

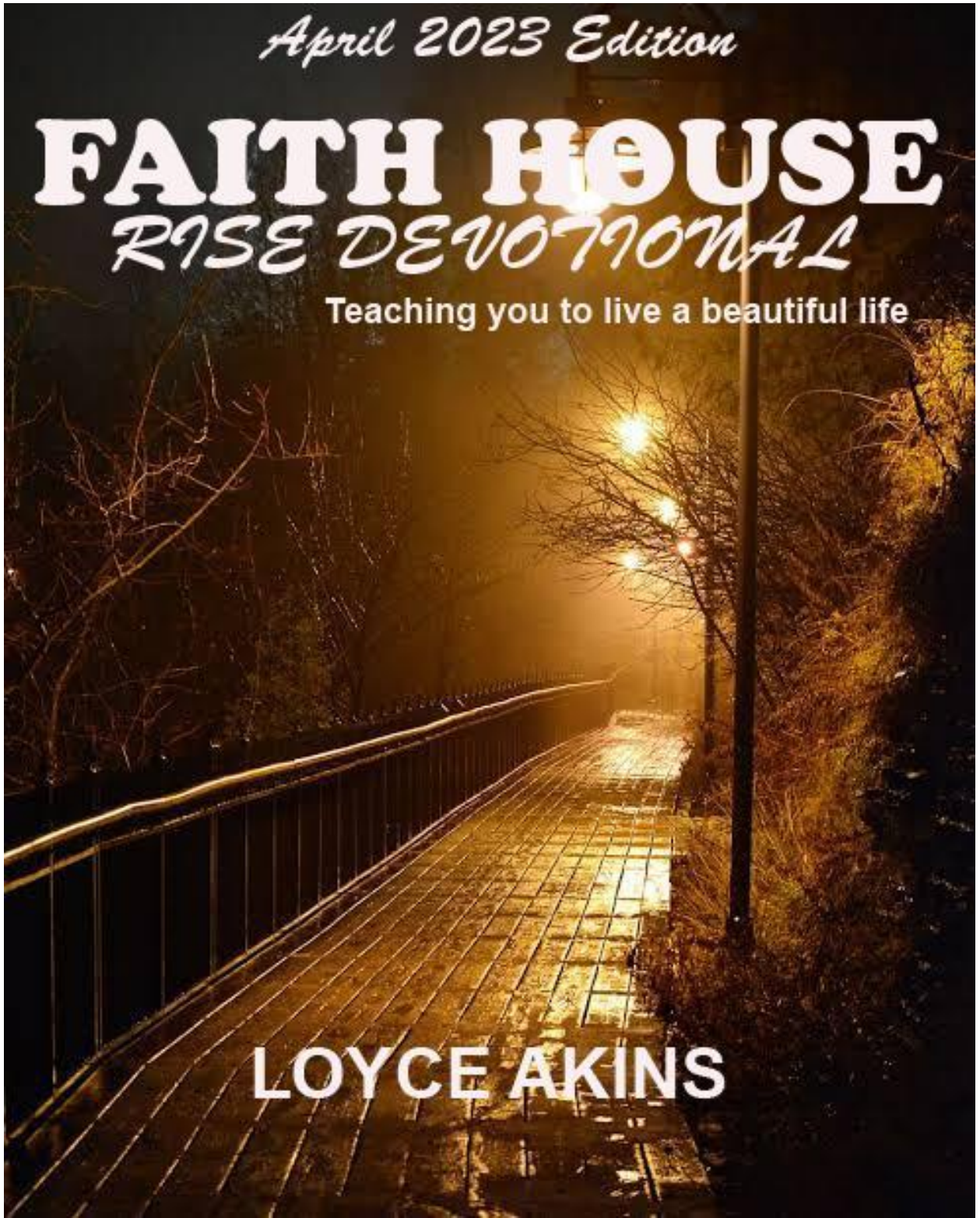
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FAITH HOUSE

RISE DEVOTIONAL

Teaching you to live a beautiful life

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April 1

God of good things

Psalms 84:11-12 KJV

“For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. O LORD of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.”

When you trust the Lord, what follows is that you are blessed. So if you want to learn to stay blessed, the answer is to keep trusting the Lord with all your heart. Trust is established when you can believe His word without doubting it. God want us to be this way. To trust Him absolutely no matter what comes our way. On this earth, you can be assured that quite a lot will come your way and the goal of each is to crush you. But no matter the nature of things, you can be blessed and stay blessed, if you trust the Lord.

"no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly."

To walk uprightly is to live according to God's way. When you are like this, you will always get the good things you desire from God. It starts with faith in Him. It ends with been obedient to His leadings. When He's asking to give, do it gladly despite your need. This is what it means to be upright. The blessing of giving will bring to you the manifestation of your needs. Throughout the Gospel, we saw men followed every instruction that Jesus gave them and it ended well for them. They walked upright and they got the good thing they desired. Some got money, some got wine, some got direction and revelation, some got healings for their bodies while some got their dead raised back to life. It all hung on instructions and leadings which they followed.

Good depends on what you need. If it is something that is going to be helpful to your life, God will never deny you because nothing good will He withhold from those whom He loves. If it is looking like there's a delay in the manifestation of

a goodness, reassure your heart that it is not a denial from God because His word has given us a guarantee He will never hold things back.

"blessed is the man that trusteth in thee"

When you know that a delay is not denial from God, you can keep your faith in Him more firmly and the good news is that the man that trust like this will be blessed. He will be blessed with his desires. If He has no intention to give, He wouldn't have promised to do so.

John 16:24 KJV

"Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full."

Our God is committed to giving us full joy always and nothing gives joy but good things. Don't follow an ungodly route to get what you need, trust in the Lord firmly.

Confession:

Thank you Lord for been my sure supplier of good things. I set my trust in you for all I need and desire. I won't doubt you because you won't disappoint. I receive my goodness for this day and beyond in the name of Jesus Christ.

April 2

Flee evil

1Corinthians 6:18a KJV

“Flee fornication...”

To every evil, God's word has given the way out. To counter fear, He gave us word of faith. To counter selfishness, He gave us ability to love. To counter sexual immorality and fornication, He told us to flee and gave us the ability to flee. The way to resist the devil when it comes to fornication is for the believer to flee, that is, run away. Disappear from such scenes by every possible means. There is a time to pray and a place to pray, it is not a scene where fornication is imminent. Many believers find themselves in this error because they refuse to apply God's way out of that challenge. You can't stay by fire and keep wondering why you are getting burned. It's a wonder if you don't get burned.

Genesis 39:11-12 KJV

"And it came to pass about this time, that Joseph went into the house to do his business; and there was none of the men of the house there within. And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out."

Satan gave Joseph a perfect set up. He had been able to resist his master's wife for a while but this day, saying no wasn't going to cut it, he ran away. This is the answer the word of God has laid down for satan's trap. Flee fornication.

1Thessalonians 5:22 KJV

"Abstain from all appearance of evil."

You don't have to wait to confirm if it is evil or not. Once it appears like evil, just refrain yourself from it completely. There are settings and circumstances that set up a perfect system of temptation, avoid them and keep yourself from

it. It has been proven in the scriptures that no one falls into sexual immorality by mistake. It involves series of unchecked steps and actions been taken. David found himself at the center of such evil drama because he refused to flee the appearance of evil. He got caught in the web and couldn't escape till he was hit hard by satan. If it is impossible to abstain or withdraw, you wouldn't have been commanded to do this.

If you have been caught in the web of sin like this, rise up today and check out areas you have been cooperating with satan. Decide in the name of Jesus to start breaking out of them and never to return. Some friendships may need to be terminated, some associations may need to be cut off, some visitations may need to be avoided. The Lord will open your heart to see the right things. As He's showing you, take the right step in the right direction and you shall come back victorious. Don't let satan deceive you that you can't get out of the evil web again. Yes you can! It starts now!

Hebrews 4:16 KJV

"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

Therein lies the victory path. Receive grace to take the right steps and right decisions and be able to stand by it.

Confession:

Thank you Lord for opening my eyes to see how satan penetrates people's lives. I shut any door I may have been opening to satan now and I refuse to give him space around my life in Jesus name. I receive your grace and help to stand in the path of righteousness only and always. Amen.

April 3

Yield to the Holy Ghost

Acts 8:26 KJV

“And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.”

The Lord owns our life and can direct us at will. We have a responsibility to cooperate with him and do as He says. There is always profit in listening to the voice of God. The Lord instructed evangelist Philip here to make certain moves and it led to a very great result. It led to the conversion of a Eunuch from the country of Ethiopia. This man came all the way to Jerusalem, had access to the scriptures yet he didn't understand what he was reading because he needed a teacher. Bless be God, Philip was an available teacher from God.

Acts 8:30-32 KJV

"And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him. The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth."

He didn't understand what he was reading till Philip came on board. The man got saved and carried the knowledge of Jesus Christ to his nation. Surely, he would have been spreading the same message that got him saved everywhere. This was a strategic conversion all made possible because one man understood how to yield to the Holy Spirit. It may not be convenient when He was told to go that lane, but He yielded. When He got to the place, He was told again to join himself to a chariot and he yielded. This was surely not convenient because he had to run to catch up with it.

Acts 8:29-30 KJV

"Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot. And Philip ran thither to him..."

When God speaks, don't negotiate it because what is at stake sometimes we don't know till we are done yielding to Him. To achieve His goal, the instructions and leadings may come in phases, keep yielding like Philip did because something is definitely at stake. Become a trusted ally of God in the fight against evil and enforcement of goodness. Men that negotiate the voice of God can't and don't do much for God.

John 5:19-20 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."

This is the lifestyle of a child of God. We follow the Father and we get the Father's results for Him. Men who are like this are mighty vessels of honour in the hand of the Father.

Confession:

I thank you Lord for counting me worthy among men that you can use. I yield always to your voice and leading and I do things exactly as you would want to me, per time. Amen.

April 4

Courage to proceed

Joshua 1:8 KJV

“Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give them.”

To be courageous means to prevail against an odd. To be able to march on despite what's trying to stand you down. To be able to move on despite absence of any reason to proceed. With God, to be courageous is to be able to proceed when there's no human reason to proceed. At this level your feet are cold but you still continue to march on just because God has said don't stop. This was the state of Joshua when God gave him the task of leading the children of Israel to the Promised Land. It was an assignment loaded with many challenges but guaranteed victory. When God is asking you to be courageous, know that the journey will not be a regular one. The only thing that will however be regular is your victory.

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."

Courage means stepping by faith into a matter that seemed unresolved but as you proceed, you will discover it's been resolved by God. You didn't get a notice for interview but you still travelled for it. Your legs may be shaking but you aren't backing down because God told you to proceed. This is courage.

Proceeding against the odds. Every patriarch with mighty testimonies had courage. Let's look again at Joshua. He was to lead men through the Jordan River. The river refused to split until the legs of the men entered into it. This is real courage. He faced the Jericho wall, the wall refuse to collapse until he

marched around it seven times. These and much results the man got but by real courage. It looked like nothing was going to happen but then suddenly, a lot happened. God is ever faithful, trust His word enough to proceed on His account.

Courage is needed to say I won't die despite the doctor saying you have one month to live. Imagine making arrangement for the next three months. This requires real courage. On three occasions God told Joshua to be strong and courageous. This is the approach that the believer needs to win in a rugged world. A refusal to back down even when everything is shouting quit. A child of God listens more and only to the Father's voice and never bargain with it. There will be waters, rivers, even fire, if you need to proceed, proceed, it will not hurt you. If you need to submit the proposal even when you are not qualified in terms of experience, proceed because God says go ahead. This is courage, real courage.

Always proceed because God is with you.

Confession:

Dear Father, I receive your strength, I keep marching without looking back. I keep moving on despite all odds, unto victory I march and with testimonies I come back.

April 5

He knows all way

John 21:6 KJV

“And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes.”

This is the second time Jesus would be giving fish to Peter and his team. Why did Jesus manage to know how to get fishes even when the odds are serious? Yet the professional fishermen always fail to produce result. This is what happens when you are united with the One who knows it all. Jesus Christ boldly told us that;

John 10:30 KJV

"I and my Father, we are one"

It means He's united with the one who knows it all.

Psalms 50:10-11 KJV

“For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine.”

If He knows where all the resources are, He can supernaturally direct us to where what we need is per time. This is good news. Peter experienced this lifestyle of Jesus several times. What happens when a man operates the oneness he has with the Father. Such man will never be caught off. He will never be dry, he will never be stranded and will never fail. This is the life we've been called to live. Where we are getting things whenever we need because we know where they are, having been joined with the Father who knows all.

When stepping into any operation, speak to the Father to show you where to

cast your net and how to cast it. You will get multitude of fishes like Peter did again and again. Many people are struggling because they think that common sense is needed about certain things.

Proverbs 3:5-6 KJV

"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

This is the response of God to men who believe in their common sense more than God's wisdom. In everything, God want to be glorified. He wants to reign and be in charge. Let Him, and He will let in, results that will shock you.

John 21:8 KJV

"And the other disciples came in a little ship; (for they were not far from land, but as it were two hundred cubits,) dragging the net with fishes"

God always want us to experience this kind of result. He knows who owns and has what you will need and He want to direct you there. He knows where the next major answers are and He will guide you into it.

Confession:

I follow you Father for you know all things and where what I need is right now. I doubt not what You say and I follow you into abundance every day. Amen

April 6

In the face of persecution

2 Timothy 3:12 KJV

“Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall” suffer persecution.”

To live Godly means to live your life and do your things exactly the way God would want you to do things. This always negate the world system of doing things, hence, it attracts troubles regularly. You want to run your business how God wants, get set for persecution. You want to run your family how God wants, get set for persecution. You want to run your ministry the way God wants, get set for persecution. Anything you want to build God's way, get set for persecution. It has been from the beginning and won't change because the world hates righteousness.

When persecution is stirred up against you, it is meant to distract or discourage you from doing the right things. The first attitude towards persecution is to remind yourself who you are obligated to please, God or the persecutors.

Acts 4:19 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."

We have a responsibility to answer unto God and please Him. Persecutions have come to make us change from following Him, don't fall into the trap and error. Stand on your feet and march on. The apostles didn't yield to the threat, they went on to do exactly what those men didn't want them to do. Righteousness exalt a nation, stick to righteousness and you will see that all that surround you get exalted far above the men trying to bring you down. Today we are still talking about the apostles who stood for God. We don't even know the names of their distracters. The apostles' works speaks till today, yet no one knows what those men were up to. Righteousness stands the test of time.

The second approach to persecution is to pray and be given to prayer.

Matthew 26:41

"Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak"

Persecutions come to draw us away from God. There is a temptation every persecution brings. You need to be full of prayer to pull through. It has come to weaken your heart (flesh), you need the strength that comes from within to always reinforce you. Imagine when everyone in your workplace rise up against you for not joining them to defraud. It can be very intimidating and you don't overcome such by wishful thinking but real prayer.

Acts 4:23-24 KJV

"And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them. And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is"

The men prayed till the building shook and they were filled with the Spirit. Then they could face the temptations ahead and they came back victorious. Time and again, Paul would ask the brethren to pray for him. To uphold light in the midst of darkness, you need to be full of the Spirit.

The final approach when dealing with persecution is to consider the reward that will follow. This makes us know that it is worth it. Your stand for righteousness will glorify God, strengthen the faith of many and show them that God is good on earth. Daniel's stand converted many to God, same with Jesus and the early disciples.

Confession:

Lord I thank you for the privilege to stand for you in this world. I am able to proclaim your truth no matter what goes wrong elsewhere in the name of Jesus. I remain an ambassador for you always.

April 7

Kings and Domain

Mark 5:12-13 NET

“ And the demonic spirits begged him, 'Send us into the pigs. Let us enter them.' Jesus gave them permission. So the unclean spirits came out and went into the pigs. Then the herd rushed down the steep slope into the lake, and about two thousand were drowned in the lake.”

This is Jesus Christ exercising His right of kingship over demons. You cannot chase and determine where an entity will be if you don't have a higher authority over the entity. The lesser responds always to the greater. With higher authority you can secure a domain for yourself and determine what goes on there or what mustn't. This is the beauty of the authority sons of God. Jesus Christ determined that the demons should no more stay in the man. The demons couldn't enter into the swine without permission because Jesus was so in charge of the whole area. This is what it means to be reigning. To be in charge such that nothing moves and escape your radar.

Kings reign over domains and that's where their sphere of influence lies. We've been made a joint king alongside Jesus and we can exercise right of kingship.

Romans 8:17 KJV

"And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together."

What He can do we can also do. What He did, we can do much more. He was able to put satan in his place and never allowed demons breathing space.

Luke 4:41 KJV

"And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God. And he rebuking them suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ."

This is another example of been in charge. The demons wanted to speak but He didn't allow them to speak. It is your territory not theirs, and you can determine what sound goes there or not. This is a state of absolute dominion. Silence the voice of satan over your affairs and command it to fade. When satan is found of speaking evil, discouragement etc to you through people, bounce him back by commanding his voice to be kept quiet. He has no choice, he will always bow. Never allow satan to sow negative seeds into the things you do through men.

Jesus told the demons where to go and there they went. This is how we also send the works of satan packing from our lives. Don't manage it if it is not a blessing. If demons can be moved from one place to another, their works can also be moved from one place to another. Command their works to get out of your life and it will get out. Command their works to move out of your way and it will move because satan has no choice but to bow when kings take charge of their domains. Start to determine what will be and what will not be in your environment from today.

Revelation 5:10 KJV

"He has made us kings and priests unto our God and we shall reign on earth"

Confession:

I reign on earth and I take charge of my environment. I command the works of darkness to burn and burn to ashes. Whatever that doesn't submit to the will of God, get out of my way in Jesus name.

April 8

All for one, one for all

Psalms 145:5-6 KJV

"I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works. And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts: and I will declare thy greatness."

Every goodness we experience through God is a demonstration of our operation of faith. It's another evidence that our faith works. What can be done is to ensure we take stock and account for each goodness we see from God, as much as we can. Inability to spot how our faith has produced one answer will shut us from been able to see that it can produce all answers. One for all, all for one, that's how faith works. Again if it worked for one event, it can work for all event. Just take time to reflect on how it worked for that one event.

One way to take cognizance of God's goodness is to talk about it.

"And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts: and I will declare thy greatness."

David said men shall talk about it, he went further to say, he will also talk about his own testimonies. This is the example we must follow. Men that have extraordinary operations of faith are men who always talk about their testimonies again and again. Testimonies don't expire. We can take a cue from God about this. Several times in the scripture, He would talk about how He brought out the Israelites from Egypt, how He dried the sea, dealt with Pharaoh, saved them from wars and so on. He would talk again and again about how He made the world and beautified it.

He would also remind us always that He is the one who made us, reminding us in the process that if He did this, He can do whatsoever He's presently talking about.

Isaiah 43:1-2 KJV

"But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. 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."

He hung His promise of deliverance on the testimony of His creating power. This is a key way to stay full of faith. Recount the past victory and results your faith got you. Get a book, write it out if you can. Learn to talk about it all the time. Many are discouraged in their heart because their hearts have forgotten how it stood strong yesterday and won a mighty battle. What you talk about, you can never forget. If God did this, we must learn from it. If David lived this way and we saw his results of faith, it means we can get much more if we do same.

Celebrate results of faith and you shall see more for yourself. If It worked for one, it can work for all.

Confession:

Thank you Lord for opening my eyes to see that my Faith works and can always produce results. I choose to always reflect on my testimonies and your wonderful works in my life. I stay full of faith and never discouraged in Jesus name. Amen.

April 9

How to live long

Psalms 91:16 KJV

"With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation."

Many desire long life but have forgotten that they already have it. How? It's because God already gave it to us via His word. Whatever the Lord has said in His word to us is final.

If He is not a man that He should lie then if He said it, we can trust it, and we can trust Him. This has moved the responsibility to us. It's not God that's stopping men from living long again but their actions and inactions.

Psalms 34 NET

"Do you want to really live? Would you love to live a long, happy life? Then make sure you don't speak evil words or use deceptive speech!"

This is our own responsibility. We must guide what we say and what we allow others say around us. This is why many die suddenly and have their life cut short. They are specialist in speaking the wrong things, things that negate what God has spoken over their lives.

He has given us a long, good and happy life to live. How well this will be for us depends on us now not God. Yet it is so simple, just keep your mouth from speaking what God hasn't said about you. That would be deceptive and it's a lie.

At the peak of his trials King David declared "*I shall not die but live...* "

This is how men born of God ought to speak, no matter the odds.

Confession:

Father I thank you for your word that can never fail. I acknowledge that long, happy and good life is mine. Yes, I rejoice about this and I keep my mouth from speaking anything contrary. Amen

April 10

By His stripes

Isaiah 53: 4-5 KJV

“But it was our pain he took, and our diseases were put on him: while to us he seemed as one diseased, on whom God's punishment had come...and by his wounds we are made well.”

Pause for a minute and imagine what it would feel like if someone took away your sicknesses and pains. Imagine it was done such that instead of you feeling the pains, He felt it on your behalf. The good thing is that this is not an imagination, someone actually did this for you and his name is Jesus Christ.

He took away your pains and sicknesses. It was so bad for Him many thought God was punishing Him for His sins when these things were happening to Him. What a man, what a love!

Right now, take your eyes off the doctor's report. By His stripes, you have been healed. His own body was torn so that your own can be fixed permanently. Hallelujah!

If Jesus took it away for real (which He did), whatever you're feeling right now has no right to remain in that body, its a shadow. How to remove shadow is to turn on the light and increase the intensity of the light.

You can began to appropriate this wholeness that Jesus gave you by decreeing that the sickness disappear right now in Jesus name. Don't let the doctor's report overshadow Jesus' report about your health.

Confession:

Health is mine, I don't and can't die of infirmities. I command all forms of infirmities in this body to leave now in Jesus name. Wholeness start to reign in my body henceforth. Amen

April 11

Salvation package

Isaiah 53:4-5 KJV

“Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.”

Salvation from sin and healing from disease are all equally provided to us by Christ Jesus. Many find it easy to expect salvation but think they don't deserve healing or what has to be done for them through Jesus Christ.

The same Lord that died for our sins was also beaten for our healing.

Isaiah 53:5 tells us that Jesus Christ, our substitute was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities. And at this same time the chastisement which is punishment of our peace was upon him and by his stripes we were healed.

1 Peter 2:24 KJV

“Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.”

There is no atonement of Christ that will cover our sins and leave sickness and diseases out of it. Healing for all kind of diseases is done by Christ Jesus years ago, either headache or cancer or toothache. No diseases has grade in the eye of God.

Sickness and diseases are consequences of sin. It is only ignorance that will make a man accept salvation easily and find it very hard to believe Jesus Christ has healed him already. When we accept the life of Christ, we were saved and at that moment sicknesses and diseases has been taken away, this is not something that will happen but what has already happened thousand years ago.

Sometimes the devil will bring some discomfort to test if you really know what you have received in Christ. Don't allow such discomfort to stay a minute in your body, speak to it instantly and you will be free.

James 4:7 KJV

“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”

If you cannot doubt your salvation, you ought not to doubt your healing in Christ. You are healed, therefore that sickness doesn't have a place in your body. Use the power given to you in Christ and command it to disappear and it will disappear. See yourself everyday as a healthy person, see yourself doing what you can't do before because you are healed. Be in charge of your body through your words.

Confession:

I declare that I am healed as much as I am saved, therefore sickness has no place in my body. I am in charge of my body now and forever in Jesus name.

April 12

Prosperity is our birthright

3 John 1:2 KJV

“Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.”

Beloved poverty is not the will of God for His children. When Jesus died, He set us free from sin and its consequences, poverty is one of the consequences of sin.

Prosperity is our birthright in Christ, therefore no believer has any business being poor or living from hand to mouth. Jesus Christ didn't die only to set us free from sin, but also to make sure we live a good life. He provided all we will ever need in abundance. This should make you start seeing yourself as a wealthy person that has all he needs. Start seeing yourself as more than a billionaire.

Our opening verse tells us that God desires to see us prosper and be in health even as our soul prospers, always. He strongly wants us to prosper and enjoy all He has made available for us.

Colossians 1:13-14 KJV

“Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: in whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:”

We have been delivered from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of God. Poverty and lack is part of the kingdom of darkness. In God's kingdom there is riches and prosperity

Haggai 2:8 KJV

“The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts.”

Our father, creator of the heaven and the earth is rich in all things and as His child, you are also rich in all things. Believe and confess your reality in Christ. When we say we are billionaires those are not just mere words, that is our reality as children of God. Our father own everything therefore we cannot be poor, we are not without help. There is nothing too big for our father to do for us.

Stay away from poverty, suffering and lack mindset. Let your thinking and speech be that of who you are in Christ Jesus. Don't look at your present physical situation and think small. Look at the gold and riches your father has and think big. Prosperity is the will of God for us. Hallelujah.

Confession:

God's will for me is prosperity, therefore I walk in prosperity always. I have been delivered from the kingdom of darkness and I am in God's Kingdom. Therefore I enjoy the riches and blessings of the kingdom of God. I am a billionaire in Jesus name. Amen

April 13

Realm of thought

Matthew 6:34 KJV

“Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.”

Thoughts can be explained as the state of the mind or what the mind is thinking. Our opening text explains why you should take no thought and this is not saying you shouldn't plan or have your set goals for tomorrow or the future but this is talking about the state of worrying or anxiety why? because *“each day has enough trouble of its own”*.

God wants us to understand that taking thoughts has levels, there's a level of thought that leads to depression and there's another that leads to increase financially.

Thoughts are powerful, hence the scripture says "Guard your heart with all diligence because out of it(heart/mind) flows the issues of life. Our thoughts can set the next miracle we need on track for us and thought can also delay the manifestation of miracle. For example, you believe God for a car but here you are having another plan B which is to sort it out through a loan, already you're prolonging the manifestation of your miracle because that your thoughts of *“what if God won't bring the car to me as at the time I need it”*, that kind of thought limits manifestation of answers.

Sarah in the book of Genesis almost stopped her miracle.

Genesis 18:10-14 NIV

“Then one of them said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son.” Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, “After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?” Then the Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Will I really have a child, now that I am old? Is anything too hard for the Lord? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son.’”

Sarah thought about her impossibility to give birth again and the angel quickly addressed it because thoughts sometimes determine the manifestations of answers that's why the scripture says "Guide your heart with all diligence for out of it flows the issues of life".

Thought flows from the abundance of the heart. Let your thoughts be influenced by the revelation of God's word no matter the circumstances or situation. Thoughts are powerful that's why devil can't appear to us physically but he communicate his filthy thoughts by whispering to the mind of men. Look brothers and sisters the evil in each day is programmed by someone's thought and declaration. Therefore, program your day through your thoughts and declarations.

Thoughts backed up the revelation of God's word produce results and answers. Do you want to sharpen your thoughts properly, be a friend of the written word. Mediate on it and let it penetrate deep into your soul, mind and spirit so much that you become the walking Word. Hallelujah

Confession:

Thank you dear Father for power in my thoughts, I sharpen my thought by the revelation of God's Word towards my increase and see results in Jesus Amen.

April 14

How to frame your world

Joshua 1:8 NIV

“Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.”

We have to understand that it is important to frame our world and we have the tool to frame it. There's need to understand what your world is, it talks about aspects of life for example your career, business, job, family, ministry.

Our opening text says if you want to be successful in all your ways you need to meditate on the Word. The words you meditate on and have in abundance on your heart are the words you need to frame your worlds. Even God our Father created the whole world by His spoken words and those words He was speaking in Genesis 1 were not mere words but power and revelation filled words, same way the words used for framing must not be mere words.

For example you can't be saying I don't know what tomorrow will be for me and expect to produce good results because that word can only bring forth frustration and depression.

For out of the abundance of your heart your mouth will definitely speak. What dominates your heart is what you have been meditating on or listening to or the information you allow to penetrate into your heart. Hence, there's need to eat(Meditate) the Word of God.

If you have been meditating well start framing your world, don't waste the investment of God's word in you and allow the Spirit to lead you in the word to speak to each of your worlds.

As you do this consistently, you will see yourself flying and nothing will catch you unaware. Hallelujah

Confession:

Thank you dear Father, I take advantage of the investment of God's word in me and I use it to frame my career, business, job and family correctly in Jesus name. Amen

April 15

The gift of a pastor I

Mark 6:34 KJV

“And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things.”

Our opening Scripture tells us that Jesus saw the multitudes scattered abroad as a sheep having no shepherd and He began to teach them many things. They were as sheep having no pastor. This shows that any believer who doesn't have a pastor or is not planted in a church family is as a sheep without a shepherd.

Beloved, this is one reason many believers are not prospering in their lives as they ought to because of lack of a pastor. Jesus' response to such believer is compassion to gather them to a church family where they can be taught many things of the kingdom of God pertaining to their prosperity.

In Matthew's account of the same story Matthew 9:35-38 *“Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”*

Jesus was saying in other words that God gives His people pastors so that they can labour over them in the place of Word and in prayer that they may come unto the maturity.

God said in Jeremiah 3:15 *"And I will give you pastors according to my heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding. And it shall come to pass, when ye be multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, saith the Lord"*.

Increase and multiplication comes by the ministry of the Word through your pastor. You must prayerfully consider settling in a church family as led by the Spirit of God, If you have none yet, let the Spirit of God lead you to the pastor He has anointed for you. Every sheep needs a Shepherd.

Confession:

Thank you Lord Jesus for giving me a pastor. I declare that I am fed with the right knowledge and understanding of the Word through the ministry of my pastor. Amen!

April 16

The gift of a pastor 2

Psalm 68:18 KJV

“Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that the Lord God might dwell among them.”

Our opening verse reveals that when Jesus ascended on high, He led captivity captive and received gifts for the church, even for the rebellious also, that the presence of the Lord God might permeate every part of the church.

Ephesians 4:8 KJV

“Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men”.

Jesus gave the gifts He had received to the church. These gifts are ministry gifts; apostles, prophets, teachers, Evangelists and Pastors.

Beloved, your pastor is a gift from God to you, therefore, you ought to receive and celebrate this gift given to you through our Lord Jesus Christ Himself. When you celebrate your pastor, it shows that you value so much the gift God has given to you. Every gift carries a specific grace and it is only when you receive it that you can partake of the grace therein.

Until you receive your pastor as a gift from God to you and begin to celebrate him, you cannot make the most of God's grace on him.

You'd better begin to enjoy your pastor's ministry right now because your prosperity is in his mouth.

The Bible tells us in Ephesians 4:7 "*But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ*".

There is grace in your pastor, not for him, but for you. Your pastor carries grace for your edification, increase, multiplication and exaltation, and as you receive the ministry of your pastor, you will partake of the grace that he carries for your prosperity.

Beloved, don't relate with your pastor according to the flesh, we do not know any man after the flesh in Christ. Don't short change yourself in anyway and by any means. Receive your inheritance by the ministry of the Word through your pastor's mouth. Receive the ministry of your pastor in the light of him being a gift to you from the Lord.

Confession:

Thank you Lord Jesus for my pastor. I acknowledge that my pastor is a gift from you to me and I declare that I receive with meekness the ministry of my pastor. Amen!

April 17

Hindrances to prayer 1

1 John 5:14-15 KJV

“And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: and if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.”

Our opening text sends a strong message to all who have believed in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour. It gives an assurance to us that every time we pray, we should know without doubt that God always hear us.

A believer is programmed to enjoy 24/7 answered prayers just like Jesus of Nazareth in His earth walk. There was nothing Jesus Christ asked for that He never got. This is the reality of a man in Christ too.

However, the scriptures also gave us reasons why believers may not have this experience and that if those hindrances are removed, nothing in all the earth and heaven can stop our prayers.

James 4:3 KJV

“Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.”

One of the hindrances is not asking correctly. Asking amiss is simply asking for wrong reasons, like asking for pleasure sake, not because the believer really need that thing.

The motive for asking God for anything is more important to Him than what was asked for. And God who is all knowing will check our heart for the motive behind our asking. Once the motive is wrong, the request is wrong, as such God can't grant such request for sake.

I see this as God's goodness to us. If God answer all of such request, we are headed to self-destruction. This is why He can't grant such request.

Once the motive is right, God is assuring our heart, that we can depend on Him for an answer. God wants us to have confidence that once our motives are Spirit led, and pure, nothing can stop our request. It is important to always check our heart about any request and adjust accordingly to see 24/7 answered prayers and we shall have it. Amen

Confession:

Father, I thank you for this opening of eyes. How that I need to check the reasons why I ask for whatever I request for. I pay more attention to the motives of my heart and correct them to see more answers in my request in Jesus name. Amen

April 18

Hindrances to prayer 2

1 John 5:14-15 KJV

“And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: and if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.”

We saw yesterday particularly from our opening text that a believer in Christ is guaranteed and assured of 24/7 answered prayers. If all things are okay, a believer should not be among those who say, I don't know why God has not given me this and that I asked of Him.

Ecclesiastes 3:11a NLT

“Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time.”

The second hindrance to prayer is wrong timing. God is not bound by time, however He schedules His activities on earth by times. Meaning God has time for all His purposes on earth because God is excellent, God won't do anything when its time is not ripe. That's why the preacher in Ecclesiastes says *“He makes everything beautiful in its time”*.

If God sees that any request of His people can't guarantee beauty to them in that specific time, He won't deal.

For example, Paul was speaking concerning an heir who is but a child, who can't have access to all his father has yet until he grows up.

Galatians 4:1-2 NLT

“Think of it this way. If a father dies and leaves an inheritance for his young children, those children are not much better off than slaves until they grow up, even though they actually own everything their father had. They have to obey their guardians until they reach whatever age their father set.”

Growth or giving some more time actually allows the heir to understand more the essence of the Inheritance. This is our God. If God has granted some of the requests you asked for 10years back, I guarantee by now you probably will have given up because there was no how you could handle those things then. So God brings answers to those requests once you can handle them.

A believer who will work in the reality of 24/7 answered prayers must be a believer who understands timing of God's plan, purposes and blessings.

Hebrews 10:36 NLT

“Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God’s will. Then you will receive all that he has promised.”

Amen

Confession:

Dear Father, thank you for your love unto me. Today I learn to wait patiently knowing, all things are beautiful in your time. Amen

April 19

Hindrances to prayer 3

1 John 5:14-15 KJV

“And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: and if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.”

The last two days, we have looked closely on how wrong Request and wrong timing can affect our receiving and manifestation of our requests. But today we are looking at the last point, the scripture says can make us ask God for a thing and not receive.

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.”

Doubt simply means double opinion or double thoughts over a thing. When you ask for a thing and in one corner of your heart, you believe God has or should answer you, then in another corner of your heart you are saying "what if God doesn't do it"? Whatever mindset that makes you think you might not receive what you asked for is the operation of doubt. It is the opposite of complete believing.

God doesn't honor a heart that wavers because it shows such heart doesn't know the capacity and absolute power of the one we talk to in prayers.

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.”*

...But shall BELIEVE that those things you have asked for in prayers shall come to pass.

This is walking in the reality of your answer by consciousness before you see the manifestation... This is true believing, devoid of doubt. If anyone asks anything about that thing, you can confidently say to the person I have this and this. This is the Faith of God without doubt.

James 1:6-8 KJV

“But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.”

For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

When we allow doubt in our heart, the word of God is clear that, such person should not think the Lord will grant such request. This is why many don't have what they asked for and they think God is the one delaying them even when they are the ones delaying God.

Confession:

Dear Father, I thank you for opening my eyes to those things that hinders my prayers. Henceforth, I repent of all doubts in my heart. I choose to believe you in all things I have asked in Jesus name. Amen

April 20

Be given to prayer

Luke 18:1 KJV

“And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint.”

As a believer, your life is no longer ordinary. The moment you received Christ, you've been born by the Spirit and God is now your father.

The way food and water is essential to the body is the same way prayer is essential to your life as a believer, you engage it daily as many times as possible.

You must understand that your prayer is a communication with a Father. There is a way you talk with a father, you can't talk to a stranger that way. There is also a confidence with which you relate with a father, you don't relate with a stranger that way and this changes the dynamics of prayer completely.

Hence, the need to be given to prayer. There is a culture in the world right now that people rush out into the day without communing with their father. Some will even say I will pray when I get back. Anything you are doing that takes your attention from God, you've got to watch it. Yes, work hard but not at the expense of living life.

People work hard at the expense of things that matter because they are scared of not having enough. Toiling is working but not getting enough. Peter toiled all night and got nothing, but when the word of God came he got plenty -net breaking miracle. Which means when you learn to have a proper communication with your Father consistently, you will know that it isn't about how far but how well.

Psalms 127:2 TPT

“It really is senseless to work so hard from early morning till late at night, toiling to make a living for fear of not having enough. God can provide for his devoted lovers even while they sleep!”

The moment you don't have time for God who powers all things. The moment you don't have time for study and prayer that's a dangerous zone. You should be able to pend that planning and work load, retire into your closet, pray and study.

Prayer configures your heart to align with God's will and purpose, the thoughts of God becomes your thoughts; His word becomes your words. When your heart is aligned with the word of God, it makes what you say go beyond how far your voice can travel and it brings forth tangible results. When you pray, be open to God and listen to what He will say to you. Most times, what God says to you in prayer does not correspond with your request but I tell you confidently, that which He is saying to you is what you need for that moment.

Don't joke with your prayer life, it is your fellowship with the father and where you create things for yourself.

Confession:

Father, I repent from not praying as I should. I deliberately take out time to fellowship with you daily and always. Amen

April 21

Stagger not

Romans 4:19-20 KJV

“And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb: He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God.”

And being not weak in faith, Abraham staggered not at the promises of God. What is it that God has promised you? Choose not to stagger. Choose to keep confessing God's Word over every aspect of your life. Choose to keep believing God's Word. Keep moving forward. Do not let fear of the unknown creep in. Do not allow doubt to choke your destiny. Choose to put your trust in God. Choose to rely upon His Word.

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".

Choose to believe that God is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that you can ask or think. Whatever you're hoping for, whatever you believe God for, choose to put your faith and hope in the God who cannot fail. Strengthen your faith by holding fast to His Word. Study His Word, meditate on His Word. Let His Word take deep root in your heart. Digest His Word daily.

Exalt His Word in every area of your life, make His Word a priority. Let His Word conquer your fears, let His Word crush your flesh, let His Word breathe new life into your situation.

Hebrews 4:12 AMPC

“For the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective]; it is sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating to the dividing line of the breath of life (soul) and [the immortal] spirit, and of joints and marrow [of the deepest parts of our nature], exposing and sifting and analyzing and judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart.”

God’s Word will resurrect your dead situation because God’s Word is life itself. Choose to let God’s Word destroy bondages and break strongholds. Choose to let His Word sift and shift your heart. The Word of God is operative. His Word will heal your wounded heart and strengthen every area where you are weak.

2 Corinthians 12:10 KJV

“Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.”

God’s Word gives strength, let His Word become your strong tower. Run to Him and don't hold back. Don’t focus on your problem, just focus on the God who delivers. He is a way maker, He makes way where there's no way. He is a miracle worker. There is nothing too hard for God, there's no situation too complicated nor complex for God to handle.

Confession:

Lord Jesus, thank you for your unfailingly promises , I choose to keep believing in your word and I stagger not.

April 22

Don't remain sick

3 John 1:2 KJV

“Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.”

The will of God for you according to the scripture is to be in health. A child of God is meant to live a healthy life and remain healthy. Do believers get sick? Of course, many believers are on sick beds right now battling with series of infirmities, some have even died due to bad health. Are they supposed to be sick? No

Deuteronomy 34:7 KJV

“And Moses was an hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated.”

God wants you to be in health all the days of your life. Moses at 120 years old was still very strong and can see clearly. You can live a healthy life only if you decide not to live an unhealthy life. If you're sick right now, don't be comfortable with the situation. Don't be worn out by it because there is a way out and it is embedded in the scriptures.

James 5:14 KJV

“Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord”

Determine in your heart not to remain sick then engage prayer. The prayer required isn't begging God to send his healing power and heal you but using your authority as a child of God to deal with that sickness out of your body permanently and thereafter, consistently confess the divine health that you have. Educate your mind and body about the divine health that you have.

You can't say you have divine health and you are battling with Tuberculosis, it is wrong for you to be sick, hence don't remain sick and refuse to be sick.

Isaiah 65:20 AMP

“No longer shall there be in it an infant who lives only a few days, Or an old man who does not finish his days; For the youth who dies at the age of a hundred, And the one who does not reach the age of a hundred Will be thought of as accursed.”

According to the scriptures, an hundred year old person is a young person and anyone who dies before hundred years will be regarded as a cursed person. It is wrong to die of that sickness.

It is the will of God that you prosper in your health. You say to yourself, demons supervising cancer in my body get out now in Jesus name, my body recovers perfectly. I have divine health and I live a healthy life. You've just dealt with the devil and that's it. God has given you divine health, it is your job to now choose to live a healthy life always.

Confession:

It is God's will for me to be in health, I refuse to be sick and I refuse to remain sick. I live a healthy life always.

April 23

Guide your speech

Proverbs 18:21 KJV

“Death and life are in the power of the tongue: And they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.”

Many don't know the power we possess in our tongue, that is why they say anything at any time. The Bible teaches us that our tongue has great power, power to heal or to destroy, power to bless or to curse. We are to be wise in the use of our tongue. We can change the direction of our life by our words. We can know how our life will be in years to come by the fruits of our lips now. This shows that your tongue is like the rudder and our life is the ship.

Our life is a battle of words. Our current position is as a result of what we have exposed our heart and confessed with our mouth.

Romans 10:9 KJV

“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.”

We are believers because we have accepted Jesus Christ as the son of God, that God has raised Him from the dead and confessed with our lips the lordship of Jesus to be able to receive eternal life. This shows that God is interested in what we say.

The Bible says the power of life and death is in our tongue. This is showing us how important we should saturate our life and environment with words of life always. Have the consciousness that you will have what you say, so continue to speak life in all that concerns you.

Ephesians 4:29 KJV

“Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.”

This shows us how to guide our mouth to say things that are edifying and full of life. Don't be around people that always speak death and ungodly things.

Matthew 12:34-35 KJV

“O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.”

We have to guide our heart also because out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. What you consume inside of your heart matters. It is not possible to consume the word of life every moment and you will speak evil or death. If you consume life you will speak life either consciously or unconsciously. Start each day of your life by prophesying what you want to see for that day and watch how it will transform your life.

Confession:

There is power in my tongue, I have whatsoever I say. Therefore life is in everything that concerns me. Life in my business, life in all I lay my hands on in Jesus name. Amen

April 24

Victory over ungodly character

2 Peter 1:3AMP

“For His divine power has bestowed upon us all things that [are requisite and suited] to life and godliness, through the [full, personal] knowledge of Him Who called us by and to His own glory and excellence (virtue).”

From our opening text we understand that God has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness. Some believers today are struggling to please God because they've not realized that the ability has been given through the Holy Ghost.

Yes, you want to please God but it's as if there are limitations because of one or two characters you believe you have or you think are in your blood, no brother, it's not your character and it's not in your blood it's the blood of Jesus that runs through your vein, the character you have is that of Christ.

Every now and then remind yourself that this and this is not my character it has been paid for so I walk in victory over this character you mention it, yours could be anger, bitterness or jealousy tell yourself that anger, bitterness or jealousy you're not my character you've been taken away and you begin to tell yourself I don't have bitterness in me, you've been taken away you're not mine what is mine is love and peace. Keep announcing it daily and watch yourself walking in victory over it.

Bitterness towards anyone can take away your peace, you might be feeling unworthy to do certain things because you're not pleasing Him with that attitude and that's the truth and you think you're trying your best, don't allow devil to take away your peace through that, as you announce daily the character you have in Christ remember you have the Holy Ghost(He is the helper)

There is God's way of attending to things, the Holy Ghost will teach you the

way because He has been sent by God to help your infirmities and one of the ways is what we are discussing "speak and announce what you have and speak against what Christ has not given you

2 Peter 1:3b

"...through the [full, personal] knowledge of Him Who called us by and to His own glory and excellence (virtue)."

You have Victory over such through the knowledge of Him that is the knowledge of His Words.

Galatians 5:22-23 KJV

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."

You have the Holy Spirit in you, you have all the character of the Spirit you want. Hallelujah

Confession:

Thank you Father for the fruits of the Spirit that I have, I don't abhor bitterness and ungodly character in my heart. I kick them out with my spoken words because they've not been given to me and therefore I don't have them in Jesus name. Amen

April 25

Without Wavering

Hebrews 10:23 KJV

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

If it's impossible for us to waver at the promises of God, the scripture wouldn't have enjoined us to hold fast to the profession (confession) of our faith.

From our opening text, the scripture clearly told us to hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering.

What is your profession? What is your confession? What are you declaring over your life daily? What promises are you holding on to? Choose to profess and confess His Word daily. Hold fast what God has declared over your life.

According to Strong's Concordance, the Greek word for profession is, 'homologia' which means “Subjectively: whom we profess to be ours.

Objectively: profession (confession) i.e, what one professes or confesses.”

When you profess the Word of God, you are declaring that the principles, promises and precepts in the Word of God belong to you. When you profess the Word of God, you are personalizing it and making the Word your own. Choose to own and declare the promises of God that He has outlined in His Word.

Hebrews 10:23 AMPC

“So let us seize and hold fast and retain without wavering the hope we cherish and confess and our acknowledgement of it, for He Who promised is reliable (sure) and faithful to His word.”

God is faithful, He is reliable, He is able to fulfill His promises. Choose to believe His Word. Choose to hold on to His Word. Choose to confess and profess His Word over your life frequently.

Hebrews10:23 NLT

“Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise.”

Trust God that He will keep His promises. Put your faith in God without wavering. Stagger not at the promises of God. Keep moving forward in faith. Step forward without wavering. Choose to believe God’s Word. Choose to believe that He is faithful to complete and fulfill His promises. Choose to believe.

Confession:

Dear God, thank you for your promises, I trust in your word and I hold tightly without wavering to the confession of my faith and I see my results unfold.

April 26

God's intentions towards man

Genesis 1:26 KJV

“And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.”

In Genesis 1:26 God said, *“Let us make people in our image....”* and in Genesis 1:27 the Word tells us that He actually did, which means that He carried out or fulfilled His good intentions to make man in His image. As believers in Christ, we have a new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.

Colossians 3:10 KJV

“And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him”.

Knowing that we are made in God’s image influences the understanding of our Creator and our relationship with Him. And as we grow in faith, we are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. This was a demonstration of God's awesome graciousness.

That God made man in His own image simply means that He made man in His character, nature or class of being. He also made man to function like Him. Man was made in the character of God to function like Him in every respect of the functioning of the divine life. This is the one of a kind priviledge that we have in Christ Jesus. The man in Christ Jesus has been born with the nature of God to function like God.

In Christ Jesus we have the capacity to function like God does in every regard. God is holy, righteous, merciful, gracious and abundant in goodness. The man in Christ has the capacity or potential within to be holy as much as He is.

The Word tells us in 1 Peter 1:15 to be holy or perfect in all manner of conversation as the Father is holy or perfect.

If we do not have the capacity to be holy or we haven't been made in the image of God, how can we be holy or perfect as God is? Think about it.

You are made in the image of God not the image of animal. You are to function like God.

Confession:

In the name of Jesus Christ I declare that I function here on earth like God. I have control over all things and I radiate His Glory on earth. Amen

April 27

Spiritual order and Faith

Habakkuk 2:2 KJV

“And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.”

Order starts when you attach value to what God attaches value to. God wants to set order in your life to be able to define your role clearly wherever you find yourself. Order helps your faith when you know how to play your own part by writing down your vision and make it plain, then read it for it will surely come to pass. Faith works when you channel it on a clear course.

A life without order is a disaster. Satan thrives where there is no order. When your life is ordered, it will help you to spot errors and fix them whenever it happens.

Mark 3:24-25 KJV

“And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand.”

A kingdom only stands when it is not divided against itself. You've got to put in proper order. If there is anything you desire, if you have an ordered life you will get it. You've got to sit down and write. Noah wrote down the dimensions of the ark and started work on it. Write down your visions in several places, put it where you can always see it then start reading it to yourself then begin to listen to your words and create an image.

Genesis 11:3-6 KJV

“And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them throughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. note note. And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.”

If you want to make progress in life, order is key. Your mind is instrumental in achieving anything you want to achieve in life. Your mind is very powerful. You gain control over your life from the place of your mind not from your prayer. What is meant to change your life is your mind. Your mind is that powerful that whatever you decide to do, no one can stop you.

How do you use your mind after you've written your visions? Get images and words that correlate with that vision and focus on it through your heart and your mouth consistently. Your mind can transform your life, don't let satan attack your mind so much that you won't be able to focus on what you intend to do.

Use your mind to create the picture of what you want your vision to look like. These three things must agree for your imagination to be achievable. Your mind sends a signal to your spirit and your spirit moves your body in the direction where the vision will be actualized. If you can take charge of your mind, you can take charge of your mouth and your life.

Confession:

Dear father, thank you for your word today. I set order in my life correctly, I take charge of my mind through the word of God and I make progress tremendously. Amen

April 28

God wants you healed

Matthew 8:2-3 KJV

“And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. 3 And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.”

Our text today shows how God always wants you healed. It is not a question of whether He wants you healed or not, it is a question of how willing you are to take His healing. To show how ready and willing he was, in verse 7, 14 and 16 of the same chapter, Matthew recorded the different healing session he had with centurion's daughter, Peter's wife's mother, and the multitude that were brought to Him, and the bible said He healed them all. Jesus is not happy to see people sick; the same sickness He bore in His own body. So believers have the responsibility to be an extension of the healing ministry of Jesus.

I was talking to a friend on the phone 2days ago who had sour throat and pain in the left ear, as at the time we were speaking she affirmed that sour throat has been subsided, just left with the pains in the ear. Then I spoke with the authority in the name of Jesus that that pain is gone, and that all she needed to do is to sleep and wake up. When she did, she affirmed the pain completely gone. Glory to God!

I shared that to say that healing is children's bread. The believer is not just supposed to carry healing in his body but should be able to minister the same to others. Say it again to yourself until you have a firm grasp of it, “God always want me healed.” So if He always wants you healed, He's not the one inflicting or afflicting you with sickness. Many people say several times that, “they don't know what God want to achieve with their present condition” or “If it please God, He will make them whole of their condition.” That is such an ignorant thing to say. The truth is there is nothing God wants to achieve with sickness in people's body other than wanting to heal them. And we have seen in this

devotional that God always wants people healed of their sicknesses no matter how chronic the case seems to be.

Ability to understand that God is not afflicting anyone of any form of sickness either to test or correct is the beginning of healing from such sickness. The devil has used that delusion to deceive and deprive many of their healing. God cannot be the one making sick and healing at the same time. The devil does the former while God do the later. Bible say God is light and in him is no darkness at all (1 John 1:5) hence anything that looks like an appearance of darkness cannot be God's work.

Confession:

I attest that God is my father. He always wants me healed. He also always wants me to heal others. He's not the one afflicting people with sickness. Rather, He's the one with true healing power, going about healing people, through me, and other believers. I remain healed, whole and healthy. Amen!

April 29

God will not break His word

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.”

God and His word are one and cannot be separated. This means all of God's ability is also the ability of His word. God is powerful so is His word. God is the almighty wise one, so is His word. God gives life, His word gives life too. Everything you can think about God the same is God's word. God cannot fail, therefore His word cannot fail. You cannot separate Him from His word.

Psalm 89:34 KJV

“My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.”

God's word is His covenant and God will never break His covenant nor alter the thing that's gone out of His lips, Whatever He says He will do it.

Numbers 23:19 AMP

“God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken and will He not make it good and fulfill it?”

This shows us that our lord is forever faithful to His word. He is the same God yesterday, today and forever, so He can never change His ways. Beloved we can bank on God's word because we know we will surely get results. Therefore, hold unto God's word with your life, He will never fail you. Study the word and accept it as God Himself talking directly to you. Believe

God's word and act on it. Let the word be the standing point of your life and you will come out victorious daily.

Confession:

Lord I thank you for your word. I know your word is ever true and will never fail me. Therefore I act on your word and I get results always in Jesus name.

April 30

Support the gospel

Mark 10:29-30 KJV

“And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's. But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.”

We've been called to spread the Gospel of Jesus to the ends of the earth. It is important that we support the course of the Gospel with everything we have, our heart, time and resources. You must understand that the resources in your care came from God to you, see yourself as a custodian of those resources and be ready to support the Gospel with it.

Acts 4:32 KJV

“And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.”

They saw their resources as God's own and themselves as a custodian of these resources, giving wasn't a difficult thing for them to do. The way you demonstrate that you have control over material things is when you give none stop without it stopping you from God's work. Be ready to support the Gospel of Jesus with your resources. As you do this, God will keep moving resources to you because the pipeline that supplies water is never dry.

Luke 5:3 KJV

“And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship.”

Peter gave out his ship to support the gospel and the result was a net breaking miracle. The scripture assured us of 100 folds reward of whatever we give. Hence, give unapologetically towards the Gospel in your sphere of influence.

Nothing you give to God is a waste brethren. When something becomes a treasure to you, you give everything to support it. When opportunities to give comes, grab it because they open up for more to come to you.

2 Corinthians 9:10 KJV

“Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)”

There will always be seed to sow because God gives seed to the sower. All you've to do is determine in your heart to give.

Confession:

I am a responsible custodian of resources for the Gospel business. I give mightily and heavily in thousands, millions and billions to support the Gospel. Amen

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