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Greetings in the Wonderful Name of Jesus! We give God all the glory for the mighty things He has done in the first seven months of 2025! Souls have been saved, lives have been transformed, miraculous healings have taken place, and we have witnessed precious additions to the body of Christ and to GCCC. Truly, the Lord is working in our midst.

We step into the second half of the year with great expectation, anticipating a fresh move of God's Spirit, greater outpourings, deeper encounters, and more lives touched by His power. Stay prayerful, stay connected, and stay in position. God is not through blessing us!

August is a very busy and exciting month for GCCC. Make plans to join us as we celebrate our 43rd Church Anniversary on Sunday, August 31st. It will be a time of rejoicing, reflection, and rededication to the call of God upon this ministry. Please refer to the event listings provided in the back pages for details.

Your continued prayers and generous support of A Word in Season help us keep this publication going strong. Thank you! Make it a regular part of your daily devotion. There's a word from the Lord for you in every issue!

Lady Sarah and I love and appreciate you dearly. We are praying for you, believing that God will do exceedingly abundantly above all that you ask or think. Let's continue to walk by faith and see the glory of the Lord together.

Yours in Christ,

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It Takes Faith to Please God

Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Faith is the foundation of our walk with the Lord. It is through faith that we access grace, receive His promises, and live in the power of the Spirit. Choosing to trust God—even when circumstances seem uncertain—is what sets the believer apart. Faith keeps us moving when feelings tell us to stop.

Rom 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Faith is more than a passive hope; it is an active pursuit of God's presence and will. This means our faith grows the more we saturate our hearts with Scripture and listen to God's voice. The Word of God strengthens our confidence and reminds us that our faith is never misplaced.

Mark 11:22 Have faith in God.

Jesus instructs us to have faith in God - not in our own strength, not in the world's systems, but in our unfailing Father. God honors even the smallest measure of true faith. When we trust Him, He shows up in ways that remind us He is both faithful and able.

Prayer Focus: Lord, help me to live by faith and not by what I see. I trust You to guide, provide, and show Yourself strong on my behalf.

Verse of the Day: Psa 40:4 Blessed is that man that maketh the Lord his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

Living the Word Today: Living by faith requires letting go of control and believing God's way is best. Faith gives God room to do the miraculous in everyday situations.

King Manasseh and God's Incredible Mercy

2 Chron 7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

King Manasseh began his reign in Judah by plunging the nation into darkness. He practiced idolatry, dealt with familiar spirits, and even sacrificed his own children in fire. His wickedness provoked the Lord, and as judgment, he was carried away in chains to Babylon. Yet in his affliction, Manasseh humbled himself greatly and cried out to the God he once rejected, and God heard him. No one is beyond the reach of God's mercy. Though he had desecrated the temple and led Judah astray, God received his prayer of repentance. Upon his return to Jerusalem, Manasseh removed the idols and repaired the altar of the Lord.

2Chron 33:13 And prayed unto him: and he was intreated of him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the Lord he was God.

Manasseh's life teaches us that sincere repentance opens the door to restoration. Though his past was marked by sin, his end was marked by worship. His testimony proves that God's mercy triumphs over judgment.

Prayer Focus: Father, I humble myself before You. Cleanse me and use even the broken pieces of my life for Your glory.

Verse of the Day: Isa 1:18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

Living the Word Today: Your worst moments do not have to define your destiny when God steps in. Even the darkest choices are not greater than God's power to restore. Manasseh's turnaround is proof that when a heart is truly surrendered, God responds with mercy.

Being Certain in an Uncertain World

Prov 18:10 The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.

Life may be unpredictable, but God's Word remains constant and true. When economies shake, relationships change, and plans fall through, the believer can rest securely in the promises of the Lord. Certainty is not found in human wisdom or temporary circumstances but in the eternal character of our unchanging God. He alone is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Matt 24:35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

The ground may shift, but the foundation of God's Word stands firm. In moments of uncertainty, His Word becomes an anchor for the soul.

Heb 6:19 Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil.

Faith in God does not eliminate storms, but it secures us through them. When we choose to trust God, we plant our feet on a Rock that cannot be moved. We are not tossed about by fear, because our confidence is in the Lord who holds tomorrow.

Prayer Focus: Lord, help me to fix my heart and mind on You no matter what is happening around me. I choose to believe Your Word and rest in Your faithfulness.

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

Living the Word Today: Stability is not found in control but in confidence in Christ. The one who leans on God's promises can walk with peace even when nothing else makes sense.

Approach God with Confidence

Heb 4:16 "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Many people feel unworthy to come before God, weighed down by guilt, fear, or a sense of inadequacy. But Scripture assures us that God invites us into His presence, not because of our perfection, but because of His mercy. Jesus made a way for us to have direct access to the Father. We are welcomed as sons and daughters, not strangers or beggars.

1 John 5:14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us.

God is not distant or disinterested. He longs for communion with His children and listens attentively when we pray. As we draw near with honest hearts, we encounter a Father who receives us with open arms.

Rom 8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

Our confidence in approaching God grows when we understand our identity in Christ. We are not approaching a throne of judgment, but a throne of grace. He delights when we come to Him—boldly, honestly, and expectantly.

Prayer Focus: Lord, I thank You that I can come to You without fear or shame. Help me to always approach You with faith, knowing You hear and love me.

Verse of the Day: Eph 3:12 In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.

Living the Word Today: The child of God does not need to beg for attention. When we know who we are in Christ, we can speak to God with the confidence of beloved children.

Ask and You Shall Receive

Matt 7:7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

God delights in answering the prayers of His children. He invites us to come to Him in faith, boldly asking for what we need and trusting that He hears us. Prayer is not just a religious act; it is an act of relationship. Our Heavenly Father responds to those who believe that He is both able and willing to provide.

John 16:24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

Jesus encourages us to ask, not out of selfishness, but with the expectation that our joy will be made complete in Him. The key is asking according to His will, trusting that His timing and His ways are perfect.

Jas 1:6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering.

Doubt causes delay, but faith activates the power of heaven. God is not reluctant to bless His people. He is a loving Father who knows how to give good gifts to those who ask Him.

Jer 33:3 Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

Prayer Focus: Lord, thank You for inviting me to ask and believe. Help me to come before You in faith, trusting that You are faithful to provide what I need.

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

Living the Word Today: Those who walk with God can pray with confidence. He never grows tired of our prayers and always responds in love.

The Seven Redemptive Names of The Lord

Prov 18:10 The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.

The names of the Lord reveal His covenant character and His faithful provision to His people. Throughout Scripture, God revealed Himself in seven powerful redemptive names that show how He meets every need of our lives. He is **Jehovah-Jireh**, the Lord our Provider (Genesis 22:14); **Jehovah-Rapha**, the Lord our Healer (Exodus 15:26); **Jehovah-Nissi**, the Lord our Banner and Victory (Exodus 17:15). These names are not just titles—they are invitations to trust in the unchanging character of our Father.

He is also **Jehovah-Shalom**, the Lord our Peace (Judges 6:24); **Jehovah-Raah**, the Lord our Shepherd (Psalm 23:1); **Jehovah-Tsidkenu**, the Lord our Righteousness (Jeremiah 23:6); and **Jehovah-Shammah**, the Lord who is There (Ezekiel 48:35).

Each name is a testimony of how God actively cares for His children. When we face battles, He is our Banner. When we feel weak, He is our Strength. When we are broken, He is our Healer. His names point us back to His nature and His promises. Calling on the name of the Lord is a reminder of His faithful presence and power. Every redemptive name is a doorway into a deeper understanding of His love. Let His name be your shelter, your healing, and your joy today.

Psa 9:10 And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.

Prayer Focus: Lord, I praise You for who You are. Help me to trust in the power of Your name and rest in the promises You have spoken.

Verse of the Day: Psa 86:5 For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

Living the Word Today: The names of God are more than words. They are truths that anchor the believer through every season of life.

God Gives Us Richly All Things to Enjoy

1 Tim 6:17 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy.

God is not a harsh taskmaster withholding good things from His children. He is a loving Father who delights in blessing His people with spiritual and natural gifts. From the beauty of creation to the joy of family and the peace of salvation, He fills our lives with blessings we do not deserve.

Ecc 3:13 And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labour, it is the gift of God.

It is holy to enjoy the good things God gives when our hearts are anchored in Him. The enjoyment of God's provision is not rooted in materialism but in thankfulness.

Jas 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

We honor God when we receive His blessings with gratitude and use them for His glory. Whether it is time, resources, health, or relationships, God intends for us to find joy in His generosity and to steward it with wisdom.

Prayer Focus: Lord, thank You for the many gifts You have placed in my life. Help me to receive them with a heart of gratitude and glorify You through how I enjoy and share them.

Verse of the Day: Psa 103:5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Living the Word Today: Let us never mistake enjoying life for carnality when our hearts are set on Christ. God gives good gifts not to distract us from Him, but to reflect His love for us.

Being There for Loved Ones

Gal 6:2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

One of the most powerful ways to reflect the love of Christ is by showing up for the people God has placed in our lives. Being present is not always about having the right words or solutions. Sometimes, it is simply about sitting beside someone in silence, praying with them, or helping with practical needs.

John 13:35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Loving others with sincerity, consistency, and sacrifice mirrors the very heart of God. We are not called to carry the burdens of others alone, but we are called to care. Our presence in a loved one's time of need can be the very answer to their prayer.

Rom 12:15 Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.

Compassion requires time, attention, and a willingness to be inconvenienced. This kind of love doesn't always look dramatic, but it makes a lasting impact. True love shows up. Whether it is a phone call, a visit, a meal, or just being available, your presence can be a vessel of God's peace. When we are there for our loved ones, we create space for the healing, comfort, and grace of God to flow through us.

Prayer Focus: Lord help me to show up with love and compassion for those You've placed in my life. Teach me to be a vessel of Your presence, comfort, and strength.

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

Living the Word Today: When we make time for others, we reflect God's faithfulness in a tangible way. Love is not just felt in words but seen in presence.

Christian Conflict Resolution

Rom 12:18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men..

Conflict is inevitable, but as followers of Christ, we are called to handle disagreements differently. Rather than reacting in anger or pride, we are to approach every situation with humility, truth, and love. God's desire is not just for resolution, but for restoration. Our pursuit of peace is not a sign of weakness but of spiritual maturity.

Matt 18:15 Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.

Forgiveness is the cornerstone of Christian conflict resolution. When we remember how much we have been forgiven, it becomes easier to extend grace to others. Conflict, when handled with God's wisdom, can become a divine opportunity for growth and reconciliation. Through prayer and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, even the most difficult relationships can be healed.

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

Christ calls us to be peacemaker. Being a peacemaker means taking initiative, speaking truth in love, and pursuing unity even when it's uncomfortable. God is glorified when His children walk in love, truth, and harmony with one another.

Prayer Focus: Lord, help me to be a peacemaker in every area of my life. Teach me to forgive quickly, speak truth gently, and seek resolution that honors You.

Verse of the Day: Matt 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Living the Word Today: True Christian maturity is often seen in how one handles conflict. When believers choose reconciliation over resentment, they demonstrate the heart of Christ.

Doing Good to Your Soul

Psa 103:1 Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Caring for your soul is one of the most important acts of stewardship a believer can offer. The soul, which houses your mind, will, and emotions, thrives when fed by God's Word, refreshed in worship, and restored through rest in His presence.

Prov 19:8 He that getteth wisdom loveth his own soul: he that keepeth understanding shall find good.

Investing time in prayer, Scripture, and godly fellowship brings nourishment that the world cannot provide. Your soul longs for the things of God, and when you honor that longing, peace and joy follow. Often, we pour ourselves out for others but forget to return to the wellspring of our own renewal. The Lord invites us to come aside and find rest in Him.

Matt 11:29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Doing good to your soul is not selfish; it is spiritual maintenance that prepares you to love others better. It helps you to remain grounded, grateful, and guided by the Spirit. Restoration is not just for the broken moments but for the daily walk..

Prayer Focus: Lord, help me to recognize when my soul is weary and lead me to the quiet waters of Your presence. Restore me daily with Your Word and refresh me with the joy of Your salvation.

Verse of the Day: Psa 23:3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Living the Word Today: Restoration is not just for the broken moments but for the daily walk. When you prioritize your soul's health, you remain spiritually sensitive, emotionally stable, and mentally focused on God's truth. Let your soul bless the Lord, and you will find it refreshed, renewed, and rejoicing.

Peace: A Guard for Our Heart and Mind

Phil 4:7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Peace is more than a fleeting feeling. It is a powerful promise from God, one that acts as a guard over both heart and mind. When life presses hard and uncertainty crowds in, God offers peace that surpasses human understanding. His peace anchors us when the winds of worry try to shake our faith. It is not the absence of problems but the presence of God that brings peace.

Isa 26:3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

God's peace is a shield that protects our thoughts from spiraling into fear and our hearts from falling into despair. Letting peace rule means giving it the authority to quiet every lie of the enemy and to reign over every troubling thought. Peace becomes our compass, pointing us to trust instead of turmoil, praise instead of panic.

Col 3:15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

The Lord invites us to cast our cares upon Him and receive His rest. This kind of peace cannot be manufactured or bought. It is a divine blessing, a spiritual stronghold, and a gift from the Prince of Peace Himself. When we choose to fix our eyes on Christ, peace becomes the gatekeeper of our emotions and the guardian of our thoughts.

Prayer Focus: Lord, I choose to set my heart and mind on You. Let Your peace guard my every thought and feeling, and remind me that You are always in control.

Verse of the Day: Psa 119:165 Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.

Living the Word Today: When God's peace takes residence, anxiety must leave. Peace is not just protection; it is proof that God is near.

Make the Necessary Changes

Psa 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Change is often uncomfortable, but it is necessary for spiritual growth. God calls us not to conform to this world but to be transformed by the renewing of our minds. Growth requires honesty with ourselves, obedience to God, and a willingness to let go of anything that hinders our walk with Christ. When we surrender to the Holy Spirit's prompting, we are empowered to make lasting changes that bear fruit.

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

There are moments when the Lord gently convicts us, showing us areas of compromise or stagnation. He does not do this to shame us, but to purify us for greater use. Spiritual pruning maybe uncomfortable , but the fruit it produces is worth it. Change may cost comfort, but it brings the reward of righteousness. Making necessary changes might mean turning off distractions, walking away from habits, or mending broken relationships. God honors our decision to align our lives with His Word.

Heb 12:11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

Prayer Focus: Lord, help me not to resist Your refining work. Give me the courage to make the changes You are calling me to make so I can walk in full obedience.

Verse of the Day: Psa 26:2 Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; try my reins and my heart.

Living the Word Today: The Word was never meant to be observed from afar but lived out in faith. As we take bold steps toward obedience, we'll find new freedom, peace, and purpose.

Edify One Another

1 Thes 5:11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

God did not design us to walk the journey of faith alone. He calls us to build one another up with encouragement, truth, and love. Our words hold the power to uplift or to tear down. Every believer has the responsibility and privilege to be a source of strength to those around them.

Eph 4:29 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.

Edification happens not just through words, but through actions that reflect the love of Christ. Whether it is checking on a discouraged friend, praying for a coworker, or offering a timely Scripture, every effort to build someone up carries eternal weight. The church thrives when its members intentionally sow encouragement, accountability, and compassion into one another's lives.

Rom 14:19 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

When we invest in others' growth, we are partnering with God's work in their lives. Edifying others draws us out of self-focus and into Kingdom-mindedness. In lifting others, we often find ourselves lifted as well, refreshed by the very love we poured out.

Prayer Focus: Lord, help me to use my words and actions to build others up and not tear them down. Show me who needs encouragement today and give me the boldness to reach out.

Verse of the Day: Pro 12:25 Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop: but a good word maketh it glad.

Living the Word Today: Edification strengthens the body of Christ and reflects the heart of God. When believers encourage one another, they create an atmosphere where faith can flourish.

In a Multitude of Counselors There Is Safety

Pro 11:14 Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.

God has called His people to walk wisely, not in isolation, but in community with those who are rooted in His truth. Wise counsel is a gift from the Lord, a protection against deception and missteps. The book of Proverbs repeatedly reminds us of the power of godly counsel. Seeking counsel is not a sign of weakness, but a demonstration of humility and spiritual maturity.

Pro 15:22 Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established.

Sometimes pride or fear of judgment tempts us to walk alone, making critical decisions without input from those who are grounded in the Word. Yet, the Lord often confirms His will through the shared wisdom of others who walk closely with Him. We must choose to surround ourselves with Spirit-led voices, not those who will simply agree with us, but those who will speak the truth in love.

Pro 24:6 For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war: and in multitude of counsellors there is safety.

Godly counsel brings clarity in confusion and strength in uncertainty. It aligns us with heaven's wisdom and reminds us that we are part of a greater body. As we submit our plans to God and invite wise counsel into our journey, we are kept from many snares and directed into peace. Safety is not found in self-reliance, but in godly collaboration under the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer Focus: Lord, help me to seek and receive wise counsel with a humble heart. Lead me to trusted voices that reflect Your truth and point me back to You.

Verse of the Day: Pro 12:15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.

Living the Word Today: God provides wisdom not only through His Word but also through His people. The safety of wise counsel preserves lives, protects vision, and produces fruit that endures.

Grace Empowers Us to Conquer Lust

Tit 2:11-12 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world.

God's grace is not a license to sin, but a powerful force that enables us to overcome it. Lust is a subtle and destructive enemy, but God has not left us without help. Through grace, He teaches us how to deny ungodliness and choose righteousness. Grace trains us to say "no" to sin and "yes" to a life that reflects the holiness of God.

Psa 119:9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.

Lust often begins in the mind and grows in silence, but the Word of God renews our thoughts and purifies our hearts. Meditating on Scripture, spending time in prayer, and walking in accountability all help tear down the strongholds of lust. Grace does not ignore the struggle, but meets us in it and points us to victory.

Gal 5:16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

Victory over lust is not achieved through willpower alone, but by surrendering to the Spirit of God. As we yield to the Holy Spirit, grace strengthens us to walk in purity. God's love does not just forgive; it transforms, so we can live free and reflect His holiness.

Prayer Focus: Lord, I receive Your grace today to walk in purity and truth. Strengthen me to reject every temptation and live in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Verse of the Day: Psa 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Living the Word Today: The grace of God does not excuse lust; it equips the believer to defeat it. Through daily surrender and a heart anchored in truth, victory is possible.

Four Reasons to Expect Healing

Isa 53:5 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.

We can expect healing because Jesus paid for our healing. On the cross, Christ bore our sins, our griefs, and our physical suffering. His sacrifice was complete, addressing the needs of both our souls and our bodies.

Matt 8:17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.

We can expect healing because of the finished work of Jesus on the cross. Healing is not a distant hope but a present promise secured by the finished work of Christ.

Exodus 15:26 ... for I am the LORD that healeth thee.

We can expect healing because God calls Himself the Lord who heals. Healing is part of God's very nature. He does not change, and neither do His promises. What He did for others in Scripture, He is willing to do for those who believe today.

We can expect healing because of the faithfulness of God's Word. God's Word is life-giving and powerful, sent to heal, restore, and sustain us. When we meditate on it, believe it, and speak it, we align ourselves with His will. Healing may not always be instant, but we have every reason to expect it because God's Word cannot return void.

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

Prayer Focus: Lord, I receive Your Word of healing and stand on the truth that by Your stripes I am healed. Strengthen my faith as I wait on Your perfect timing and trust Your unfailing love.

Verse of the Day: Jer 33:3 Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

Living the Word Today: When a believer understands the promises, the character, and the finished work of Jesus, they have a solid foundation to expect healing. God's Word provides more than hope—it provides assurance.

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The Bible Is the Sure Word of God

Psa 119:160 Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.

The Bible stands as the unchanging and eternal Word of God. From Genesis to Revelation, it reveals the nature, will, and promises of the Lord. It is not a collection of suggestions or myths but the sure foundation on which believers build their lives. The Word is our guide, our light, and our truth.

2 Pet 1:19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts.

God's Word is alive and full of power, sharper than any two-edged sword. It corrects, comforts, and convicts, always pointing us toward Christ and His righteousness. When we open the Bible, we are not just reading ancient text—we are hearing from the living God.

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

Scripture brings stability in an unstable world. God's promises do not shift with culture or circumstances. When everything else fails, the Word remains. It teaches us how to live, how to hope, and how to walk by faith. The Bible is not just a book—it is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

Prayer Focus: Lord, thank You for the gift of Your Word. Help me to trust it, obey it, and hide it in my heart so that I may not sin against You.

Verse of the Day: Psa 119:130 The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.

Living the Word Today: The believer who honors and applies the Word will never be without direction. God's Word is a trustworthy anchor in every season of life.

Content but Not Complacent

Phil 4:11 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.

Being content is not the same as being complacent. Contentment is a holy satisfaction that comes from trusting God's timing and provision, while complacency is a passive resistance to growth and obedience. The Apostle Paul expressed that he learned to be content in all circumstances, not because his circumstances were ideal, but because his confidence was in Christ. However, Paul also pressed forward in faith, always seeking to fulfill the purpose God had placed in him.

Phil 3:13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before.

There is beauty in resting in God's sovereignty and peace, but we are also called to grow, pursue righteousness, and press toward the mark. Complacency causes us to settle, but faith compels us to walk deeper with God and bear fruit for His glory. The desire to grow in God is not birthed from discontentment but from a deep love for Him and a yearning to fulfill His will.

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

Prayer Focus: Lord, thank You for teaching me contentment, but stir in me a hunger for more of You. Help me never to settle where You are calling me to stretch and grow.

Verse of the Day: Psa 37:3 Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

Living the Word Today: The believer walks with peaceful contentment and spiritual expectancy. God's purpose always invites forward movement, even when we are grateful for the present.

Choose the Way of Truth

Psa 119:30 I have chosen the way of truth: thy judgments have I laid before me

Walking in truth is a daily decision that requires intentional alignment with God's Word. The way of truth is not always easy, but it is always right. It separates us from compromise and invites us into a life marked by peace, clarity, and spiritual power. When we choose truth, we are choosing Christ Himself.

John 14:6 I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

God's Word is our standard for truth, and by it we discern what is righteous. The world offers many paths, but only one leads to life. Truth keeps us from being deceived, and it anchors our identity, choices, and calling. As we grow in truth, we are transformed and made strong to resist temptation and walk in holiness.

Psa 25:5 Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.

The more we embrace God's truth, the more we reflect His heart. Freedom, victory, and spiritual clarity come when we commit ourselves to the truth that never changes.

Prayer Focus: Father, I choose the way of truth. Help me to love Your Word, to walk in it boldly, and to reflect Your light in all I do.

Verse of the Day: John 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Living the Word Today: Truth is more than a principle—it is a Person. When believers choose to walk in truth, they walk in step with Jesus and reflect His glory to others.

Remembering, Reflecting, and Receiving at The Lord's Table

1 Cor 11:24 And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

Coming to the Lord's Table is more than a routine; it is a sacred moment to remember the ultimate sacrifice Jesus made for us. It is a holy invitation to reflect on His goodness, repent from sin, and receive fresh grace and strength for the journey ahead. As we partake of the bread and the cup, we are called to pause and honor the finished work of the cross, not with haste but with reverence and faith. This ordinance is a declaration of Christ's death and resurrection until He returns and a reminder that His mercy still speaks for us today.

The act of communion is both personal and powerful. In remembering, we look back at Calvary. In reflecting, we search our hearts and align them with God's truth. In receiving, we take hold of every promise He purchased with His blood. At the Lord's Table, the broken are healed, the weary are refreshed, and the repentant are restored.

1 Cor 11:28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.

Prayer Focus: Lord, I approach Your table with gratitude and humility. Help me to remember Your sacrifice, reflect with sincerity, and receive the fullness of Your grace with joy.

Verse of the Day: 1 Cor 11:26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

Living the Word Today: Communion is not a religious formality, but a holy exchange of love and remembrance between Christ and His redeemed. It is a time for believers to pause and recommit their hearts to the One who gave His all.

God's Mercy Is from Everlasting to Everlasting

Psa 103:17 But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children.

The mercy of God is not temporary or limited by time. It stretches from eternity past to eternity future, covering every failure, weakness, and shortcoming in our lives. His mercy does not run out with our mistakes or fade with our inconsistencies. Instead, it is renewed every morning, ready to meet us with compassion and lovingkindness.

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

God's mercy is not given because we deserve it but because He is rich in love and slow to anger. He extends mercy not to excuse sin, but to lead us to repentance and restoration. This divine mercy keeps us from being overwhelmed and gives us the strength to continue walking by faith.

Let us never grow numb to the wonder of His mercy. His lovingkindness is a refuge in the storm and a balm to our brokenness. As we fear and reverence the Lord, we are covered by a mercy that spans generations. His mercy is not just a promise, it is the heart of God revealed in Jesus Christ.

Psa 100:5 For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

Prayer Focus: Lord, thank You for Your mercy that never ends. Help me to walk in reverence and gratitude, trusting in Your compassion daily.

Verse of the Day: Psa 86:5 For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

Living the Word Today: God's mercy is constant and boundless. It is an anchor for the soul and a reminder that no one is beyond the reach of His love.

Jesus: The Author of a Better Covenant

Heb 8:6 But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.

Jesus Christ is not only our Savior, but also the Mediator of a covenant far greater than the old. The law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. This new covenant is written not on tablets of stone, but on the hearts of believers. Through His blood, we are given full access to God, forgiveness of sins, and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit who enables us to live a life pleasing to the Father.

Under the old covenant, sacrifices had to be made continually for sins, but Jesus offered Himself once and for all. This covenant is not based on our works, but on Christ's finished work at Calvary. It is a covenant of grace, purchased with love, and sealed with the blood of the Lamb.

Heb 9:12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

We now walk in boldness and hope, knowing that the promises of God in Christ are sure.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for giving me access to the Father through Your blood. Help me to live each day aware of the covenant of grace You've made with me.

Verse of the Day: Heb 7:22 By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament.

Living the Word Today: When believers remember who Jesus is and what He secured through His covenant, their confidence is renewed. The better covenant draws them into deeper relationship and reliance on God's grace.

Keep Your Heart Right Towards Yourself

Lev 19:18 Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the Lord.

God not only desires that we love Him and others, but He also calls us to walk in love toward ourselves. Too often we extend grace to others while withholding it from ourselves, replaying our failures and speaking harshly to our own hearts. Yet Scripture reminds us that we are fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:14) and deeply loved by our Creator. To keep our heart right toward ourselves is not pride but obedience to the command to love, as God sees us through the lens of redemption.

Rom 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

The enemy seeks to cloud our self-worth with condemnation. When we accept God's forgiveness, we are not to pick up shame again. A heart aligned with God's truth knows that while we grow and change, we are still loved. We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, and nothing about us is by accident.

Phil 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.

It pleases God when we view ourselves through His Word. You are a work in progress, molded by the hands of the Potter. Keep your heart free from bitterness, even toward yourself, and allow God's grace to shape your thoughts and self-perception.

Prayer Focus: Lord, help me to see myself the way You see me. I release every lie of the enemy and choose to walk in the truth of Your love.

Verse of the Day Psa 139:14: I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

Living the Word Today: Many believers struggle with extending mercy to themselves, yet God's love includes every part of their journey. When the heart is healed and aligned with truth, personal peace and growth begin to flourish.

The Eternal Treasures We Do Not See

2 Cor **4:18** While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

Much of life tries to measure success by what is visible—money, titles, recognition. But God teaches us to look beyond what can be touched and counted. Eternal treasures are built through faith, obedience, and love, even when no one is watching. The unseen is where our true riches lie, because God rewards what is done in secret and values the heart over the appearance.

Matt 6:19-20 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal.

Our acts of kindness, prayers, sacrifices, and trust in God are all deposits into heaven's storehouse. They may go unnoticed by man, but they are honored by God. Faithfulness, even when it seems fruitless, is never wasted. Faith keeps us connected to the reality of the eternal even when circumstances try to shake us. The invisible things of God are more solid and lasting than anything we can grasp with human hands.

Heb 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Prayer Focus: Father, help me to value what You value and keep my heart fixed on the eternal. Let my faith grow stronger each day as I trust in what I cannot see.

Verse of the Day: 2 Cor 5:7 For we walk by faith, not by sight.

Living the Word Today: The most powerful truths and treasures in life are often hidden from natural sight. When believers focus on the unseen promises of God, they live with eternal hope and unshakable peace.

A River in the Desert

Isa 43:19 Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

God is still working miracles, and He desires to pour out His power like a river. Just as rivers carve through dry places and bring life to barren lands, the presence of God refreshes, revives, and restores what seemed lifeless. The same God who parted the Red Sea and caused water to flow from a rock is still making a way today. His miracles flow when we put our faith in Him and expect the unexpected

John 7:38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

When we believe and trust Him, His Spirit flows through us to bring life and healing to others. This river of the Holy Spirit is not stagnant. It brings breakthrough, cleansing, provision, and restoration. Miracles are not a memory from the past. They are the overflow of God's presence still active in us today. When God's river flows, dead things live again. Dreams are reborn. Hope is restored. Hearts are healed. If you feel dry or distant, step into the river of His presence and believe again for miracles.

Eze 47:9 And it shall come to pass, that every thing that liveth, which moveth, whithersoever the rivers shall come, shall live.

When God's river flows, dead things live again. Dreams are reborn. Hope is restored. Hearts are healed. If you feel dry or distant, step into the river of His presence and believe again for miracles.

Prayer Focus: Father, I open my heart to Your miraculous flow. Let Your river of power and healing overflow in my life and through me to others.

Verse of the Day: Luke 1:37 For with God nothing shall be impossible.

Living the Word Today: God's miraculous river is always moving, always giving life, and always available to the believer. When we trust in His power, we become vessels for His miraculous work.

Be Set Free

John 8:36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

True freedom begins in Christ. No matter the chains that once bound us whether fear, shame, sin, addiction, or guilt—Jesus has the power to break them. Many people walk through life burdened and weighed down by invisible loads, but the finished work of Jesus on the cross provides total deliverance. When we surrender our hearts fully to Him, we discover the joy of living unchained and unafraid.

Rom 6:22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

The freedom Christ gives is not a temporary escape, but a permanent transformation. God sets us free not just to live for ourselves, but to live holy and fruitful lives that glorify Him. As we walk in obedience, the Holy Spirit empowers us to resist temptation and stand firm in liberty.

Gal 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

It is possible to be free and still choose to go back to what held us. But when we recognize the value of our freedom, we will guard it and walk boldly in it. Christ did not die for partial freedom—He died for our total victory.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for breaking the chains off my life. Help me to walk every day in the liberty You have given me.

Verse of the Day: Psa 119:45 I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts.

Living the Word Today: Freedom in Christ is not earned, it is received. When a believer chooses to live in that freedom, their life becomes a testimony of God's power and grace.

God Makes the Crooked Ways Straight

Isa 45:2 I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron.

Life often presents us with paths that seem confusing, delayed, or unjust. But the Word of God assures us that He is the One who goes before us, clearing the way and straightening every path. When situations appear out of order or filled with obstacles, we can stand on His promise that He is working behind the scenes. Nothing is too twisted or broken for the Lord to realign according to His perfect will.

Pro 3:5-6 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.

Trust requires surrendering our logic and choosing faith over fear. God does not need things to make sense to us in order to make them work for us. When we release control and acknowledge Him, He leads us with wisdom and peace.

Psa 27:11 Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.

Prayer Focus: Lord, I trust You to make the crooked ways straight in my life. Help me to follow Your leading with confidence and patience.

Verse of the Day: Isa 30:21 And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

Living the Word Today: The enemy would love to trap us in confusion and discouragement, but God's guidance is steady. As we walk with Him in obedience and humility, He takes what was once confusing and makes it clear, what was painful and makes it purposeful. He truly is the God who makes all things straight.

The Ministry of Prayer

1 Thes 5:17 Pray without ceasing.

Prayer is not just a personal devotion but a powerful ministry that connects heaven to earth. It is through prayer that we intercede, listen, and move mountains by faith. The ministry of prayer is not reserved for a select few but is the calling and privilege of every believer. As we bring our requests, our worship, and our repentance before God, we fulfill one of the most sacred acts of partnership with Him.

Jas 5:16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much..

Our prayers are not empty words; they carry weight and authority when offered in righteousness and faith. Through prayer, we can stand in the gap for families, communities, and nations. We labor in the Spirit when we choose to kneel in the secret place.

Matt 21:13 It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer.

If we are the temple of the Holy Ghost, then our lives should overflow with this ministry. When we pray, we invite the will of God into our situation and align ourselves with His purpose. Prayer not only changes things, it changes us.

Prayer Focus: Lord, thank You for the privilege to come before You in prayer. Teach me to pray faithfully, fervently, and with joy, knowing You hear and respond.

Verse of the Day: Phil 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God

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God Gives Wisdom, Knowledge, and Understanding

Pro 2:6 For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.

There is a difference between human intelligence and divine wisdom. The Lord is not only the source of knowledge but the One who gives it freely to those who ask. When we seek Him with humble hearts, He imparts clarity in confusion, insight for decisions, and discernment for the journey ahead. God is generous with His wisdom and delights in leading His children by truth.

Jas 1:5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

We never need to walk blindly or lean on our own understanding when God offers divine guidance. Through prayer and His Word, He teaches us what is right and leads us in paths of righteousness. His wisdom brings peace, His knowledge equips us, and His understanding brings stability.

Dan 2:21 And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding.

Even in times of transition and uncertainty, God remains the giver of what we need most. He reveals mysteries, settles our hearts, and orders our steps. When we trust in His wisdom, we walk confidently and purposefully.

Prayer Focus: Lord, I ask You today for Your wisdom, knowledge, and understanding. Help me to lean on Your truth and not my own limited perspective.

Verse of the Day: Psa 37:23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way.

Living the Word Today: God never wastes a season of waiting. Those who patiently seek His face are often being prepared for something far greater than what they imagined.

He That Does the Will of God Abides Forever

1 John 2:17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

The call to do the will of God is not a fleeting instruction but a path that leads to eternal security. Obedience to His Word anchors us beyond the shifting circumstances of life. Though people and possessions fade, the person who honors God through faithful surrender is planted in something that will never pass away. His promises remain firm for those who live with eternity in mind.

Matt 7:21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

It is not enough to speak about God without walking in His ways. To do His will means to love what He loves, to yield when He corrects, and to serve where He sends. This kind of life brings true fulfillment and leads to an everlasting reward.

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

God's will is not hidden or burdensome. It is perfect and leads to a life of peace, purpose, and permanence in Him. The one who follows His will is never walking in vain.

Prayer Focus: Lord, help me to walk in Your will with a willing heart and a surrendered spirit. I desire to live a life that pleases You and endures into eternity.

Verse of the Day: Matt 6:10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Living the Word Today: Those who seek to do the will of God are not chasing what will fade. Their lives are grounded in truth that carries eternal weight and glory.

Holy, Chosen, and Beloved

Col 3:12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering.

God has called each of His children by name and set them apart for His glory. As believers, we are not random or forgotten. We are holy, chosen, and beloved in Christ. This truth should not only encourage our hearts but also transform how we live. We carry the identity of God's elect, marked by grace and empowered to reflect His character.

1Peter 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

To be holy is to be separated for God's purpose. We are not called to blend in, but to shine with the light of Christ. Our status as beloved children is not earned through works but received through faith in the finished work of Jesus.

Eph 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love, When believers remember they are chosen and beloved, they begin to live with boldness and compassion. Their holiness becomes a light that points others back to the heart of God.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for choosing me, loving me, and calling me holy in Christ. Help me to walk in a way that honors the identity You have given me.

Verse of the Day: John 15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

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