures they keep multiplying (not adding), and also personally ensure this increase does not reduce. What a God! When the blessing of God is upon your life, it brings multiplication that has no limit. Even when they rise against you, they will discover they cannot reduce you. Every move they make will end up promoting you. They will come to acknowledge your God.

Genesis 21:22 (KJV)

“And it came to pass at that time, that Abimelech and Phichol the chief captain of his host spake unto Abraham, saying, God is with thee in all that thou doest:”

The men attacked Abraham, chased him out of the city and stole his well, yet when the God of increase was done with Abraham, the men came back to beg and make peace because the man had multiplied greatly. They felt threatened by his progress but couldn't lift a finger anymore because it is obvious that they can never stop Abraham.

So the duty of the children is to trust Him and follow Him. There is no decrease for us.

### **Confession**

I free my heart from anxiety and align my thoughts with His word. I receive His counsels always and make daily progress through this.

March 3

## God who owns all

### **Psalm 24:1(KJV)**

*“The earth is the LORD'S, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.”*

Who is the LORD? This referred to the creator God. He made everything, He created it for His own pleasure and only Him has the power to give it out to men.

But we have good news;

*1Co 3:21 Therefore let no man glory in men. **For all things are yours;***

*1Co 3:22 Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, **or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours;***

He has given all things to us legally and it is up to us to possess as many as we can. There are two ways for this to happen

The first thing is to know what has been given to you, the size and the extent to which you can possess it – revelation. Revelation comes through the knowledge of God's word. What you know is what you can work out for yourself. Take note, I didn't say it will automatically work for you but rather you will work it out. That brings into the play the next thing to do.

The second thing to do in order to take possession of what is rightfully yours is to use your mouth to call it forth till you have a state of physical possession. What is yours is yours, if you want or need it, when you take a stand, it will manifest forth, it has no choice.

*Mar 11:23*

*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.*

This is how to make what is yours show forth. The God of the world has willed all things to you, there is no limit to how much you can have. Never forget!

**Confession:**

I acknowledge that the creator God has willed all things to me and I don't have issues with lack. I call forth what I need right now to show forth in Jesus name.

March 4

## Seed of Abraham

### Galatians 3:29 KJV

*“And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise”*

This is clear as sky! To be Christ's means you are born again, if you are born again, it also means you are the seed of Abraham and have right to the promises given to Abraham.

### Gal 3:16

*“Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.”*

What are these promises?

### Rom 4:13

*“For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.”*

So Abraham has the promise to inherit the world and rule it. This was not just to him alone but his seed. We are the seed of Abraham. So it means the world belong to us. If you are born again, the world is yours. In any area you are functioning in this world, career, academics, ministry, it is yours to take. It is yours to take for enjoyment, it is yours to take for the Lord. It is yours and it's all yours.

This is why Paul said;

### 1Co 3:21-22

*“Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours...whether the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours;”*

Whatever you want, it is never too big for you, even the whole world is yours. What do you want now, take it in Jesus name. How far can you see, start to take possession of it now in Jesus name.

**Confession:**

The world belongs to me and I start to receive benefits from all nations of the world in Jesus name, for all the nations are my territory.

March 5

## **Reinforcing your Faith**

### **Nehemiah 9:17 KJV**

*“And refused to obey, neither were mindful of thy wonders that thou didst among them; but hardened their necks, and in their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage...”*

It is a sad thing that many people give upon God faster than they would on doctors and their lawyers. If when these two professionals tell people that the chance of victory is bleak, people still trust them, how much more God. The Israelites gave up on God and were planning to go back to their bondage in Egypt. Imagine the foolishness of such move. Same Egyptians the Lord buried under the sea to free them.

You may begin to wonder why they would get so low.

*“neither were mindful of thy wonders that thou didst among them; but hardened their necks”*

They chose not to reflect on God’s goodness including the ongoing miracles of daily manner that they were receiving from God. When you reflect on God’s goodness and previous ways and times He answered your prayers and proved Himself, you will be so strong in faith to believe strongly that you will see more miracles today and beyond.

### **Psalms 119:99 KJV**

*“I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation.”*

Reflecting on testimonies gives the insights needed to navigate today’s battle.

Testimonies reinforce our faith. Learn to reflect on your testimonies and watch how strong you will be in faith overtime. If He supplied \$100, He can and will

supply \$1000, \$10,000. He healed headache, the HIV do not stand a chance for it is still same God and same power.

Never give up on God!

**Confession:**

God that doesn't change, thank you for your past wonders in my life. I strongly believe in you for more manifestations. Let it begin now in all areas I'm expecting it. Amen

March 6

## Guaranteed protection

### 2Ti 4:18 KJV

*"And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen"*

What a statement from the speaker. He is so sure of what God shall do for him. *"And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work..."* Here, he's talking about the persecutions he's facing in the course of his gospel. His comfort is in Him who shall deliver him from them all.

How do you talk when afflictions arise? "I hope I don't die in this", "this is what killed my friend's cousin", "they said there's no way out" etc. Is that how you talk or you do talk like Paul did? Your afflictions isn't bigger than God. Don't think in your heart that others are able to trust God because their challenge is little. Let's see examples of Paul's afflictions in the course of the gospel.

### 2 Corinthians 11

*23 Are they servants of Christ? (I am talking like I am out of my mind!) I am even more so: with much greater labors, with far more imprisonments, with more severe beatings, facing death many times.*

*24 Five times I received from the Jews forty lashes less one.*

*25 Three times I was beaten with a rod. Once I received a stoning. Three times I suffered shipwreck. A night and a day I spent adrift in the open sea.*

*26 I have been on journeys many times, in dangers from rivers, in dangers from robbers, in dangers from my own countrymen, in dangers from Gentiles, in dangers*

*in the city, in dangers in the wilderness, in dangers at sea, in dangers from false brothers,*

*27 in hard work and toil, through many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, many times without food, in cold and without enough clothing.*

The same God that kept Paul has got you covered, fear not. The interesting thing is in how Apostle Paul related with all these persecutions.

*2 Corinthians 4:17 KJV*

*“For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory”*

He called them “light afflictions”, which means they are not to get him down or crush his spirit. Above all, the Lord kept him and he fulfilled his course. Many didn’t face half of Paul’s troubles and they didn’t make it through. When you are on the Lord’s side, Satan will stir up trouble but it doesn’t matter what men raise against you, God has kept you before and He will keep you again. You have a guaranteed protection in God.

**Confession:**

My confidence is in the Lord who keep me at all time. I am kept and I enjoy His safety no matter what Satan stirs up against me. I am confidently fulfilling my course for God and making progress all the way in Jesus name. Amen.

March 7

## **He cares**

### **1 Peter 5:7 KJV**

*"Casting the whole of your care [all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully"*

Our opening text is one of the writings of Apostle Peter to the leaders and young men in the church. He explained how the elder and the young ones in the church should do the works of God. He knew these people will be in need of some things.

He understands the nature of God, so he said *"cast the whole of your care on Him"*

Upon who? God

Because of what? He cares!

Apostle Peter knew God can't be tired to care for His people. The integrity of His love can also be seen in;

*Matthew 7:11 (AMP)*

*"If you then, evil as you are, know how to give good and advantageous gifts to your children, how much more will your Father Who is in heaven [perfect as He is] give good and advantageous things to those who keep on asking Him!"*

Keep on asking here doesn't mean you need to keep asking over and over on a particular subject before He can now feel it's time to answer your petitions, No!

God's mind is for you to ask one hundred times and receive one hundred manifestations. He always want to answer prayer.

Glory to God!!

God wants you to keep asking Him because He cares, the moment you stop asking Him and you start to ask from something else, maybe you're using natural mind to get answers, He feels jealous because He really cares.

He doesn't want you to miss out.

His own kind of Jealousy is to make you acquire the best in the best way.

So today, if you have not been casting "All" cares upon Him, start today.

The load and cares are not too much for God, don't pity God. He doesn't need it.

He wants you to have more than enough for yourself, the Gospel and for the sake of others. That's why you must keep asking so that you can keep getting.

*Matthew 7:11b KJV*

*"how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him"*

**Confession:**

I don't know how to stop asking, I ask until my joy is full and I keep expanding in Jesus name. Amen

March 8

## **Forgive as you've been forgiven**

### **Ephesians 4:32 KJV**

*"And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."*

People get hurt daily and carry the scar for so long they grow bitter unconsciously towards others. Have you been there before when people did things that touched your heart deeply and negatively? When you remember, you get angry and disorganized. This feeling makes it difficult to think straight. Nobody makes tangible progress this way. You've got to let go of the hurt for the sake of your mental health.

Though many argue otherwise but this is a product of unforgiveness. Deep down inside, there's still a tiny rope of it left. Cut it off and be free from the chains holding you down and bringing you hurt and pains. When you forgive men, you're the one who enjoys the full benefit of it. Your heart is free and true peace takes over. You are more productive to God and man. When your heart is free, it is able to process the voice of the Spirit more smoothly and respond to it.

In what way are we to forgive others? Same way Jesus did towards us. God didn't forgive you for your own sake. He didn't do it because you deserved it or because you repented and begged. Your repentance and apologies aren't enough to get you forgiveness. God forgave you because of what Jesus did on your behalf. If our apology could get us forgiveness, we don't need Jesus. Forgive others not because they deserve or have turned better but because God did same to you. You can't wait till they repent before you let go, what if they do

not change for good till you leave this world? Don't attach forgiveness to people's goodness. It may never work out for your good that way.

The memories may never be deleted but when they come back, it won't carry that hurtful feelings, bitterness and anger again. This is the biggest evidence that forgiveness now reigns in your heart.

You can do this, if you can't, the scriptures won't command us to do it.

**Confession:**

Dear Lord, thank you for the unconditional forgiveness I have received from you. Now I replicate same towards others. I let go of the past hurt, pains in Jesus name. I follow your step in this direction. Amen

March 9

## **Don't despise that seed**

### **Matthew 10:40 KJV**

*"And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward."*

God need men to partner with His business on earth and this business is nothing but the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus called this message of the kingdom of heaven "my Father's business". When you invest in a business, there are always returns. God gave a loud clarion call to invest in and support the Gospel. He also has His well laid principles to reward men who respond.

Even as little as a cup of cold water would be rewarded. Jesus literally gave us His word that he won't lose his reward. Preachers need cold water because they would operate under hot weather. So even cold water is a quality giving. I remember 2 years ago, we travelled to a community for street evangelism. It was a hectic day witnessing Jesus and healing the sick. As we were planning to leave for our base, we stayed at a woman's house to rest as some brethren arranged the vehicles. She came and offered us cold sachet water. Though we had bought energy drinks as standby, I watched our people took this water in a hurry. They needed it! People had given money and other things towards this mission work but a stranger gave us water and it also met our need. I was moved and told her I wanted to bless her. She knelt and I blessed her heavily.

In Jesus' record, this woman qualified for amazing rewards just like everyone who gave heavily in cash for this work. Every giving counts in His book.

Don't despise your giving, if it is from the right heart, anticipate your rewards because every such giving is a quality one before God.

**Confession:**

I support my Father's business with all I have. I take my rewards just like He has promised to do, now and forever, so help me God. Amen

March 10

## **Walk through it**

### **Isaiah 43:2 KJV**

*" When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee."*

God splitted the red sea for the Israelites when it stood in their way. He splitted the Jordan river when it stood in their way. He brought down the wall of Jericho when it stood in their way. Again God splitted the Jordan for Elijah, then for Elisha on the same day. Based on these overwhelming evidences, we can say that God is a specialist in removing obstacles from the path of people so that they can make progress.

But based on what He said in the opening text, it's obvious this is not always the case. There are times obstacles will physically not make way yet your progress won't be hindered by them. The three Hebrews didn't have the fire quenched for them yet it didn't burn them. Jesus didn't have the sea splitted for Him, He walked on it despite its raging storm and didn't drown. Indeed, there are times you must walk through the obstacles.

When I was writing my final project in the university, I had a supervisor who made himself a mini god. We didn't speak for a whole year while he supervised me. He would point me to his shelf whenever I want him to check my work. That's how I submitted and picked my corrections. I was to write 5 chapters and he only approved the first two and wouldn't approve the next chapter so that I could proceed. So I went to my room and said "I approve my chapter 3 in

Jesus name and move to chapter 4". I went to submit chapter 4. When he failed to approve it, I did same for chapter 5, I did same for my final submissions and binding. Two weeks after final submissions, news hit the department that I had an A in my project - 70 on dot. Those who saw it told me they saw the man gazing at my work like "what just happened". Well, what happened was that I walked right through him. I didn't need him to be transferred or changed. During my project defense, I got a standing ovation from professors because I did a great job.

I made progress because I refused to let anyone hinder me through personal wickedness.

**Confession:**

I make my progress against all odds. He has given me the capacity to move unto victory, I walk through stubborn walls and fires. Amen

March 11

## **God has us in mind**

### **Jeremiah 1:5 AMP**

*“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you [and approved of you as My chosen instrument], And before you were born I consecrated you [to Myself as My own]; I have appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”*

From our text, we can see that before we were born God has us in mind. Our God is a God of purpose. This indicates that we are not born by accident no matter the circumstances surrounding the birth, God has us in mind. He has chosen us to be part of His kingdom.

This shows that you are not alone, God is always with you. Whenever you go out, go with the consciousness that you are not alone, that the almighty God is always with you. With that mindset, you will be victorious daily.

### *Psalm 8:4 KJV*

*“What is man, that thou art mindful of him? And the son of man, that thou visitest him?”*

God is mindful of us, He is interested in our day to day activity, your going out and coming in. He wants you to live a beautiful life. Life without struggles. Our life is precious in God sight.

### *Romans 8:28 AMP*

*“And we know [with great confidence] that God [who is deeply concerned about us] causes all things to work together [as a plan] for good for those who love God, to those who are called according to His plan and purpose.”*

*1 Peter 5:7 AMP*

*“Casting all your cares [all your anxieties, all your worries, and all your concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares about you [with deepest affection, and watches over you very carefully].”*

Are you a child of God? Your father cares for you and His thoughts are full of you. You are the apple of His eyes, so cast your cares, worries, concerns and needs on your father and watch Him resolve every issue miraculously. Begin to meditate on God's goodness right now and see how valuable and precious you are in His sight. This is the reason He sent His son Jesus to die for our sins and bring us back to fellowship with Him. If God can care for us while we were yet sinners, do you think He will forget you now that you are in Christ?. That is not possible God has you in mind always.

**Confession:**

God has me in mind, He cares for me. Therefore I am not anxious about anything, my needs are met in Christ Jesus. Amen

March 12

## **Winning through thanksgiving**

### **Philippians 3:1-3 KJV**

*“Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not grievous, but for you it is safe. Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision. For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.”*

Bible said we should rejoice always. Rejoicing, for a believer is not something we are trying to do so that something will happen, it is something we do because of what has happened. We rejoice because we know the ability of our father.

### *Psalm 22:3 KJV*

*“But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.”*

When we thank God, the bible said God inhibit the presence of His people. When we thank God we are exalting God above every other things therefore taking our eyes away from the challenge to the greatness of the power of God. This helps us receive answers.

### *Philippians 4:6-7 KJV*

*“Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”*

### *Isaiah 26:3 AMP*

*“You will keep in perfect and constant peace the one whose mind is steadfast [that is, committed and focused on You—in both inclination and character], Because he trusts and takes refuge in You [with hope and confident expectation].”*

In thanksgiving there is peace, when you worry it suck away your peace and happiness. The mind can never be settled in anxiety. The answer to anxiety is to start thanking God.

Look at your past victories thank God for it, those things you ask for God and you have seen the manifestations thank God for it. Count your blessings, name them one by one and you will be amazed at what God has done for you.

*1 Chronicles 16:8-12 KJV*

*“Give thanks unto the LORD, call upon his name, Make known his deeds among the people. Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him, Talk ye of all his wondrous works. Glory ye in his holy name: Let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD. Seek the LORD and his strength, Seek his face continually. Remember his marvellous works that he hath done, His wonders, and the judgments of his mouth;”*

Ungrateful heart will not receive the peace of God but a thankful heart will. As you begin to thank God, the peace that God loves you more than anything and God will not forsake you will overshadow your heart.

**Confession:**

I give thanks to the Lord always, I count my blessings and I know the lord has been good to me always. I am not anxious for anything because I know God loves me.

March 13

## **Be strengthened by love**

### **John 17-23 NLT**

*“I in them and you in me, all being perfected into one. Then the world will know that you sent me and will understand that you love them as much as you love me.”*

The word of God tells us that knowledge puffs up, but love edifies. Beloved, don't let knowledge puff you up, rather be edified, build up and strengthen by love.

If you have knowledge but fail to pass the message across to other Christians in love, you will provoke resentment in them instead of edification. This is because you have come with condemnation and pride instead of love.

People will not open up to the Word because you are not communicating knowledge in love. Love ought to be the atmosphere through which we communicate the truth of God's word that unity might be fostered in the body of Christ.

It is important that we prioritize love to realize the unity of the body of Christ. If we keep on exalting our individual doctrinal differences or creeds, we will keep tearing apart what Jesus prayed the father to keep together. We ought to cooperate with the Father consciously in knowledge, faith and love. Jesus Christ is our unification and He is the same yesterday, today and forever.

Christ is our oneness. Doctrinal issues that have to do with trivial things cannot bring us together as the body of Christ. Only the Word of God which is Christ can. In relating with other Christians irrespective of their backgrounds, you must let the love of God rule you and direct the affairs of your life.

**Confession:**

I declare that in the name of Jesus I am strengthening by love, I am patient and I teach others in love. I do not look down on other Christians and I teach the word in love and with long-suffering. (Amen).

March 14

## **The fullness of grace**

### **John 1:14 KJV**

*“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”*

When you embrace Jesus wholeheartedly, you embrace grace because He is the person of God's grace. Our opening Scripture tells us that He is full of grace and truth. Not that He has grace and truth but He is full of grace and truth. This means that He came with all there is and all there could be of grace and of the truth. That is the reason why John 1:16 tells us that of His fullness have we received grace upon grace.

The fullness of God's grace is enveloped in one person Jesus, the son of God. Therefore, the revelation of Him is the revelation of grace, the knowledge of Him is the knowledge of grace and fellowship with Him is fellowship with the grace of God.

Jesus Christ is the fullness of the bottomless and height-less grace of God. Beloved, God's grace is so full, deep, high and abroad, that you can't tell to what extent. Jesus is God's boundless grace and love given unto us. God loves us immeasurably. What manner of love the father has bestowed upon us that we are called the son of God! This is amazing grace.

In the Word of God is the fullness of grace. We must fellowship with the Word to partake of the divine nature and fullness of grace that had been made available to us in Christ. You must understand that the fullness of all that God has prepared for us in Christ is in fellowship with Him, nothing can be more exciting! We are blessed and honored to have been called into fellowship with God.

Our union with God in Christ has dignified and elevated us into the realm above shame and need. Beloved, take your place in fellowship with God through the word, prayer and in psalm, you will discover that you're bigger than you have ever thought that you are. Glory to God!

**Confession:**

I have received the abundance of grace through Christ Jesus therefore, I am above disgrace, shame and lack. I enjoy the fullness of this grace and I have all my needs met. Amen!

March 15

## **Honor your parents - 1**

### **Ephesians 6:1-3 KJV**

*“Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.”*

Our opening text, was an instruction by apostle Paul, the grace preacher teaching the saints the necessity and blessings of honoring our biological parents by obeying their godly instructions to us.

Yes. He quoted Exodus 20:12. *“Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.”*

Which was part of the 20 commandment God gave the children of Israelites. This instruction is still valid for a man in Christ today. And that's why Paul made mention of it in our opening text.

Let's see more scriptures

### *Proverbs 6:20 KJV*

*“My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother:”*

### *Proverbs 13:1 KJV*

*“A wise son heareth his father's instruction: but a scorner heareth not rebuke.”*

### *Colossians 3:20 KJV*

*“Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.”*

If care is not taken, as we grow in age, except we allow words of Grace like these be sown and grounded in our hearts, our attitudes to our biological parents can

become dishonorable. They might tell us something that the Lord is against and in a bit to show we are now matured and probably with kids, we will turn a deaf ear. This is not God's way. God wants us to still honor them.

When we do, the bible told us there are promises: *“That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.”*

There are some Christians today that things are not going well with now and all they need to do to see God's hand on their lives and wellbeing is to begin to honor their biological parents. This is not God's will for us as believers, but justice of grace must be fulfilled. Don't use the fact that you are now of age to walk in dishonor to your parents. Obey them now and forever in the Lord.  
Amen

**Confession:**

Father, I repent in whatever way that I have been disobedient to my biological parents. I make up my mind henceforth to follow their instructions so I can also be the partaker of your attached blessings in Jesus name. Amen

March 16

## **Honor your biological parents - 2**

### **Ephesians 6:1 KJV**

*“Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.”*

Yesterday we saw from scriptures how obeying our earthly parents is sacrosanct with our Faith in Christ. Anyone who fails to honor his or her parents has denied the Faith of our Lord and such is not better than an infidel. By our conducts to our parents, men should know we are true disciples of Christ.

Today we are looking at the condition that guides our unshaken obedient to our parent. This aspect becomes important as the scripture made mention of the possibility of our earthly parents at certain times wanting to be the road block to our journey in Christ. At such periods, the bible is never against us saying "No", still respectfully.

"Children, obey your parents in the lord: for this is right."

Don't because you were instructed as a lady to obey your parent in everything, then you agree to marry the person your parents says you should when God clearly told you not to.

It is not disobedience to your parent before God when you disagree with your father and mother when they are teaching you what is not right.

### **Confession:**

Father, thank you for shedding more light on what is not right for me to follow my parents on . I am wise in following you. I don't mix up what is right with what is not right in Jesus name. Amen

March 17

## **Build with your words, don't scatter**

### **Ephesians 4:29 NLT**

*“Don’t use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.”*

We live in a world where abusive languages have become the norms of the day. When we no longer feel indifferent about what we say and how we say it. It's a form of *"I don't care attitude."* Such should not be found among believers because we know that, every idle words would be accounted for.

Any words used to demean humiliate, mocking, insult, or belittle is wrong. The Bible explains how Christians need to make a conscious effort to live differently than in our pre-salvation days. Just as stealing is associated with unbelievers, so also corrupt talk is associated with those who do not know Christ.

*"Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths."* This contradicts the common excuse of "I couldn't help saying it." Christians do have control of our words, which is a powerful influence in how the world perceives us.

Instead of using "corrupting" or negative talk, Paul provides two guidelines for how to speak. First, we are to speak about things that are beneficiary. Second, we are to speak in a way that will minister grace, encouragement and build confidence in the life of people. The goal is to show grace to those who are listening to our words. We are not supposed to prioritize our own feelings, mood swing but make it our intent to help others through our words.

Many of our loved ones have died , wrecked havoc because of what they heard. What if, they hear spirit filled words it would have been the other way round. Henceforth, watch what you say and how you say what you say. May God give you understanding. Amen

**Confession:**

Today, my words are filled with grace. I speak good things and God is glorified. Everywhere I go, my words set at liberty those that are bound by satan. I have testimonies as I minister life through my words. Amen

March 18

## **Consistently speak**

### **Ezekiel 37:7-8 KJV**

*“So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone. And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them.”*

Prophecies are words spoken as influenced by the Holy Ghost. Prophet Ezekiel in our opening text spoke certain words as commanded by the Holy Ghost and instantly, he began to see results that happened as a noise, a shaking then bones coming together.

If he spoke as commanded and he began to see instant result, then your words are also powerful and can get results when spoken under the influence of the Holy Ghost. Be ever ready to make use of your words to pull in the kind of result you want in your life. Your life can't be better than your words.

You want to live a beautiful life? Create it today by speaking words as commanded by the Holy Ghost. Take advantage of God's word, let it continually and consistently be in your mouth and watch your results manifest forth mightily.

The mistake many believers make is that once they get a level of result in certain aspect, they neglect the process that got them the 30% result they saw. Don't be too overwhelmed when you see part of your results neither should you feel bad that results are not showing. There is a 100% you should always target and must get that is why you must consistently speak the word as influenced by the Holy Ghost regardless.

From our opening text, the valley of dry bones scattered everywhere became skeletons and then dead men with no life in them. The question is has there

been any result gotten? Of course. Is that the 100% result? No, yet Ezekiel didn't get tired, he spoke again as commanded and those dead men became an exceeding great army.

*Ezekiel 37:10 KJV*

*“So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.”*

Don't stop speaking until you see 100% result. When you see results in levels, don't feel bad, instead rejoice and continue with the process. Consistently speak as inspired by the Holy Ghost, your results has no option but to show in full.

*Hebrews 10:23 KJV*

*“Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)”*

**Confession:**

Thank you Father for reassuring my heart by your word today. I do not get tired of consistently speaking words as inspired by the Holy Ghost to get the results I need per time. Amen

March 19

## **Possibility by Faith**

### **Matthew 19:26 TPT**

*“Looking into their eyes, Jesus replied, “Humanly speaking, no one, because no one can save himself. But what seems impossible to you is never impossible to God!”*

Impossibility brings confusion and unrest to men, merely looking into the eyes of His disciples, Jesus already knew what they were thinking. When thing seems difficult for men to deal with, they'll begin to lose patience. Jesus Christ said in our opening text that *“humanly speaking, no one can save himself”* and that's the fact. We can take for example the present situation of our dear country Nigeria, everyone is looking for a way to survive but most people are doing that out of the word of God.

### *Genesis 26:1-4 KJV*

*“And there was a famine in the land, beside the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went unto Abimelech king of the Philistines unto Gerar. And the LORD appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of: sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father; and I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;”*

Behold, Isaac followed the instruction from God by faith and it was exactly unto him as God has promised.

*Genesis 26:12-14 KJV*

*“Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the LORD blessed him. And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great: for he had possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and great store of servants: and the Philistines envied him.”*

Hallelujah!!! You see that, with God, all things are possible! You just have to follow instructions with faith in your heart.

*Luke 5:5-7 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. And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.”*

What seemed impossible to Peter and his partners all night, at the word of Jesus Christ was made possible in a moment. With God, all things and everything is possible, stop seeing the impossibilities. Start looking at the possibility in your heart and you will be surprised at how God will change that situation for your good.

*Mark 10:27 NIV*

*“Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.”*

Remember the woman with an issue of blood for twelve good years, just a touch at the hem of Jesus Christ's garment, she was made whole. I don't think there will be any worst situation that will be difficult for God to handle. This woman used her faith to make the impossible possible. You can simply agree that the woman with the issue of blood had gone through a lot of treatment with different physicians but to no avail. She has spent all her living upon physicians in order to get herself healed; you can imagine how restless she might have

been. None of those physicians she encountered was able heal her of her disease. But this woman took a step of faith, she saw the possibility.

**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. But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.

What was impossible for twelve good years was made possible in a second.

**Confession:**

Father Lord, thank you for your word this morning, thank you for opening my eyes to see the possibility in impossibility. Lord Jesus, henceforth I only see possibility in all I do and in every situation in Jesus name.

March 20

## **The word will make you fruitful**

### **Isaiah 55:10-11 KJV**

*“For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.”*

This scripture shows how powerful the word of God is. It can make you fruitful if you hold on to it. When the rain falls on earth, it waters the ground and in the process it makes the plant fruitful, bringing out beautiful flowers, fruits and leaves.

The rain doesn't fall to the ground and go back up to the sky before it makes the plant fruitful. The rain comes down with a purpose to make the earth bud, so the sower can have seed to sow and bread to eat.

God is saying to you that the same way rain makes impact on the earth is the same way His word spoken to you will make impact in your life. When rain falls on a field, it touches all plant open towards the sky, it doesn't touch one plant and skip another plant. When God's word is spoken forth, it is unidirectional and with a purpose to make your life fruitful.

God's word will never leave you in the same position it met you and when God speaks, He will not retrace or retrieve His word.

The word of God is full of power and can cause you to prosper, flourish and be fruitful. It has the ability to cause a change in your life right from the second you receive and believe it.

As dark and void the earth was, when God spoke His word, life began on earth. The earth started producing beautiful things which we are enjoying till now.

*Genesis 1:10-11 KJV*

*“And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good. And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.”*

Whenever you receive a word from God, either through personal study or from your Pastor, expect fruitfulness. Those words will surely come to pass. Make commitment to fellowship more with the word of God, open your heart to always receive God's word and you will see how your life will flourish.

**Confession:**

I open my heart to the word and it makes me fruitful. The word of God produce results in my life in Jesus name. Amen

March 21

## **Christ the head of the church**

### **Ephesians 1:22-23 KJV**

*“And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.”*

In today's opening scripture the Bible made us to understand that God has put everything under Jesus' feet and made Him head over the church. This shows that Christ is the head and the church is His body irrespective of denomination. God wants the body of Christ to be united as one body without the strings of denomination separating us.

What denominationalism has done is to separate the body of Christ so that we see other believers as *"other people"* rather than part of us.

Some say things like those ones are too liberal for our conservative mind, others say don't mind those conservative people. What Jesus did however was to pray for the prayer of oneness in John 17:23 *"I in them and you in me, all being perfected into one. Then the world will know that you sent me and will understand that you love them as much as you love me"*.

It is in oneness and in love that the world will see us as Christian indeed. He said in John 13:35 *"Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."*

Love is the unification of the body of Christ. As God's children, we have to learn to be patient with one another in love. We need to endeavour to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. We ought to speak the truth to one another in love. If you are not patient and loving in teaching the truth, they won't get it. Instead, let the love of God work through you.

Teach others in love and with patience the knowledge that God has given you, that we all might come into the measure of the stature of Christ, as we pray for one another consistently. This is how to walk in the unity or oneness of the body of Christ.

**Confession:**

In the name of Jesus, I declare that I function as I ought to in the body of Christ the church towards other Christian. People come to Christ through the demonstration of love I show towards them and I let my light shine in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Amen).

March 22

## God of all possibilities

### Matthew 19:26b KJV

*“With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.”*

From our opening text we understand that all things are possible with God *“with God all things are possible”*. As a believing Christian one of the reasons why things should be working for you is the fact that you're joined with God. There's no form of impossibility with the person you're joined with.

Then you may ask yourself but how can I be joined with God of all possibilities? The scripture says in 1st Corinthians 6:17 *“But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.”* Immediately you believe in Him you're joined with Him that houses possibilities and you're one with Him. Hallelujah you're joined with God who makes impossible possible.

Right now you should start seeing the project possible because the Word said it, so you work the Word for yourself. Look brother, the Word is not empty or void of power it is active and powerful that is why Hebrews 4:12 says the Word of God is active.

Mark 11:23 says *“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.”*

Possibilities start from you saying and seeing what you say, that is if you do not doubt but believe. With men it's not possible means with human natural mind that appointment, child bearing, project e.t.c may not be possible but with God all things are possible.

*Luke 1:37 KJV*

*“For with God nothing shall be impossible.”*

Therefore, you're five and six with possibilities, whatever you do, possibility and prosperity will emerge because you're not standing alone nor on your own accord but on His accord. Right now ask yourself if God is the one doing this project what will happen, if God Himself is going for this business trip what will happen? If God is the one writing this proposal what will happen when He submits it? The answer is a lot will happen which can only be mind blowing testimonies.

Therefore brothers and sisters, you house possibilities and all things becomes possible to you because you believed. It doesn't matter the number of people that have failed in that business line, project and profession, yours can only prosper because possibilities has tabernacle in you and in your spirit. Hallelujah

**Confession:**

Thank you Father for dwelling in me always. I make impossible possible because I house you in Jesus name. Amen

March 23

## **Believe God's word above anything**

### **James 1:5-8 NKJV**

*“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.”*

One of the hindrances to believing is doubt. Doubt is an enemy of faith. When we choose to believe the word of God, faith comes into action. Whenever we pray, it is important we know the God we are praying to. That is why it is important to study the bible. Then ask yourself is God able to do it. It is when you don't know the character of God that you will doubt Him.

God doesn't find fault in a man in Christ. That means no amount of sin is big enough to hinder your prayers, or hinder God from answering your prayers.

### *James 1:5 AMP*

*“If any of you lacks wisdom [to guide him through a decision or circumstance], he is to ask of [our benevolent] God, who gives to everyone generously and without rebuke or blame, and it will be given to him.”*

The Bible says a person who doubt is not stable, it is like someone trying to receive something with unstable hands. It is not possible to receive that way. Study the word always, you can't believe the word you don't hear. Take time to study and meditate on the word of God. As you study the word of God your eyes will be opened to the true nature of God.

Believing God's word has nothing to do with your understanding, you don't need to understand how it will happen, all we need is believe as God has said it.

Common sense is not always needed in believing God, the only sense needed is the instructions given to you by God not your own human sense.

*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.”*

Through faith we believe, seek and fellowship more with God.

**Confession:**

I stand on the word of God always, in every circumstances I hold unto what God has said and I come out victorious in Jesus name.

March 24

## **If you don't say it, it will not happen**

### **Psalm 119:89 KJV**

*“Forever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven”*

Joshua 1:8 reveals the power of the spoken Word. It says, *“This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth....”* This is God’s recipe for success: success in every area of your life, job, finances, health, family, academics, etc is in your mouth. Jesus said in Mark 11:23, *“For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain... and...shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.”*

He placed premium on words. With the mouth, you catapult yourself into that thing that you’ve believed. The Bible says the Word of God is living and active (Hebrews 4:12 NIV), but not on the pages of your Bible. The Word is living and active on the lips of a believing Christian! Imagine the victory of David over Goliath: it happened because of the words David spoke. He had known from the Word given to Israel that it was impossible for them to be defeated, because anyone at war with Israel would have their chief ally—God Almighty—to contend with.

However, David understood that having the knowledge wasn’t enough; so, he followed it with proclamations. He said to Goliath, 1st Samuel 17:46. *“This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel”.*

David was talking! He said again and again what would happen to Goliath, and it happened exactly as he had said!

That's the power of the spoken word. If you don't say it, it won't happen. God needs your words to act upon, because you represent Him in the earth. His Word is forever settled in heaven; however, it's your responsibility to settle it in your life and in the earth through your faith-filled affirmations. Praise God!

**Confession:**

I confess this day that I am a success, I win always and I am achieving my goals and aims this day in Jesus name. Amen

March 25

## **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 lives of every believer. He did not just create us to be living life anymore. He has a purpose for everyone 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's plan for us, we need 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 us to know and understand His plan for us. As we work in the will of God this doesn't mean challenges will 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 suffering 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*

*“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 provisions ahead of us.

**Confession:**

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

March 26

## **Partaker of grace**

### **Philippians 1:7 KJV**

*“Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace.”*

The Lord has placed you in a local assembly and you are expected to remain there and take advantage of the grace in the house. There are certain things that you should not struggle to achieve in life if you are wise enough to recognize the grace of God upon the house God has placed you.

Grace brings easiness to your life, it takes away stress and amplifies your effort. Grace makes your journey fast. Understand that the grace upon your man of God is given to him for the people. Hence, don't waste grace, take advantage of grace and fly.

Being a partaker of grace quickly strengthens your faith to achieve things faster. What your faith can't achieve at the moment because you don't yet have capacity for it will come to you with ease when you take advantage of grace.

### *2 Peter 1:2 KJV*

*“Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,”*

What makes grace which is also peace to be multiplied unto you is knowledge. Hence, there's a precise knowledge and understanding of how to receive from your man of God that you need to have. It starts with your relationship with your man of God. Don't be too familiar with him. Familiarity will hinder you from receiving as you should from your Pastor. Your association with your

Pastor should be a blessing to you and not a curse if you are wise.  
Never get to a level where you debate the words of your Pastor before following it. It is very dangerous for you.

How to take advantage of the grace of God upon your Pastor is that you must also understand that he is God's mouthpiece to you and his voice is equivalent to the direct voice of God over your life.

*Exodus 4:15-16 KJV*

*“And thou shalt speak unto him, and put words in his mouth: and I will be with thy mouth, and with his mouth, and will teach you what ye shall do. And he shall be thy spokesman unto the people: and he shall be, even he shall be to thee instead of a mouth, and thou shalt be to him instead of God.”*

How will you take the words of Jesus Christ to you? That's exactly how you must take the words of your Pastor. You must understand that it is important to honour your Pastor. Honour isn't being stupid, honour is reverence and it is a thing of the heart. You must honour the voice of your Pastor in order to partake from his grace. The extent of your honour towards your Pastor is the extent to which his spirit will be active over you.

Honour is doing exactly as told hence, you must follow instructions as they come from your man of God. Don't just act or edit instruction without taking permission from your Pastor, it is very wrong.

A man whose voice cannot move you very fast, his voice can never move you very far. If you want to go far in life, take advantage of the grace in the house God has placed you and over your man of God.

**Confession:**

Father I take advantage of the grace upon my man of God. I follow his voice and instruction always. I honour him with my heart and I make progress very fast. Amen

March 27

## **Power of thought**

### **Ephesians 3:20 KJV**

*“Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.”*

Thoughts are imaginations of the heart and victory starts from the state of your heart towards certain things. Hence, you've got to see the result in your heart first.

Life is deliberate, the kind of success you will see is deliberate and it is the reflection of the state of your heart. You've got to now sit down and create something deliberately with your mind.

### *Genesis 6:5 KJV*

*“And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.”*

If God can judge based on the imagination of one's heart, what will stop Him from blessing based on the imagination of the heart? Use your thoughts correctly. You've got to become whatever you want to see first on the inside before it manifest forth. The extent of outward manifestation is directly proportional to the extent of internal manifestation.

### *Genesis 18:12, 14 KJV*

*“Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also? Is any thing too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.”*

Sarah said within herself without using words yet, as far as God is concerned she just spoke. In the realm of the spirit, there are no idle thoughts; your thoughts are equivalent to your spoken words. They are loud in the realm of the spirit.

If you can see it correctly in your heart, nothing will change the manifestation outside your heart. Don't allow satan bring bad thoughts to you, you've got to cast the devil out.

Deliberately create something in your heart. You can deliberately expose your heart daily to things that shows you heavy figures, the kind of house and car you want.

*Isaiah 65:24 KJV*

*“And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear”*

God is ever ready to bring the manifestation of your request to you even when you are yet to speak. Don't dull yourself, your thoughts are not just imagination but communication. The content of your thought determines who you are talking to and who will respond.

**Confession:**

Dear Lord, I take advantage of my thought today to get out the result I want in life. I deliberately expose my mind to things that can help my mind to see the manifestation of my desires always. Amen.

March 28

## **Prayer of Intercession**

### **1 Timothy 2:1-2 KJV**

*“I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.”*

Intercession is the act of praying in favor of another. To intercede means literally *“to come in between”*. The intercessor is one who comes in between God and those for whom he is praying. God has given each believer the privilege and responsibility of being an intercessor. This is our wonderful opportunity to approach God on behalf of others who are in need. This was central to Paul’s encouragement to Timothy. As Believers we are to intercede *“for all men, for kings and all who are in authority”*

The Bible tells us that Jesus, as our great high priest, *“always live to make intercession”* for those who are saved

### *Hebrews 7:23-25 NIV*

*“Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.”*

### *Romans 8:26-27 NIV*

*“In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God.”*

We are told that the Holy Spirit is also our intercessor, *“He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.”*

As we have needs, as we face challenges, when we don't know what to do or "*what we should pray for,*" God wants us to learn to acknowledge and depend on the Holy Spirit's work in our lives. He has given us the opportunity to pray in the Spirit, depend on the Spirit, and trust in the Spirit.

When we do this, we are allowing Him to accomplish His full intercessory work in our lives. And we also need to recognize that God has called us to intercede for others. Today, remember the two sides of intercession. As you face needs, remember that Jesus is making intercession for you and that the Holy Spirit is always available to help you pray. Allow the Spirit to search your heart and mind that He might make intercession for you according to the will of God. Also, ask God to show you how you can be an intercessor for others.

**Confession:**

Thank you, Lord, for putting people in my life who pray for me. You bless and strengthen me by their prayers. Help me to pray for others too. Amen.

March 29

## **Approach with confidence**

### **Hebrews 4:16 BSB**

*“Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”*

The scripture tell us why we should approach God with confidence from our opening text. We are praying to someone who is on the throne. A throne indicates a king. This is not merely a king, but the king. The king of all kings, the Lord of lords, the supreme ruler of the universe, the one who said, *"All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth"*

We are praying to someone who has both the authority and the power to do what we ask. The taboo is we not asking, the moment we pray to Him and ask for anything according to His will, we are rest assured that we've received it because He has given us go ahead. Let's lift our eyes from ourselves, our own needs and our problems and look up to that glorious throne, the throne of Grace. Grace is one of the key words in the scripture precisely in the New Testament.

It always stands for something that goes beyond anything we can earn or achieve by our own efforts. This is the grace Christ Jesus gave us to ask and have more than enough because it is a throne of Grace, we are not limited to what we deserve or to what we can achieve or to what our own efforts can accomplish for us.

This scripture encourages us to believe that if we ever come for mercy, mercy is what we will receive. I believe the reason some people do not receive mercy is that they never see the need for it and come in faith to receive it.

There is no limitation to what Jesus can do. We are to come to the glorious throne of grace for help in time of need. Look again at this beautiful scripture

from Hebrews that encourages us to come with confidence.

*Hebrews 10:19, 22 NIV*

*“Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.”*

The blood of Jesus speaks on our behalf even when we do not know how to pray. Let's come to the throne of Grace today with confidence in our hearts and ask according to the will of God and He will do just anything we ask in His name.

**Confession:**

Lord Jesus, thank you. I come to the throne of Grace with confidence in my heart this day and beyond. I receive mercy and find grace to help me in time of need.

March 30

## **Honor God's word above men's word - 1**

### **Act 4:20 KJV**

*“But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye.”*

As believers, while still on the earth, it is expedient that we face challenges that will eventually put us at the cross roads; by cross roads, I mean a junction where we are faced with two opinions/choices. God's clear voice/leading and the desire of our flesh powered by satan or even ungodly men.

A believer must be trained to always choose God's way above the other choice of men and devil. This is how God recognizes babies from matured/maturing believers.

### *Proverbs 14:12 KJV*

*“There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.”*

The ways of men will end in death, regret and suffering. God's way always ends in peace. Even if we face so much adversity and punishment like the disciples in our opening text. But their following God led to more revival and many more souls were won.

Never forget, in your walk with God, you will be faced with situations that will give you option to abandon God's clear instructions to you. Never back down because there is no hope in that path aside regrets and more pain. Stay with God and see His approval/vindication.

Your testimony must be...

*"For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard". Amen*

We must learn to judge right in matters like this as this is pleasing to our God.

**Confession:**

Father, I thank you for instructing me in advance about what will happen in my Christian walk. I receive courage and grace to remain unmovable on your word in Jesus name. Amen

March 31

## **Honor God's word above men's word - 2**

### **Luke 22:41-42 KJV**

*“And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed, Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.”*

Yesterday, we looked at the surety of finding ourselves in a situation where we will be tempted to downplay God's word and instruction at the expense of men's perspective and fleshly desires. And we concluded that it's disastrous for us to go the path of men's advice when there is clearly a known God's word.

Today we are looking at what to do at such cross roads particularly when all indications show we are likely to follow our lower nature or the voice of the devil. Our text today revealed Jesus of Nazareth, was also in this situation where though He loved the Father, but because He knew the magnitude of what is about to befall Him, began to reason if God would use another means to deliver His people outside His dying on the cross.

Remember, Jesus of Nazareth was a man 100% like every one of us in Him today. All He had then was the Holy Spirit which is same that we also have now. The bible says when His heart was troubled, He went to a secluded place-Garden of Gethsemane to pray. He spoke His heart to God.

Dear friend, at such point when you feel you might lose out and not follow God's leading. The most sincere thing to do is to open up your heart to God in prayers and tell Him how you are feeling. Let's assume you are in a relationship planning to get married soon and the devil began to trouble your heart with fornication. And you know you are almost losing your mind to doing what God's word forbids. Such time is the time to open your heart to God and tell

Him how sincere you are feeling and how you need God's strength to remain on His path.

Dear friend, for Jesus, the bible says an angel came to where He was praying and strengthen Him. Hallelujah. God is willing to strengthen you also. But you have got to be honest in your prayers.

There is no one who calls God at such periods that He has never attended to. That situation you are passing through, have you spoken to the Lord about it? May be the reason why it's difficult for you to follow God and His clear biblical injunction is because you have not taken it to God in prayers.

Will you now talk to God about that situation? God has promised that we should call upon Him and that He will answer us and show us mighty things we don't know exist in Him. Jeremiah 33:3

**Confession:**

Father, thank you for the way out you showed us today in your words, to call upon you for strength when our human flesh is failing. We take advantage of such grace in Christ and remain on the path of Eternal life in Jesus name. We won't lose battles we could have won henceforth in Jesus name. Amen

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