



Greetings in the Wonderful Name of Jesus! Happy Thanksgiving! This is a wonderful season to pause and give thanks unto the Lord for His goodness and faithfulness. "O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever," (Psalm 107:1). Every blessing we enjoy—life, family, salvation, and fellowship—is a gift from our gracious God.

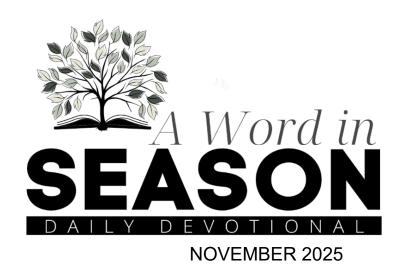
As we gather in gratitude, Greenville Community Christian Church will host our annual Bless the City Worship Service on Sunday, November 23, 2025, at 10 a.m. This special time will include a powerful worship experience, a passionate Word from God, and plenty of friendly, loving fellowship for all. We will also be blessing our community with food boxes, gift cards, and more for those in need. Together, we can make a difference and show the love of Christ in a tangible way.

Thanksgiving is more than a holiday—it's a way of life. When we bless others, we reflect the heart of Jesus. He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," (Acts 20:35). Your continued prayers, faithful attendance, and generous offerings make this ministry outreach possible.

Lady Sarah and I are deeply thankful for your love, faith, and partnership in the gospel. Because of your faithfulness, lives are being touched, families are being restored, and the name of Jesus is being lifted high in our city. We love and appreciate you. May your home overflow with joy, peace, and gratitude this Thanksgiving season.

With heartfelt thanks and blessings,

Pastor James D. Corbett



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# **Sharing Christ Right Where You Are**

**Mat 5:14-16** Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

You do not have to stand behind a pulpit to share Christ. Sometimes it happens through a smile, a listening ear, or an act of kindness when someone least expects it. God strategically places each of us in environments where His love can reach others through our daily interactions. When we live with awareness of His presence, our ordinary moments become opportunities for ministry. People are watching how we handle challenges, how we forgive, and how we serve. The way we live can be a silent sermon that points others to Jesus.

**Col 3:23** And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men.

Whether at work, school, or home, every action done in love and humility can reflect Christ's character. Sometimes sharing Jesus begins by simply being present and compassionate. When others see peace in your heart during difficult times, they may begin to ask questions that open the door for you to share the hope within you. God never wastes a location, and He never places His children where His purpose cannot be fulfilled

**Prayer Focus:** Lord, help me to recognize every opportunity to share Your love and truth. Give me courage to speak when You lead me and wisdom to show compassion in all I do.

**Verse of the Day: Philemon 1:6** That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

**Living the Word Today:** Every believer carries the presence of Christ into their daily spaces. When we live with intention and love, we make God's grace visible to those who need it most.

## **Being Approachable to Win Souls**

**Luke 18:16** But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.

One of the greatest gifts we can give others is the gift of being approachable. Jesus Himself modeled this when He welcomed children, spoke with outcasts, and paused to heal those who reached for Him in faith. People could come to Him without fear of rejection. As followers of Christ, we are called to carry that same spirit of openness and compassion. Sometimes ministry is less about preaching a sermon and more about having a listening ear or a warm presence that makes others feel safe.

**Matt 19:13-14** Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put his hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

Being approachable means we reflect the love of Christ in a way that draws people rather than pushing them away. When others sense that they can come to us without judgment, we become vessels through which God's grace and encouragement can flow.

**Prayer Focus**: Lord, help me to carry Your heart in my actions and words so others feel safe to draw near. Make me a vessel of kindness and compassion that reflects Your love to those around me.

**Verse of the Day: Jas 3:17** But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

**Living the Word Today:** When we live with an approachable spirit, we create space for others to experience the warmth of Christ's love.

## What True Belief Looks Like

**John 11:25-26** Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

True belief is more than agreeing with the truth in our minds; it is trusting God with our hearts and lives. Many people say they believe in God, but genuine belief shows up in how we live, respond, and persevere through trials. Faith is active; it produces obedience, peace, and confidence even when life feels uncertain. To truly believe is to rely on God's promises as if they are already done, knowing that His Word cannot fail.

Jas 2:17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

Real belief motivates us to move forward when everything else says stop. It's believing God's Word when the situation looks impossible and acting on it with full assurance that He is faithful. Abraham's story in Romans 4:20–21 shows us this kind of faith—he "staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief," but was "fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform." True belief is fully persuaded trust in the character and power of God. True belief is a daily choice to rest in God's truth above our feelings and circumstances.

Mark 9:23 If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

**Prayer Focus:** Lord, thank You for being the Door that leads me into salvation and life. Help me to never take lightly the privilege of walking with You daily.

**Verse of the Day: Psa 118:20** This gate of the Lord, into which the righteous shall enter.

**Living the Word Today:** When we hold on to belief in who God is, not just what He can do, it changes everything. It brings courage in weakness, joy in sorrow, and strength in waiting.

## **How to Connect Without Compromise**

**2 Cor 6:14** Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

As believers, God calls us to live among others without losing the light within us. Connecting with people is part of our purpose, but compromise is not. Jesus Himself ate with sinners, not to blend in, but to bring change. True connection comes from compassion guided by conviction. It is about reflecting Christ's character while remaining anchored in His truth.

**Rom 12:2** And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Our friendships, work relationships, and community involvement should reflect that transformation. It is possible to be kind, inclusive, and loving without agreeing with everything we encounter. When our values are rooted in God's Word, we can influence others for good instead of being influenced by the world around us.

**Eph 5:11** And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

When we stand firm in God's love and truth, He uses us as bridges to reach hearts. We can connect deeply, serve boldly, and love unconditionally while still honoring God in everything we do.

**Prayer Focus:** Lord, help me to love people the way You do without losing sight of Your truth. Teach me to connect with others while standing firm in the values that honor You.

**Verse of the Day: Psa 1:1** Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

**Living the Word Today:** Staying true to our faith may mean setting boundaries or walking away from certain situations. Godly connection does not require compromise.

# Small Acts of Faith That Make a Big Difference

**Matt 17:20** And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

Faith does not always look like grand gestures or public displays. Many times, it is found in the quiet choices we make when no one else is watching. It could be trusting God with a small prayer, giving when it seems you have little, or speaking encouragement to someone who is struggling. God notices the smallest acts of faith and multiplies them for His glory. Just like the mustard seed, our faith may start small, but its impact can grow beyond anything we imagine.

Jas 2:17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

Each step of obedience is an act of living faith. When you forgive, serve, or pray consistently, you are exercising spiritual muscles that build endurance and deepen your relationship with God. The beauty of faith is that it trusts God to do what we cannot do ourselves. Small acts done in faith create ripples that reach into eternity.

**Gal 6:9** And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

**Prayer Focus:** Lord, help me to value the small acts of faith You place before me each day. Strengthen me to trust that even my smallest steps of obedience are precious in Your sight.

**Verse of the Day: Heb 10:23** Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

**Living the Word Today:** Faith does not need to be loud to be powerful. Small, consistent acts of trust create the kind of strength that changes lives and honors God.

# Representing Christ in a Digital World

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

Social media gives us a platform to connect, share, and influence like never before, but as believers, we are called to use these spaces wisely. Every post, comment, or share should reflect the character of Christ within us. Before we post, it helps to pause and ask, "Does this honor God?" or "Would I say this in His presence?" When our hearts are anchored in Christ, even our digital interactions can become ministry opportunities.

**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.

Our words, whether spoken or typed, have the power to build up or tear down. The digital world moves fast, but the impact of our words lasts long after the screen goes dark. Choosing to speak life, extend grace, and share truth can make us lights in online spaces that often grow dark with negativity.

**Phil 4:8** Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

**Prayer Focus:** Lord, help me use my online voice to glorify You and represent Your heart. Teach me to respond with wisdom, grace, and love in every post and interaction.

**Verse of the Day: Isa 59:16** And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him.

**Living the Word Today:** As followers of Jesus, we can bring peace into online chaos by reflecting His love and truth. Our presence can remind others that God is still at work, even in the comments section.

## **Gratitude: A Tool of Spiritual Warfare**

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

There is real power in gratitude. It may not seem like a weapon, but when we choose to thank God in the middle of trouble, we shift our focus from the battle to the Victor. Gratitude silences the enemy because it declares that God is still good, even when life is hard. When we thank Him for what He has done and what He will do, faith rises and fear begins to fade. Gratitude is not ignoring the pain but choosing to see God's hand working through it.

**Psa 100:4** Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

Thanksgiving opens the door to God's presence. When we are thankful, even for small blessings, we invite heaven's peace into our hearts. The enemy thrives on complaints and discouragement. He loses ground when we worship through gratitude. Our thankfulness becomes a shield that guards our hearts from bitterness and despair.

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

**Prayer Focus:** Lord, teach me to use gratitude as my weapon of faith. Help me to give thanks in every situation, trusting that You are working all things for my good.

**Verse of the Day: Psa 28:7** The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.

**Living the Word Today:** Gratitude keeps our hearts aligned with God's peace. It reminds us that no matter how fierce the battle feels, the victory is already settled in Christ.

# November 8 God Protects Us from Seen and Unseen Dangers

**Psa 91:11** For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

God's protection goes far beyond what we can see. Many of us can look back and recognize moments when the Lord clearly shielded us, but there are countless other times we will never know about until eternity. He is constantly working behind the scenes, redirecting danger, softening hearts, closing doors, and leading us safely through situations that could have harmed us. God's protection is not just physical but also spiritual and emotional. When we walk with Him, His presence surrounds us like a shield that the enemy cannot penetrate.

**Psa 121:7-8 The** Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

God never sleeps or takes a break from watching over His children. Sometimes His protection looks like prevention, and other times it looks like endurance. Whether He delivers us from the fire or through it, His faithfulness does not change. The same God who delivered Daniel from the lions and protected the Israelites under the blood of the lamb still keeps His people today.

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

God is our unseen defender, standing between us and every attack of the enemy. We can rest knowing that His power is active, His angels are on assignment, and His love never fails to protect us.

**Prayer Focus:** Lord thank You for watching over me even when I am unaware of the dangers around me.

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

**Living the Word Today:** Faith deepens when we recognize God's unseen hand in our lives. His protection often works quietly, but its effects are lasting and life-giving.

# Financial Stewardship During Every Season

**Prov 21:20** There is treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man spendeth it up.

The holiday season should be a joyful time, but it can also tempt us to overspend and neglect good financial stewardship. God calls us to be wise managers of the resources He provides. Every gift we buy, every meal we plan, and every offering we give should reflect gratitude, not guilt or pressure. Stewardship is not about how much we have, but how we handle what we have. When we invite God into our financial decisions, we find peace and freedom instead of stress and debt.

**1 Tim 6:17-19** 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; that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

Giving is part of godly stewardship, but giving wisely matters too. God wants us to bless others from a heart of love, not obligation. When we manage money with prayerful intention, we position ourselves for long-term blessings that extend far beyond the holiday season.

Stewardship is seen in the small, daily choices we make. God honors discipline, planning, and a cheerful heart that gives as an act of worship. This season, let our spending and giving reflect our trust in Him rather than in things that fade.

**Prayer Focus:** Lord, help me to handle my finances with wisdom and peace during this season. Teach me to give generously but also responsibly, so that everything I do brings You glory.

**Verse of the Day: Phil 4:19** But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

**Living the Word Today:** Financial stewardship reflects the condition of the heart. When believers invite God into their decisions, they experience joy that outlasts temporary pleasures.

## **Turning Gratitude into Giving**

**2 Cor 9:7** Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

Gratitude and giving go hand in hand. When we recognize how good God has been to us, it naturally stirs a desire to give. True gratitude does not stop at words; it overflows into action. Giving is an expression of worship, not just an act of generosity. When our hearts are thankful, we stop asking, "How much should I give?" and start asking, "How can I bless someone today?".

**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.

Everything we have comes from God, and giving allows us to reflect His nature. Whether it is our time, talents, or treasures, God uses our giving to spread His love and meet needs that we may never see ourselves. Gratitude keeps our hearts tender and prevents selfishness from taking root.

**Luke 6:38** Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

When we give with a thankful heart, we open ourselves to receive God's abundance. Gratitude transforms giving into an act of faith and partnership with God's purposes. It reminds us that we are blessed to be a blessing.

**Prayer Focus:** Lord, thank You for every blessing You have given me. Help me to show my gratitude through giving, serving, and sharing Your love with others.

**Verse of the Day: Heb 13:16** But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

**Living the Word Today:** True gratitude leads to action. Through our giving, God's love reaches those who need it most.

# Standing Firm in Faith and Freedom

**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.

Freedom is one of the most cherished gifts both spiritually and naturally. While we celebrate the freedoms of our nations, as believers, we must never forget that our greatest liberty comes through Christ. True freedom is not only the right to choose but the ability to live righteously through the power of the Holy Spirit. As Christians, we are called to honor our country and pray for our leaders, yet our ultimate allegiance is to the Kingdom of God, whose reign is everlasting.

**Rom 13:7** Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.

We should live as ambassadors of heaven, carrying the values of God's Kingdom into every area of life. Balancing patriotism with our higher calling means loving our nation without compromising the truth of God's Word. Our identity in Christ shapes how we serve, lead, and stand in times of moral challenge or division.

Standing firm in faith and freedom requires courage and discernment. It means standing for what is right even when it is unpopular and loving others even when we disagree. As we walk in the freedom Christ provides, let us remember that liberty comes with the responsibility to reflect His light and truth in every sphere of life. True freedom is not the absence of restraint but the presence of God's grace guiding us toward righteousness.

**Prayer Focus:** Lord, thank You for the freedom I have in You. Help me to walk boldly in that liberty while honoring the responsibilities You have given me as a citizen of both heaven and earth.

**Verse of the Day: 2 Corinthians 3:17** Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

**Living the Word Today:** Faithful believers understand that earthly freedom is a blessing, but spiritual freedom is eternal. When we live in the balance of both, our lives become a powerful testimony of God's Kingdom influence.

Happy Veteran's Day!



## **Put God in Remembrance of His Promises**

**Isa 43:26** Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified.

God invites His people to remind Him of His promises, not because He forgets, but because He delights in hearing our faith. When we remind God of what He said, we are standing on His Word with confidence and expectation. It is not about demanding or trying to control outcomes but about agreeing with what God has already declared. Speaking His Word back to Him shows that we trust His faithfulness and take Him at His Word.

**Num 23:19** God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

When we put God in remembrance, we are aligning our prayers with His promises. This act strengthens our faith and silences doubt. It reminds our hearts that the God who spoke life into existence is the same God who will fulfill His Word concerning us. Standing on His promises keeps us focused when circumstances tempt us to waver.

**2 Cor 1:20** For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

**Prayer Focus:** Lord, thank You for every promise You have made in Your Word. Help me to remember and declare Your promises in faith, knowing that You are faithful to perform them.

**Verse of the Day: 2 Cor 11:14** And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

**Living the Word Today** God's promises are sure, and our role is to hold on to them through prayer and confession. When we remind Him of His Word, we remind ourselves of His power and goodness. The promises of God are not just words written in Scripture; they are living truths meant to be activated by faith.

## Seeking God Early in the Morning

**Psa 63:1** O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is.

There is something special about meeting with God before the day begins. The quiet of the morning creates space for us to hear His voice without distraction. When we start our day with Him, we acknowledge that He is our source of strength, peace, and direction. Seeking God early is not about checking off a task, but about cultivating relationship and trust before the busyness of life sets in.

**Mark 1:35** And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.

If Jesus, the Son of God, found it necessary to spend time with the Father before the day's demands, how much more should we? Early morning prayer sets the tone for the rest of our day. It fills our hearts with God's Word and aligns our steps with His will. It becomes a sacred rhythm that strengthens our spirit and keeps us grounded in His presence.

**Prov 8:17** I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.

God honors those who seek Him first. When we prioritize His presence, we find clarity in confusion, peace in uncertainty, and strength in weakness. The early hours with God prepare us to face whatever comes, not in our own power, but in His grace and wisdom.

**Prayer Focus:** Lord, help me to seek You first each day with a heart that longs for Your presence. Teach me to quiet my mind and listen for Your voice before the day begins.

**Verse of the Day: Lam 3:22** It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

**Living the Word Today:** The morning is a sacred time to realign the heart with God. Those who choose to meet Him early experience a renewed sense of peace and direction throughout their day.

# **God Orders Our Steps**

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

Life often feels like a series of crossroads where we are unsure which way to turn. Yet God promises that He is not only aware of our path, but He is also the One who directs it. When we walk in obedience, we can trust that our steps are not random but divinely guided. Each moment, whether big or small, is part of His greater plan that works for our good and His glory.

**Prov 16:9** A man's heart deviseth his way: but the Lord directeth his steps.

We may make our plans, but God has the final say, and that should bring comfort, not fear. His wisdom is greater than ours, and He knows what lies ahead even when we cannot see it. That means even the detours, delays, and disappointments we face are not wasted. God uses them to shape us, protect us, and prepare us for what is next.

**Jer 29:11** For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

God's steps lead us toward His promises. He orders our way with precision and care, making sure we do not miss what He has prepared for us. When we lean on Him daily, we begin to see that our lives are not just drifting but being steered by His steady hand.

**Prayer Focus:** Lord, I thank You for ordering my steps even when I cannot see the full picture. Help me to trust Your timing and walk in faith knowing You are leading me every day.

**Verse of the Day: Isa 48:17** Thus saith the Lord, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the Lord thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.

**Living the Word Today:** God's leading is never careless or random. When His children trust Him, they can live in peace knowing each step is a part of His perfect design. Trust God enough to obey Him.

## **Detours that Lead to Destiny**

**Gen 50:20** But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.

Sometimes life takes us in directions we did not plan. Joseph never planned to be betrayed by his brothers, sold into slavery, or thrown into prison. Yet those very detours positioned him for the palace, where God used him to save many lives. What looked like setbacks were actually divine setups for destiny.

**Prov 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.

The detours we face may feel confusing and even painful, but they are not wasted when God is in control. He directs our paths, and sometimes that direction includes a route we would have never chosen. These unexpected roads often develop character, deepen our faith, and prepare us for assignments that require more maturity and strength than we had before.

**Rom 8:28** And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Every delay, redirection, and closed door can be part of God's greater plan to bring us into His purpose. What feels like a delay to us may actually be protection or preparation. God's timing is perfect, and His detours always lead us exactly where we need to be.

**Prayer Focus:** Lord, help me to trust You when life takes me down roads I did not expect. Give me faith to see that even detours are part of Your plan for my good and Your glory.

**Verse of the Day: Isa 55:8** For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.

**Living the Word Today:** We grow in peace when we stop comparing ourselves to others and start trusting God's unique plan. We gain joy by embracing our identity in Christ and celebrating His work in our lives.

## Desire the Sincere Milk of the Word to Grow

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

Just like a baby needs milk to grow strong and healthy, every believer needs the Word of God to grow spiritually. Spiritual growth does not happen by accident. It takes intentional feeding on Scripture, studying, meditating, and applying it daily. When we make time to read the Word, it renews our minds, strengthens our faith, and brings clarity to our walk with God. The Word is nourishment for the soul, giving us stability in trials and direction for every season of life.

**Psa 119:105** Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

When we stay connected to the Word, it keeps us from stumbling. The Bible is not just a book to be read; it is a life manual inspired by God Himself. As we consistently study and obey it, we begin to reflect Christ's nature more and more. Growth is gradual, but every moment spent with the Word is an investment in our spiritual maturity.

**2 Tim 3:16-17** All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

**Prayer Focus:** Lord, help me to hunger and thirst for Your Word every day. Teach me to apply what I learn so I can grow stronger in my faith and reflect Your character.

Verse of the Day: Jos 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

**Living the Word Today:** The Word equips us for every good work God calls us to do. It shapes our thoughts, corrects our motives, and empowers us to live victoriously. The more we desire it, the more we become who God designed us to be.







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## **Sow Seeds of Encouragement**

**Gal 6:9** And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Encouragement is one of the most powerful gifts we can give. Sometimes, a simple word of kindness or a gentle reminder of God's faithfulness can shift someone's entire perspective. When we take time to uplift others, we are planting seeds that God can use to bring comfort and hope into their lives. Encouragement is contagious—it multiplies when it is shared. Just as a farmer plants seeds expecting a harvest, we should sow encouragement believing that God will use it to produce something beautiful in others and even in ourselves.

**Heb 10:24** And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works.

Encouraging others is part of our calling as believers. It strengthens the Body of Christ and keeps us united in love and purpose. Sometimes, we assume people are strong because they smile, but everyone needs a reminder that God sees and cares. When we lift others up, we become the hands and voice of Jesus in their lives, shining light where there may be shadows of discouragement.

**Prov 11:25** The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.

**Prayer Focus:** Lord, help me to see opportunities to encourage others and to speak words that build up rather than tear down. Let my heart overflow with Your love so that my words reflect Your grace and truth.

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

**Living the Word Today:** God blesses those who pour into others. The more you encourage, the more encouraged you become. Every act of kindness, every word of hope, and every prayer for someone else comes back around in God's timing.

## Go on unto Perfection

**Heb 6:1** Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God.

Spiritual growth is not about reaching a state of flawlessness but about progressing daily in Christ. God calls us to mature in faith, to go beyond the basics and step into deeper obedience, trust, and understanding of His Word. Growth takes intention and perseverance. It means letting go of what once held us back and allowing the Holy Spirit to refine our hearts so that we reflect more of Jesus. Every step forward, no matter how small, is movement toward spiritual maturity.

**Phil 3:14** I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Pressing toward the mark means we keep moving forward, even when it is uncomfortable. Sometimes that requires pruning or correction, but those moments are designed to strengthen us. Maturity in Christ comes through learning from trials, staying teachable, and walking in humility. The closer we walk with God, the more we begin to think, speak, and act like Him.

**Jas 1:4** But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

**Prayer Focus:** Lord, I desire to grow stronger and wiser in You each day. Help me to stay focused, patient, and obedient as You perfect what concerns me.

**Verse of the Day: Col 1:28** Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.

**Living the Word Today:** Spiritual maturity is not about speed but about steady growth through surrender and trust. As believers yield to God's process, His character becomes more visible in their lives.

## Your Life Is Hid with Christ in God

**Col 3:3** For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

There is something deeply reassuring about knowing that your life is hidden with Christ in God. This means that your true identity, purpose, and security are not based on what people see or say but on who you are in Him. When you gave your heart to Christ, your old life passed away, and you became a new creation. You are no longer defined by past mistakes or worldly standards. You are covered, protected, and preserved by the presence of God.

**Psa 91:1 He** that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

When we live close to God, we find safety and peace that the world cannot take away. The enemy may try to distract us, but when our hearts are anchored in the Lord, his attempts lose power. To be "hid with Christ" is to live aware of God's presence and to trust that He is working all things together for our good, even when we cannot see it.

**John 10:28** And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

Nothing can separate you from God's love. You are held firmly in His hands, surrounded by His grace, and guided by His Spirit. As you walk through life, remind yourself that your life belongs to the One who cannot fail. That truth alone can give peace when life feels uncertain.

**Prayer Focus:** Lord, thank You for hiding my life in You. Help me to rest in Your security and to live boldly, knowing that I am covered and complete in You.

**Verse of the Day: Psa 27:5** For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

**Living the Word Today:** We find peace in knowing that God's covering is constant, and His presence keeps us steady through every season.

# **Open Your Heart Fully to God**

**Psa 139:23-24** Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Sometimes, we say our hearts are open to God, but when He starts dealing with the uncomfortable parts of our lives, we quietly close the door. Being open to God means surrendering even the parts of us we like to keep private—our fears, our pride, and our disappointments. When we allow the Holy Spirit to search us, He doesn't condemn us; He refines us so we can walk in true freedom and closeness with Him.

**Eze 36:26** A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you.

God cannot fill what we refuse to empty. When we cling to our own plans or try to control outcomes, we limit His ability to move in our lives. He wants to replace our stony hearts with tender ones that respond quickly to His voice. Being open to God is not just about praying when things get hard—it's about yielding daily, even in the ordinary moments. When our hearts stay open, He leads us into peace, purpose, and the kind of transformation that glorifies Him.

**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.

**Prayer Focus:** Lord, I open my heart fully to You today. Help me to release control and trust You with every area of my life, even those I've been afraid to surrender.

**Verse of the Day: Jer 29:13** And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

**Living the Word Today:** When we truly open our hearts to God, transformation begins. It is in that place of vulnerability that His strength, peace, and guidance are most clearly revealed.

## A Made-Up Mind to Serve the Lord

**Josh 24:15** And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve... but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

Serving God is a choice that requires determination and consistency. A made-up mind means being steadfast even when life presents distractions, disappointments, or opposition. It is deciding daily that no matter what comes, your heart belongs to the Lord. When our minds are settled on serving Him, nothing can easily pull us away from His purpose.

**Rom 12:2** And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Having a made-up mind to serve God brings peace and strength. The more we renew our minds through His Word, the more steadfast we become in our commitment to Him. Serving God is not about perfection but perseverance. It means showing up in faith, obeying His voice, and trusting His plan even when the outcome is unclear.

**Gal 6:9** And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

**Prayer Focus:** Lord, I choose to serve You with all my heart. Strengthen my mind and spirit to remain faithful even when challenges arise.

**Verse of the Day: 1 Cor 15:58** Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

**Living the Word Today** True service to God begins with love and devotion, not obligation. When we set our hearts to serve Him, He strengthens us for the journey and gives us joy in obedience. A made-up mind does not waver in storms but stands firm, knowing that serving God is never in vain. The reward of faithfulness far outweighs the trials of the present moment.

## Where Is Your Faith?

# Luke 8:25 Where is your faith?

Faith is one of the most powerful forces God has placed within us, yet it is often tested the most during times of uncertainty. After calming the storm, Jesus turned to His disciples and asked, "Where is your faith?" They had seen His miracles, yet fear still gripped their hearts. Like the disciples, we sometimes let fear overshadow faith when life feels turbulent. But faith is not about ignoring the storm—it is about trusting the One who commands it to cease.

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

Faith goes beyond what we feel or see; it is rooted in the character of God. When we choose to believe His Word despite how things appear, we shift our focus from the problem to the Promise Keeper. Faith gives us courage to keep moving forward, even when the outcome is unclear. Just as Abraham believed God and it was counted unto him for righteousness (Romans 4:3), we too can find strength in believing what God has said rather than what we see

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

Faith grows as we hear and act on the Word of God. Every time we read Scripture, pray, or worship, we are feeding our faith. God is faithful to respond to even a mustard seed of faith when it is placed in Him.

**Prayer Focus:** Father, help me to stand firm in faith even when life feels uncertain. Strengthen my trust in You and remind me that You are always in control.

**Verse of the Day: Mark 11:22** And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.

**Living the Word Today:** When the storms of life arise and doubt tries to creep in, ask yourself as Jesus did: "Where is your faith?" Then place it firmly back in His capable hands.

## **Faithful Friends**

Proverbs 18:24 A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

Luke 5:18–19 And, behold, men brought in a bed a man which was taken with a palsy: and they sought means to bring him in, and to lay him before him. And when they could not find by what way they might bring him in because of the multitude, they went upon the housetop, and let him down through the tiling with his couch into the midst before Jesus.

True friendship is one of God's great gifts. A faithful friend doesn't just walk beside you in good times—they stand with you through life's storms. Proverbs reminds us that "a friend loveth at all times." Genuine love is steadfast. It does not waver when things get difficult, nor disappear when circumstances change.

The man sick with palsy in Luke 5 had such friends. When crowds blocked the door, they refused to give up. They climbed the roof, removed the tiles, and lowered their friend right in front of Jesus. Their faith and persistence brought healing. These were *faithful friends*—determined, compassionate, and full of faith.

We also see a beautiful example in *Dorcas (Tabitha)*, whose good works and alms touched so many that when she died, her friends wept and called for Peter. Their love and faith were rewarded when God raised her back to life (Acts 9:36–41).

Faithful friends point you to Jesus, pray for you when you're weak, and lift you when you've fallen. They don't compete—they complete. May we be such friends—consistent in love, loyal in prayer, and committed to seeing one another walk in God's best.

**Prayer Focus:** Lord, thank You for faithful friends. Help us to be true and steadfast, showing Your love at all times. Knit our hearts together in unity and faith. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**Verse of the Day: Proverbs 17:17** A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

Living the Word Today: Love and value your friends. Be a great friend.

## The Impact of Your Miracle

**John 9:3** Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.

When God performs a miracle in your life, it is never just about you. Every miracle carries a message that points others to His power, mercy, and faithfulness. The miracle that restored the blind man's sight in John 9 wasn't only for his benefit; it was for the glory of God. Likewise, when God moves in your life, He is revealing His hand to others through you.

Acts 3:6 Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

Miracles have a ripple effect that reaches far beyond the moment they occur. That one miracle not only changed the man's life but drew a crowd who witnessed God's power. It became an opportunity for Peter to preach salvation through Jesus. Your testimony has that same potential. Every healing, breakthrough, or restoration in your life is meant to open doors for others to believe.

**John 11:43-44 And** when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes.

Sometimes we forget that the miracles God performs in our lives are seeds of faith planted in the hearts of others. Lazarus' miracle caused many who saw it to believe in Jesus. When God blesses you, share it. Your miracle can stir hope in someone else, reminding them that God is still working wonders today

**Prayer Focus:** Lord, thank You for every miracle You have done in my life. Help me to use my testimony to draw others closer to You and bring glory to Your name.

**Verse of the Day: Psa 118:23** This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.

**Living the Word Today:** The impact of a miracle often goes beyond the one who received it. When shared, it becomes a testimony that builds faith and reveals the goodness of God to others.

## **Stand Up for Christian Beliefs**

**Matt 5:14-16** Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Faith is not meant to be hidden but lived out boldly. Standing up for what you believe may not always be easy, but it is always worth it. God calls us to live as lights in a dark world, not by arguing or condemning, but by living in truth and love.

1 Cor 16:13 Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

Taking a stand for Christ means being anchored in His Word. It means choosing to live by conviction rather than convenience. The Holy Spirit gives us courage to speak truth, grace to respond with love, and strength to endure opposition. When our beliefs are rooted in Scripture, our actions reflect God's kingdom, and others are drawn to His light.

**2Tim 1:7 For** God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

**Prayer Focus:** Father, give me courage to stand for You even when it is uncomfortable. Help me to live in such a way that others see Your truth and love through me.

**Verse of the Day: Rom 1:16** For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

**Living the Word Today:** As we stand up for righteousness, we must also stand in humility, remembering that it is Christ's love that draws hearts to repentance. Let your faith be evident not only in your words but in the way you live every day. Be a light in the darkness.

## Be an Expert Witness for Christ

**Acts 1:8** But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

An expert witness in court testifies from experience and firsthand knowledge. As believers, we are called to do the same for Christ. Being an expert witness means more than quoting Scripture. It means living in such a way that your life provides undeniable evidence of God's goodness and grace. People may not read a Bible, but they will read your life.

**1 Pet 3:15** But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.

Sharing your testimony and walking in integrity are powerful ways to represent Christ. It is about consistency—showing love, forgiveness, and faithfulness even when no one else does. God equips each believer to testify through their unique story, proving that His power still transforms hearts and lives today.

**Mat 5:16** Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Every act of kindness, every word spoken in truth, and every prayer prayed for someone else builds your witness. The world may debate theology, but it cannot deny a life changed by Christ.

**Prayer Focus:** Father, help me to live boldly and authentically for You. Let my words and actions testify of Your love and transforming power.

**Verse of the Day: Psa 107:2** Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy.

**Living the Word Today:** Your steady faith in trials and your joy in tough times may be the very thing that draws someone closer to God. When we live out our faith with sincerity and grace, we speak louder than words ever could. Be thankful. Testify of the blessings of God.

# In Everything, Give Thanks

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

Gratitude is one of the most powerful postures a believer can have. It shifts our focus from what we lack to the One who provides all things. When we give thanks, even in difficult times, we are acknowledging God's sovereignty and trusting that He is working behind the scenes for our good. Life will always have moments that test our patience and faith, but thankfulness opens the door for peace and perspective to flow in.

**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.

Every situation is an opportunity to glorify God. Gratitude invites God's presence into our circumstances. It replaces anxiety with faith and bitterness with joy. The moment we begin to thank God for what He has done, we also start to believe Him for what He is going to do next.

**Psa 100:4** Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

Thanksgiving is a lifestyle of worship. When we make it a habit to thank God in everything, we begin to see His fingerprints in both the big and small details of life. Gratitude reminds us that God's love never fails and that His plans are always good, even when we do not understand them yet.

**Prayer Focus:** Lord, thank You for every season of my life. Help me to keep a heart of gratitude even when things do not go as I expect, trusting that You are faithful in all things.

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

Living the Word Today: A thankful heart changes how one sees life. Gratitude keeps faith alive and reminds believers that God is present and good in every circumstance.

## **Keep Your Mind Stayed on God**

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

Life can pull our thoughts in a hundred directions, but peace comes when our minds are fixed on the One who never changes. Keeping our minds stayed on God means continually bringing our focus back to Him, even in stressful moments. It is not about ignoring problems but about trusting that He is greater than them. When we choose to meditate on His promises instead of our problems, peace replaces anxiety and confidence replaces fear.

**Phil 4:8** Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

What we dwell on shapes how we live. When our thoughts are filled with truth and gratitude, our hearts follow. Spending time in prayer and Scripture each day helps us refocus on God's goodness and guard our minds against the chaos that tries to creep in.

**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.

**Prayer Focus:** Lord, help me to keep my mind focused on You no matter what comes my way. Teach me to trust Your promises and to rest in the peace that only You can give.

**Verse of the Day: Col 3:2** Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

**Living the Word Today:** A mind that stays fixed on God becomes a heart that rests in Him. When believers intentionally focus on God's truth, they experience His peace even in the middle of life's storms.

## **Your Life Matters**

**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.

Sometimes it is easy to feel overlooked, undervalued, or forgotten, but God sees you completely and loves you deeply. Every part of who you are was intentionally designed by God. You were not an accident or an afterthought. Even when you question your purpose, God reminds you that your life has meaning because He created you with purpose.

**Jer 29:11 For I** know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

God has a divine plan for every season of your life. He sees the moments that break your heart and the days that make you smile. Your life is precious to Him, and nothing you face is wasted in His hands. When you remember that your value comes from Him and not from others, you begin to live with confidence and peace.

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Jesus affirmed your worth when He gave His life on the cross. You matter so much to God that He chose to die and rise again for you. That is love beyond understanding. Each breath you take is proof that He still has purpose for you today.

**Prayer Focus:** Lord, thank You for reminding me that my life matters to You. Help me to walk each day with purpose and gratitude, knowing that I am loved and chosen by You.

**Verse of the Day: Isa 43:4** Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee: therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life.

**Living the Word Today:** Remember how much God values you and begin to see life differently. Confidence grows, peace returns, and every step becomes a reflection of His love and purpose.

## **Showers of Blessings**

**Eze 34:26** And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing.

There are times when life feels dry, like a season without rain. Yet God reminds us through His Word that He is the One who sends refreshing showers at just the right time. These showers come in many forms—peace after a storm, provision when needs arise, and joy that replaces sorrow. When we remain faithful, God has a way of turning droughts into downpours of His grace.

**Deut 28:12** The Lord shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand.

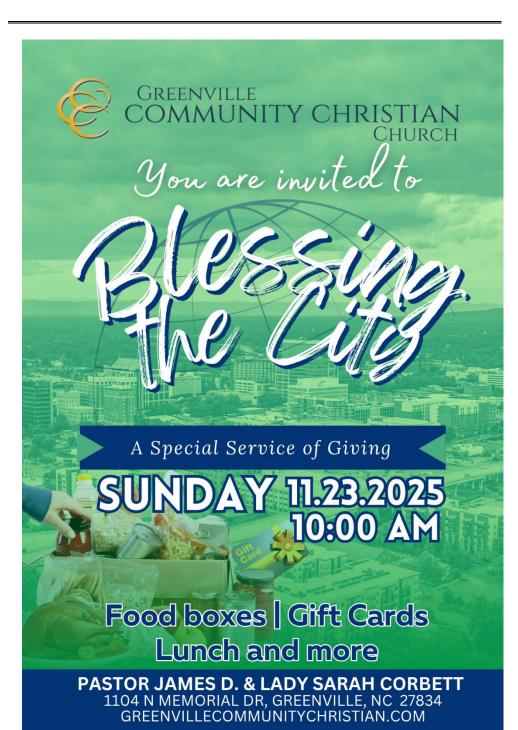
God's blessings are not random; they are purposeful and timely. He pours out what we need, not just for survival but for fruitfulness. Sometimes, His blessings are delayed because He is preparing us to handle them. When we trust His timing, we learn that every drop of blessing has a reason, and every season has a lesson.

**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.

**Prayer Focus:** Lord, thank You for being my source of every blessing. Help me to recognize and appreciate the ways You pour out goodness in my life, even when it comes in unexpected forms.

**Verse of the Day: Eze 34:26** And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing.

**Living the Word Today:** God never stops being good. Even when we cannot see the rain, He is still the source of every blessing. Keep your heart open, your faith active, and your gratitude flowing. Before long, you will find yourself standing in the middle of His showers of blessings.



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