

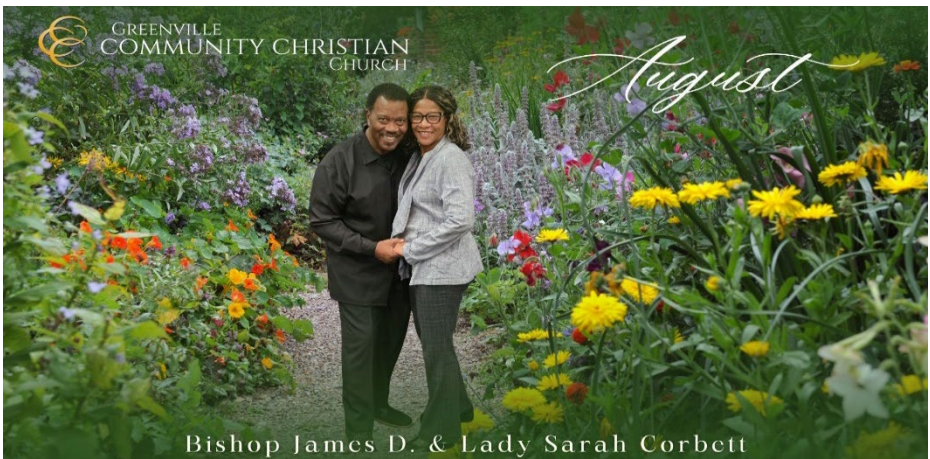


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Greetings in the wonderful name of Jesus! What a great year God has given us so far! We are grateful for His faithfulness, His provision, and the many opportunities He has given us to serve, minister, and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We believe the remainder of this year will be filled with even greater opportunities to advance the Kingdom of God and make a difference in the lives of others.

This month, I want to wish my wonderful wife and partner in ministry, Lady Sarah, a very Happy Birthday! Lady Sarah, thank you for your love, prayers, faithfulness, and the many ways you serve others. You are a tremendous blessing to me, our family, our church, and the Body of Christ. We celebrate you and pray that God will bless you with many more joyful and fruitful years.

We are also excited to welcome the Eastern Regional ICFM Summit August 13 & 14. It is an honor to gather with pastors, ministers, and believers for fellowship, inspiration, encouragement, and training. We are expecting a powerful time of refreshing and spiritual impartation.

I also invite you to celebrate the 44th Anniversary of Greenville Community Christian Church with us on Sunday, September 6. We thank God for 44 years of ministry, changed lives, answered prayers, and faithful service to our community and beyond.

I trust that AWIS continues to be a blessing and encouragement to you each day. Thank you for your prayers, your faithful support, and for standing with us as we continue to share God's Word and reach people with the Gospel. Lady Sarah and I love and appreciate you. We pray that God will continue to bless you, strengthen you, and cause you to prosper in every good work.

Love and Blessings,
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August 1

Trust in God

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.

Life often tempts us to depend on our own strength, abilities, and understanding. We naturally want to solve problems, control outcomes, and make plans that guarantee success. While God gives us wisdom, skills, and opportunities, He never intended for us to live independently of Him. A life of dependency is not a life of weakness. It is a life of faith. It is the daily choice to seek God's direction before making decisions, to trust His promises when circumstances seem uncertain, and to believe that His wisdom is greater than our own.

John 15:5 I am the vine ye are the branches. He that abideth in me and I in him the same bringeth forth much fruit for without me ye can do nothing.

Jesus taught that our strength and fruitfulness come from remaining connected to Him. Just as a branch cannot survive apart from the vine, believers cannot experience lasting spiritual success apart from Christ. Depending on God does not mean we stop working or planning. It means we invite Him into every part of our lives and trust Him to provide wisdom, strength, peace, and provision. As we remain close to Him through prayer, His Word, and obedience, He supplies everything we need to accomplish His purpose. The more we rely on God, the more we experience His faithfulness in every season of life.

Isa 26:4 Trust ye in the LORD for ever, for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength.

Prayer Focus: Lord, teach me to depend on You in every area of my life. Help me to trust Your wisdom above my own, to follow Your leading faithfully, and to find my strength in Your unfailing presence.

Verse of the Day: Psa 62:8 Trust in him at all times ye people; pour out your heart before him - God is a refuge for us. Selah.

Living the Word Today: Every decision, every challenge, and every victory is an opportunity to rely on God. Being a strong believer is not depending on self but depending on and trusting God completely.

August 2

Wait on the Lord

Psa 27:14 Wait on the LORD be of good courage and he shall strengthen thine heart. Wait, I say, on the LORD.

We pray, seek His direction, and wait, but the answer does not come as quickly as we hoped. Waiting can test our faith because we often mistake God's silence for His absence. Yet the Lord is always at work, even when we cannot see what He is doing. He may be preparing circumstances, developing our character, protecting us from moving too soon, or teaching us to trust Him more deeply.

Hab 2:1 I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved.

Prayer changes more than our circumstances. It changes us. When God keeps us waiting, He invites us into a deeper relationship with Him rather than simply giving us the answer we desire. Every prayer offered in faith reminds us that our confidence rests in God's wisdom instead of our own timeline. While we may want immediate direction, God often uses the waiting season to strengthen our patience, deepen our faith, and prepare us to receive His best. Instead of growing discouraged while waiting on the Lord, we should choose to remain faithful, knowing that God's timing is always perfect and His plans are always good. Keep speaking faith.

Isa 40:31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Prayer Focus: Lord, help me trust You while I wait. Strengthen my faith when the answers seem delayed, keep my heart steadfast in prayer, and give me the patience to follow Your perfect timing instead of my own.

Verse of the Day: Lam 3:25 The LORD is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.

Living the Word Today: Waiting is not standing still without purpose. It is remaining faithful in prayer while trusting that God is working behind the scenes in ways you cannot yet see.

August 3

Living Sacrificially

Mark 10:45 For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

The world often measures success by status, recognition, and personal achievement. God's kingdom measures greatness differently. Jesus showed us that true significance is found in serving others with humility and love. A life of servitude is not about seeking praise or recognition. It is about willingly placing God's will above our own desires and looking for opportunities to meet the needs of others. Sacrificial service may require our time, cause discomfort, cost our resources, and may inconvenience us, but every act done for God's glory becomes an expression of our love for Him.

Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Living sacrificially is a daily commitment to surrender our lives to God. Sometimes sacrifice means serving when we are tired, forgiving when we have been hurt, giving when it costs us something, or remaining faithful when no one notices. Jesus never asked His followers to do what He was unwilling to do Himself. His life was the perfect example of complete obedience, humility, and selfless love.

Phil 2:3 - 4 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

Prayer Focus: Lord, give me the heart of a servant. Help me to lay aside selfish ambition, joyfully serve others, and willingly offer my life as a living sacrifice that brings glory to You.

Verse of the Day: Gal 5:13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

Living the Word Today: A sacrificial life is not defined by what you gain for yourself. It is revealed by your willingness to serve God faithfully and love others as Christ has loved you.

August 4

A Mind to Serve the Lord

Rom 7:25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

Our minds are the battlefield where many spiritual victories and defeats begin. The thoughts we entertain influence the words we speak, the decisions we make, and the direction of our lives. Although believers still contend with the weaknesses of the flesh, God has given us the ability to choose to set our minds upon Him. Serving the Lord begins long before our hands are at work or our feet are in motion. It begins with a heart and mind that are surrendered to His Word. As we intentionally fill our minds with truth, God transforms the way we think, enabling us to honor Him in every area of life.

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.

The renewing of the mind is a daily process. Every day we have the opportunity to reject thoughts that lead us away from God and embrace the truth found in His Word. Prayer, worship, and the study of Scripture help reshape our thinking so that our desires become more like His. When our minds are focused on Christ, our actions begin to reflect His character. A mind that serves the Lord will produce a life that glorifies Him, even in the ordinary moments of each day.

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, renew my mind each day through Your Word. Help me to reject thoughts that draw me away from You and to fill my heart and mind with truth so that my life will reflect Your will.

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: Every thought is an opportunity to honor God. As you choose to keep your mind focused on His truth, your life will increasingly reflect the One you serve.

August 5

Let the Rivers of Living Water Flow

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

God never intended for His blessings to stop with us. The life that Christ places within every believer is meant to overflow into the lives of others. The living water Jesus gives brings spiritual life, refreshment, peace, and hope. As we remain connected to Him, His Spirit works within us, producing love, compassion, wisdom, and encouragement that naturally flow outward. When our hearts are yielded to God, we become channels through which His grace reaches those who are weary, discouraged, and searching for truth.

John 4:14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

Living water continues to flow only when we stay close to its source. Prayer, worship, obedience, and time spent in God's Word keep our hearts sensitive to His leading and our spirits refreshed. When we neglect our relationship with the Lord, we often find ourselves spiritually dry and unable to minister effectively to others. Yet as we abide in Christ each day, He continually fills us with His presence so that His love, joy, and peace overflow into every conversation, every act of kindness, and every opportunity to serve.

Gal 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Prayer Focus: Lord, fill me afresh with Your Spirit each day. Let Your living water flow through me so that my words, actions, and attitudes bring hope, encouragement, and the love of Christ to everyone I meet.

Verse of the Day: Isa 58:11 And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.

Living the Word Today: God's living water was never meant to be contained. Stay connected to Christ, and allow His Spirit to flow through your life, refreshing everyone He places in your path.

August 6

Everything Shall Live Whither the River Come

Ezek 47:9 And it shall come to pass, that every thing that liveth, which moveth, whithersoever the rivers shall come, shall live: and there shall be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come thither: for they shall be healed; and every thing shall live whither the river cometh.

Wherever God's living waters flow, they bring life, healing, and restoration. His presence has the power to revive what has grown weary, strengthen what has become weak, and restore what has been broken. Just as water sustains physical life, God's Spirit sustains spiritual life. He refreshes our souls, renews our strength, and equips us to become a source of encouragement to others.

John 7:38 - 39 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

The Holy Spirit does more than dwell within us. He empowers us to live lives that reflect Christ and influence those around us. Our words can bring comfort. Our actions can demonstrate God's love. Our faith can encourage others to trust Him. When we remain yielded to the Holy Spirit, His living waters flow beyond our own lives, bringing spiritual nourishment, hope, and healing to those He places in our path.

Psa 1:2 - 3 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Prayer Focus: Lord, let Your living waters continually refresh my soul and flow through my life.

Verse of the Day: Rev 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

Living the Word Today: Stay connected to the source of living water each day. As God refreshes your life, allow His Spirit to flow through you, bringing His love, truth, and life to those around you.

August 7

As a Man Thinketh

Prov 23:7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.

The thoughts we allow to settle in our hearts eventually shape our attitudes, our words, and our actions. Long before a decision is made or a habit is formed, it begins in the mind. God desires His people to cultivate thoughts that are rooted in truth rather than fear, faith rather than doubt, and love rather than bitterness. When our hearts are continually filled with God's Word, our thinking begins to reflect His character. A transformed mind produces a transformed life, because our outward conduct is often a reflection of our inward thoughts.

Rom 8:5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

The enemy often seeks to influence believers by attacking the mind with worry, temptation, discouragement, and deception. God has provided the remedy through His Spirit and His Word. As we intentionally meditate on Scripture, pray without ceasing, and submit our thoughts to Christ, we learn to reject what is false and embrace what is pleasing to Him. The more our minds are occupied with the things of God, the more our lives will display His peace, wisdom, and righteousness. A heart that is filled with God's truth will naturally produce fruit that honors Him.

2 Cor 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

Prayer Focus: Lord, guard my heart and mind each day. Help me to reject thoughts that do not honor You and fill my mind with Your truth so that my life will reflect Your character in every situation.

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

Living the Word Today: Every thought is a seed that produces fruit. Choose to fill your mind with God's Word, and allow Him to shape your heart, your character, and your daily walk.

August 8

Draw Near to God

James 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

God never intended for His children to live at a distance from Him. He desires close fellowship with us. Through prayer, worship, His Word, and obedience, we draw near to God and grow stronger in our relationship with Him. The pressures and distractions of life can consume our time and attention. If we are not careful, we can become so busy handling daily responsibilities that we neglect time with the Lord. Drawing near to God requires intentionality. As we spend time in His presence, our faith grows, our hearts become sensitive to His leading, and our lives increasingly reflect the character of Christ.

John 15:4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

A branch cannot grow or bear fruit when disconnected from the vine. In the same way, we cannot live strong and fruitful Christian lives apart from fellowship with Christ. Our spiritual strength, wisdom, peace, and endurance flow from our relationship with Him.

When we remain close to God, He comforts us in difficult seasons, strengthens us when we are weary, corrects us when we stray, and gives us wisdom for every decision. Time spent with God is never wasted. Draw near to Him today and remain in His presence.

Prayer Focus: Lord, help me draw closer to You every day. Teach me to abide in Your Word, obey Your voice, and find my strength, peace, and wisdom in Your presence.

Verse of the Day: Psalm 91:1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Living the Word Today: Make time today to draw near to God through prayer and His Word. Stay close to Him and allow His presence to strengthen, guide, and transform your life.

August 9

Jesus - The Seed of Abraham

Gal 3:16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.

From the beginning of creation, God established the principle of seedtime and harvest. Every harvest begins with a seed that contains the potential for life. Throughout Scripture, seeds represent growth, promise, and multiplication. Yet above every natural seed stands one eternal Seed, Jesus Christ. He is the promised Seed through whom God fulfilled His covenant, defeated sin and death, and brought salvation to the world. Everything God promised to Abraham ultimately finds its fulfillment in Christ, Who is the Seed of Abraham.

John 12:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

Jesus willingly gave His life so that many might receive eternal life. Just as a seed must be planted before it produces a harvest, Christ's death, burial, and resurrection opened the way for countless souls to be redeemed. Today, His life continues to bear fruit through every believer who receives Him by faith. As God's Word is planted in our hearts, it transforms our lives and equips us to sow the gospel into the lives of others. The harvest continues to grow because the Seed lives forever.

1 Pet 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

Prayer Focus: Lord, thank You for sending Jesus Christ, the promised Seed, to redeem the world. Plant Your Word deeply within my heart, help me to bear fruit that glorifies You, and use my life to sow the seed of the gospel wherever You lead me.

Verse of the Day: Luke 8:11 Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

Living the Word Today: Christ is the Seed through whom covenant promises including eternal life has come to all who believe. Receive His Word, allow it to grow within you, and faithfully sow the seed of the gospel so that others may experience the life only He can give.

August 10

Direct Access: The Torn Veil that Brought Us Closer to God

Matt 27:50 - 51 Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

Imagine standing inside your home looking through a window covered by a curtain. If the curtain is thin enough, you may still be able to see outside, although your view is limited. If that curtain is suddenly torn away, your vision becomes clear. You can see without obstruction, and the one outside can see you as well. The tearing of the temple veil paints a similar picture. Before Christ's sacrifice, the veil separated sinful humanity from the holy presence of God. When Jesus died on the cross, that barrier was removed. Through His finished work, believers were given direct access to the Father. At the same time, the obstacle that kept us from fully experiencing His presence was forever taken away.

Heb 10:19 - 20 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

God has always known every thought, every burden, and every need. Yet because of Christ, we no longer approach Him from a distance or through earthly priests and sacrifices. We are invited to come boldly into His presence with confidence, knowing that Jesus has made the way. As we draw near to Him, He transforms us by His grace into the image of His Son.

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.

Prayer Focus: Lord, thank You for tearing away every barrier that separated me from You through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Help me to live each day in close fellowship with You, confidently entering Your presence to receive Your mercy, guidance, and grace.

Verse of the Day: Eph 2:18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

Living the Word Today: The veil has been torn. Do not live as though you are still separated from God. Draw near to Him with confidence.

August 11

Perfect Love Casts Out Fear

1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

When a person feels secure, they are free to express themselves without constantly fearing rejection or condemnation. Children flourish when they know they are loved. Healthy relationships thrive when trust is present. Our relationship with God is no different. Through Jesus Christ, we have been accepted into God's family and are no longer separated from Him by our sin. Because we are secure in His love, we are free to approach Him honestly, worship Him wholeheartedly, confess our weaknesses, and serve Him boldly. The security found in Christ removes the fear that often keeps us silent or spiritually distant.

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.

Knowing that we belong to God changes the way we live. We no longer have to perform in order to earn His love, nor do we have to hide our struggles from Him. He already knows our hearts and invites us to come to Him with confidence. As we grow in the assurance of His grace, our lives become a genuine expression of worship, obedience, and love. We are free to pray with confidence, praise without reservation, witness without shame, and serve without seeking the approval of others.

Heb 10:22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

Prayer Focus: Lord, thank You for making me Your child through Jesus Christ. Help me to rest in the security of Your love.

Verse of the Day: 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.

Living the Word Today: Your security is not found in your performance but in your relationship with Christ. Live each day with the confidence that comes from knowing you are loved, accepted, and free to express your faith boldly before God and others.

August 12

The Commandment to Love One Another

John 13:34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

Many people believe love is difficult because they think it depends on emotions. While feelings may come and go, biblical love is first a choice. Jesus did not ask His disciples to love one another only when it felt easy or convenient. He gave it as a commandment. Every day we have opportunities to choose patience over anger, forgiveness over bitterness, kindness over harshness, and compassion over judgment. When we choose to love as Christ loves us, we allow His character to be displayed through our lives. Love becomes less about how we feel and more about how we choose to respond.

1 Cor 13:4, 5 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

God never commands us to do what He will not empower us to accomplish. Through the Holy Spirit, believers have the ability to choose love, even in challenging situations. This does not mean we ignore truth or accept wrongdoing. It means we respond with grace while standing firmly on God's Word. Every loving choice we make reflects the heart of our heavenly Father and points others toward Christ. The more we practice choosing love, the more natural it becomes, because God's love is continually working within us.

Col 3:14 And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

Prayer Focus: Lord, teach me to choose love each day. Help me to respond with patience, kindness, forgiveness, and grace so that my life reflects the love You have shown to me through Jesus Christ.

Verse of the Day: 1 John 4:11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

Living the Word Today: Love is more than a feeling. Today, choose to love through your words, your actions, and your attitude, trusting God to work through your obedience.

August 13

We Are Living Epistles

2 Cor 3:2 - 3 Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men: Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.

Every day, people form opinions about Christ by observing those who profess to follow Him. Our attitudes, conversations, decisions, and responses to life's challenges communicate a message long before we ever speak about our faith. As living epistles, our lives become testimonies that others read each day. While no believer lives perfectly, God calls us to live in a manner that reflects His love, truth, grace, and holiness. The Holy Spirit continually writes God's character upon our hearts so that His presence becomes visible through the way we live.

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

A written letter has one purpose: to communicate a message. In the same way, our lives communicate either the transforming power of Christ or the influence of the world around us. We cannot control how others respond to the gospel, but we can choose to live with integrity, humility, compassion, and obedience. When our words agree with our actions, our testimony becomes credible.

Phil 2:15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

Prayer Focus: Lord, write Your truth upon my heart and let my life reflect the character of Jesus Christ. Help me to live with integrity so that others will see Your love, grace, and truth through everything I say and do.

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: Remember that someone is reading your life today. Let your words, actions, and attitude tell the story of God's transforming grace and faithfully represent Jesus Christ.

August 14

God Has Not Forgotten You

Gen 16:13 And she called the name of the LORD that spake unto her, Thou God seest me: for she said, Have I also here looked after him that seeth me?

There are times when we may feel unnoticed, overlooked, or forgotten. We may wonder if anyone understands our struggles or recognizes the burdens we quietly carry. Yet God sees every tear, hears every prayer, and knows every detail of our lives. Nothing escapes His attention. Whether we are celebrating victories or walking through seasons of hardship, our heavenly Father remains present and fully aware of our needs. His love is constant, and His care for His children never changes.

Psa 139:1 - 2 O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off.

God's awareness of our lives is not merely observation. It is filled with compassion and purpose. He sees our faithfulness when no one else notices. He knows the sacrifices we make, the disappointments we endure, and the hopes we carry in our hearts. Even when answers seem delayed, He is working according to His perfect plan. Because God sees us completely, we can trust Him completely. His timing is perfect, His love is unfailing, and His promises are sure. We are never beyond His reach, nor are we ever forgotten by Him.

Isa 49:15 - 16 Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee. Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me.

Prayer Focus: Lord, thank You for seeing every part of my life and for never forgetting me. Help me to trust Your presence when I feel alone and to rest in the assurance that Your love and care never fail.

Verse of the Day: **1 Pet 5:7** Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

Living the Word Today: No matter where you are or what you are facing, remember that God sees you, knows you, and loves you. Walk today with confidence, knowing you are always in His care.

August 15

Press Toward the Prize

Phil 3:13, 14 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, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Life is filled with distractions that compete for our attention and pull our hearts away from God's purpose. Disappointments, successes, worries, and even daily responsibilities can cause us to lose sight of what matters most. The Apostle Paul understood that a runner cannot reach the finish line while constantly looking backward or allowing every obstacle to break his concentration.

Heb 12:1- 2 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Keeping our eyes on the prize requires daily choices. We must choose God's Word over the voices of discouragement, obedience over compromise, and faith over fear. There will always be obstacles along the journey, but our destination is greater than any challenge we face. Every step of faith brings us closer to the fulfillment of God's purpose and ultimately to the eternal reward He has promised those who faithfully follow Him.

Col 3:2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

Prayer Focus: Lord, help me to keep my eyes fixed on You and the purpose You have given me. Remove every distraction that would draw my attention away from Your will, and strengthen me to run my race with faith, endurance, and joy.

Verse of the Day: 1 Cor 9:24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.

Living the Word Today: Refuse to let temporary distractions steal your eternal focus. Keep your eyes on Jesus, remain faithful in your race, and press forward toward the prize God has prepared for you.

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August 16

Loving Confrontation

Gal 6:1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

Most people naturally avoid confrontation because it can be uncomfortable and emotionally difficult. Yet there are times when love requires us to address sin, harmful behavior, or destructive choices. Biblical confrontation is never about proving ourselves right or humiliating another person. Its purpose is restoration. God calls His people to speak the truth with humility, compassion, and grace, always seeking to help rather than to condemn. When our hearts are motivated by genuine love, even difficult conversations can become opportunities for healing, growth, and reconciliation.

Eph 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

Jesus demonstrated perfect balance between truth and love. He never ignored sin, yet He never confronted people to shame them. His words were always intended to lead people toward repentance and a restored relationship with God. Before confronting someone, we should first examine our own hearts, pray for wisdom, and ask the Holy Spirit to guide our words. When confrontation is approached with humility, patience, and sincere concern, it reflects the heart of Christ and opens the door for God's transforming work.

Prov 27:6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

Prayer Focus: Lord, give me wisdom to know when loving confrontation is necessary. Help me to speak the truth with humility, compassion, and grace, always seeking restoration rather than condemnation.

Verse of the Day: 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.

Living the Word Today: Do not avoid difficult conversations when God calls you to them. Let every correction be motivated by love, offered with humility, and directed toward restoration, just as Christ lovingly restores us.

August 17

Get in Position to Receive

2 Chr 20:17 Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the LORD will be with you.

God's promises are certain, but we must still respond in faith and obedience. Throughout Scripture, God often instructed His people to take a position before they witnessed His power. Whether it was standing still before the Red Sea parted, stepping into the Jordan River before the waters separated, or marching around Jericho before the walls fell, God called His people to trust Him enough to obey. Positioning ourselves to receive from God means placing our hearts, minds, and lives where His will can be accomplished. Faith is not passive. It is demonstrated through obedience.

Luke 5:4 - 5 Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.

Many times we pray for God's blessings while remaining unwilling to move where He is leading. The Lord may be calling us to forgive, to serve, to give, to wait, or to step forward in faith. His blessings often follow our obedience. When Peter obeyed Christ's instruction, the miraculous catch of fish followed. God still works in the lives of those who trust His Word enough to act upon it.

James 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

Prayer Focus: Lord, help me to trust Your direction even when I cannot see the outcome. Give me a willing heart to obey Your Word and position my life where I can receive all that You desire to accomplish in and through me.

Verse of the Day: Isa 1:19 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

Living the Word Today: God's blessings are often found on the other side of obedience. Position yourself through faith, trust His instructions, and expect Him to work according to His perfect will.

August 18

A Heart to Serve

Philippians 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

True ministry begins with the heart. Jesus demonstrated humility, compassion, patience, and selflessness. He cared for the hurting, encouraged the discouraged, and willingly gave Himself for others. Ministry is not limited to a pulpit, position, or title. Every believer has opportunities to serve. We minister when we encourage someone, pray for those who are struggling, listen to someone who is hurting, or help meet a practical need.

Mark 10:43-44 But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister: And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all.

Jesus taught that greatness in the kingdom of God is measured by service. A servant's heart does not ask, What will I receive? It asks, How can I help? Whom can I encourage? How can I make a difference? Serving others may require our time, resources, or personal sacrifice, but every act of service done in love has value before God. Even a small act of kindness can encourage someone and demonstrate the love of Christ.

Galatians 5:13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you recognize opportunities to minister. Be willing to become the vessel God uses to encourage, strengthen, and bless someone today.

Prayer Focus: Lord, give me the heart of a servant. Help me to serve others with humility, compassion, and love.

Verse of the Day: 1 Peter 4:10 As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

Living the Word Today: Look for one opportunity to encourage, help, pray for, or serve someone today. Let the love of Christ be demonstrated through you.

August 19

Reach Forth to Things That Are Before

Phil 3:13 - 14 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, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

One of the greatest obstacles to spiritual growth is living in yesterday. Some people are held back by past failures, while others cling to past successes. Both can keep us from embracing what God desires to do today. Paul understood that fulfilling God's purpose required looking ahead rather than constantly looking behind. Reaching forth is an intentional act of faith. It means letting go of regrets, releasing disappointments, and refusing to allow past victories to become present limitations.

Isa 43:18 - 19 Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. 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.

Moving forward means trusting that the God who has brought us this far is already preparing what lies ahead. Every new season brings fresh opportunities to grow, serve, and experience His grace. When we keep our eyes fixed on Christ, we are no longer controlled by the weight of the past or the uncertainty of the future.

Luke 9:62 And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

Prayer Focus: Lord, help me to release anything from my past that keeps me from following You wholeheartedly. Give me the faith to embrace the future You have prepared for me and the courage to move forward in obedience each day.

Verse of the Day: Heb 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Living the Word Today: Do not allow yesterday to determine your tomorrow. Keep reaching forward in faith, trusting that God has greater things ahead as you faithfully follow His leading.

August 20

A Mind to Work

Neh 4:6 So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work.

God delights in people who are willing to serve Him wholeheartedly. Throughout Scripture, great works were accomplished not merely because people possessed extraordinary ability, but because they were willing to make themselves available to God. The people rebuilding Jerusalem's wall faced opposition, discouragement, and constant threats from their enemies. Yet they refused to give up because they had a mind to work. Their determination was rooted in their commitment to God's purpose. When our hearts are surrendered to Him, we become willing to labor faithfully, trusting that He will strengthen us for every assignment He gives.

Eccl 9:10 Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.

Having a mind to work means serving with diligence, excellence, and perseverance regardless of whether others notice our efforts. Every task done for the Lord has eternal value, whether it is highly visible or quietly accomplished behind the scenes. God is honored by faithful service that is offered with the right attitude. When we approach our responsibilities with gratitude and commitment, we become effective instruments in His hands. A willing heart invites God's strength, and His strength enables us to accomplish far more than we could ever achieve on our own.

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

Prayer Focus: Lord, give me a willing heart and a diligent spirit. Help me to serve You faithfully, to work with excellence, and to remain steadfast in every assignment You have entrusted to me.

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: Approach every responsibility as an opportunity to serve God. A willing heart, combined with faithful effort, allows Him to accomplish His purpose through your life.

August 21

Cast Not Away Your Confidence

Heb 10:35 Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward.

There will be seasons when disappointments, delays, hardships, or unanswered questions tempt us to lose confidence in God. The enemy desires for believers to become discouraged and abandon the faith and assurance they once held so firmly. Yet God's Word reminds us that our confidence is valuable because it is anchored in His promises rather than our circumstances. Confidence in Christ enables us to continue trusting Him even when we cannot yet see the outcome. What God has promised, He is faithful to perform, and His timing is always perfect.

Heb 10:36 For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

Patience and confidence work together. Confidence keeps us believing while patience keeps us waiting. Every trial presents an opportunity to strengthen our faith instead of surrendering to fear or doubt. As we continue walking in obedience, praying faithfully, and standing upon God's Word, He develops endurance within us and prepares us for the fulfillment of His promises. Our confidence is not wishful thinking. It is the settled assurance that God is trustworthy, regardless of what we see at the moment.

Prov 3:26 For the LORD shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken.

Prayer Focus: Lord, help me to hold firmly to my confidence in You. Strengthen my faith during seasons of waiting, remind me of Your promises, and give me the endurance to continue trusting You until Your perfect will is accomplished.

Verse of the Day: 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:

Living the Word Today: Refuse to surrender your confidence because of temporary circumstances. Stand firmly on God's promises, remain faithful in obedience, and trust that He is working even when you cannot yet see the results.

August 22

Wait on the Lord

Psa 27:14 Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

Waiting is rarely easy. We naturally want immediate answers, quick solutions, and visible progress. Yet God often accomplishes His greatest work in us while we are waiting for Him to move around us. Seasons of waiting teach us patience, deepen our faith, and remind us that God's timing is always wiser than our own. Rather than becoming discouraged, we can choose to trust that the Lord is preparing both us and our circumstances according to His perfect will. Every moment spent waiting upon God is an opportunity to grow stronger in our relationship with Him.

Isa 40:31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Waiting upon the Lord is an active expression of faith. It involves praying with expectation, remaining faithful in obedience, studying His Word, and trusting Him even when the path ahead is unclear. God never wastes a season of waiting. He uses it to shape our character, strengthen our confidence, and prepare us for what lies ahead. Those who continue to trust Him discover that His strength is sufficient for every challenge and that His promises never fail. The believer who waits on the Lord will always find Him faithful.

Lam 3:25 The LORD is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.

Prayer Focus: Lord, teach me to wait upon You with patience and confidence. Help me to trust Your timing, remain faithful in every season, and rest in the assurance that You are always working for my good and Your glory.

Verse of the Day: Mic 7:7 Therefore I will look unto the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me.

Living the Word Today: Do not allow delays to weaken your faith. Wait on the Lord with confidence, knowing that He is strengthening you and preparing the way according to His perfect timing.

August 23

His Strength Is Made Perfect in Our Weakness

2 Cor 12:9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

The world often teaches us to appear strong, independent, and self sufficient. Yet God reminds us that our greatest strength is found in our dependence upon Him. Our weaknesses do not disqualify us from being used by God. Instead, they become opportunities for His power to be displayed. When we acknowledge that we cannot accomplish His will in our own strength, we make room for His grace to sustain us and His Spirit to work through us. God's strength shines brightest when we trust Him in the places where we are weakest.

Isa 40:29 He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

Every believer experiences moments of weariness, uncertainty, and limitation. These seasons remind us that we were never designed to carry life's burdens alone. As we surrender our weaknesses to the Lord, He exchanges our inadequacy for His sufficiency. He gives wisdom when we lack understanding, peace when we are overwhelmed, courage when we are afraid, and strength when we feel exhausted. The more we depend on Him, the more His power becomes evident in our lives. What we view as weakness, God often uses as the very place where His glory is revealed.

Phil 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Prayer Focus: Lord, thank You that I do not have to rely on my own strength. Help me to trust You in every area of weakness, to depend upon Your grace, and to allow Your power to be revealed through my life.

Verse of the Day: Psa 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Living the Word Today: Do not be discouraged by your weaknesses. Surrender them to God, trust in His sufficient grace, and allow His strength to accomplish what you could never do on your own.

August 24

Live Peaceably with All Men

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

God calls His children to be peacemakers in a world often filled with conflict, division, and misunderstanding. Living peaceably does not mean avoiding truth or compromising biblical convictions. Rather, it means choosing to respond with grace, humility, patience, and love, even when others are difficult to deal with. We cannot always control how people treat us, but we can control how we respond. As followers of Christ, our attitudes and actions should reflect the peace that He has placed within our hearts.

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

There will be times when peace is not possible because others choose anger, unforgiveness, or conflict. That is why Paul wrote, "If it be possible, as much as lieth in you." God does not hold us responsible for another person's decisions, but He does call us to examine our own hearts. We should forgive quickly, speak kindly, seek reconciliation when appropriate, and refuse to repay evil for evil. When we pursue peace with sincerity and wisdom, we become living examples of Christ's love and instruments through whom God can bring healing to broken relationships.

Heb 12:14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

Prayer Focus: Lord, help me to be a peacemaker in my home, my workplace, my church, and my community. Give me the wisdom to respond with grace, the humility to seek reconciliation, and the strength to reflect the peace of Christ in every relationship.

Verse of the Day: 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.

Living the Word Today: Choose peace whenever it is within your power to do so. Let your words, your attitude, and your actions point others to the Prince of Peace, knowing that God is pleased when His children pursue peace with wisdom, truth, and love.

August 25

The Cost of Idle Words

Matt 12:36, 37 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

Words have the power to build up or tear down, encourage or discourage, heal or wound. It is easy to speak carelessly in moments of frustration, humor, or thoughtlessness without considering the lasting impact our words may have. Jesus warned that idle words are not harmless. They matter because they reveal the condition of our hearts. Every conversation presents an opportunity either to honor God or to grieve Him. As followers of Christ, we should strive to speak words that reflect His truth, grace, and love.

Prov 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

The Holy Spirit desires to transform not only our actions but also our speech. Before we speak, we should ask whether our words are true, necessary, and edifying. A believer's speech should consistently demonstrate wisdom, kindness, and self-control. When we allow God's Word to fill our hearts, our conversations will increasingly reflect His character. Instead of careless words that bring regret, we can become people whose speech brings encouragement, hope, and blessing to those around us.

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.

Prayer Focus: Lord, place a guard over my mouth and help me to speak with wisdom and grace. Let my words honor You, encourage others, and reflect the transforming work You are accomplishing within my heart.

Verse of the Day: Psa 141:3 Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.

Living the Word Today: Before speaking today, remember that your words have lasting influence. Choose words that glorify God, strengthen others, and reflect the love and wisdom of Christ.

August 26

Finish the Course with Joy

Acts 20:24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

Every believer has been given a race to run and a purpose to fulfill. Along the journey there will be obstacles, disappointments, and seasons that test our faith. Yet God never intended for us to merely survive the race. He desires for us to finish it with joy, knowing that we have remained faithful to His calling. Joy is not found in a life free from difficulty. It is found in walking confidently with Christ, trusting that He is directing every step and working all things together for His glory and our good.

Heb 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

Finishing well requires endurance, discipline, and unwavering focus upon the Lord. We must lay aside anything that slows our spiritual progress and remain committed to God's purpose regardless of the challenges we encounter. Every act of obedience, every faithful prayer, and every step of perseverance brings us closer to the finish line. As we depend upon God's strength each day, He equips us not only to complete the course but to do so with a heart filled with peace, gratitude, and joy.

2 Tim 4:7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

Prayer Focus: Lord, help me to remain faithful throughout the race You have set before me. Give me endurance during difficult seasons, keep my eyes fixed upon You, and enable me to finish my course with joy and unwavering faith.

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

Living the Word Today: Do not become discouraged by the challenges along the way. Keep your eyes on Christ, remain faithful to His calling.

August 27

God Gives the Increase

1 Cor 3:6, 7 I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

It is easy to become discouraged when we do not immediately see the results of our efforts. We may faithfully share the gospel, encourage a struggling believer, teach God's Word, or pray for a loved one without seeing visible change. Yet God never asks us to produce the harvest. He asks us to be faithful in planting the seed.

Isa 55:10, 11 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

God's Word never loses its power. A conversation, a testimony, a kind deed, or a Scripture shared in love may not produce immediate results, but God continues working long after we have finished speaking. The Holy Spirit waters the seed through conviction, remembrance, and revelation according to God's perfect timing. Instead of measuring success by what we can see, we should remain faithful to every opportunity God gives us to plant.

Mark 4:26, 27 And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how.

Prayer Focus: Lord, help me to faithfully plant the seed of Your Word wherever You lead me. Give me patience to trust Your timing and confidence to know that You alone bring the increase according to Your perfect will.

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

Living the Word Today: Plant God's truth with faith, love, and obedience. Leave the results in His hands, knowing that every seed planted in faith has the potential to produce an eternal harvest through His power.

August 28

Faith Comes by Hearing

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

Faith is not produced by positive thinking, human reasoning, or favorable circumstances. True faith is born and strengthened through God's Word. Every time we read the Scriptures, hear biblical preaching, study God's truth, or meditate upon His promises, our faith has an opportunity to grow. The more we fill our hearts and minds with God's Word, the more we learn to trust His character, rely on His promises, and follow His direction. Faith flourishes when God's truth becomes the foundation upon which we build our lives.

Josh 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.

Hearing God's Word is only the beginning. Genuine faith responds with obedience. As we apply what we learn, God deepens our confidence in Him through experience. Every promise fulfilled, every prayer answered, and every act of obedience strengthens our trust for the future. When difficulties arise, believers whose hearts are filled with Scripture are better prepared to stand firm because they know the God who has spoken. His Word remains our source of hope, wisdom, encouragement, and unwavering faith.

James 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

Prayer Focus: Lord, give me a hunger for Your Word each day. Open my heart to hear Your truth, strengthen my faith through the Scriptures, and help me to obey what You teach me.

Verse of the Day: Psa 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Living the Word Today: Make time to hear God's Word every day. As you listen, believe, and obey, your faith will continue to grow, enabling you to trust God in every circumstance.

August 29

Set Your Affections on Things Above

Col 3:2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

The things we value most will naturally influence the way we think, live, and make decisions. It is easy to become consumed with the temporary concerns of this life, such as possessions, success, approval, or personal ambitions. While these things may have their proper place, they should never become the focus of our hearts. God calls us to fix our affections on eternal things that cannot fade away. When Christ becomes the center of our desires, our perspective changes, and we begin to pursue what has lasting value.

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:

Setting our affections on things above does not mean neglecting our responsibilities on earth. Rather, it means living each day with eternity in view. We honor God in our homes, workplaces, churches, and communities because our hearts belong to Him. As we seek His kingdom first, He gives us wisdom to manage earthly responsibilities without allowing them to control us. A heart that is fixed upon Christ finds lasting peace because its greatest treasure is secure in Him.

Matt 6:21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Prayer Focus: Lord, help me to keep my heart fixed upon You. Guard me from becoming distracted by temporary pursuits, and teach me to value the things that have eternal significance above all else.

Verse of the Day: Heb 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Living the Word Today: Examine what occupies your thoughts and captures your heart. Choose today to set your affections on Christ and invest your life in what will last for eternity.

August 30

The Gospel Transforms Us

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.

The gospel is far more than the story of Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. It is the power of God that brings forgiveness, restores broken lives, and transforms hearts. When we place our faith in Jesus Christ, He not only saves us from the penalty of sin, but He also begins the lifelong work of making us more like Him. Old habits are replaced with new desires, fear gives way to hope, and selfish ambition is transformed into a desire to please God. The gospel does not simply change our destination. It changes the direction of our lives.

2 Cor 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Transformation is an ongoing work of God's grace. Each day the Holy Spirit teaches us through God's Word, convicts us of sin, strengthens our faith, and shapes our character. As we submit ourselves to the Lord, our thoughts, attitudes, words, and actions increasingly reflect the life of Christ. The evidence of the gospel is not found only in what we say we believe, but in the visible change that God produces within us. A transformed life becomes a testimony that points others to the saving power of Jesus Christ.

Titus 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;

Prayer Focus: Lord, thank You for the transforming power of the gospel. Continue Your work within me, shaping my heart and renewing my mind so that my life reflects the character of Jesus Christ.

Verse of the Day: Eph 2:8, 9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Living the Word Today: Allow the gospel to shape every area of your life. As you walk in obedience to Christ, let the transformation He is accomplishing within you become a testimony of His saving grace to everyone around you.

August 31

Rejected by Man, Accepted by God

1 Pet 2:4 To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious,

Rejection is one of life's deepest hurts. Whether it comes through broken relationships, missed opportunities, unfair criticism, or being overlooked, rejection can leave lasting wounds if we allow it to define our identity. Yet Jesus Himself experienced rejection. He was misunderstood, mocked, abandoned, and ultimately crucified by those He came to save. Even so, the Father declared Him chosen and precious. As followers of Christ, we may also experience rejection from the world, but we can rest in the assurance that our acceptance is found in God. His love is not based upon the opinions of others but upon His unchanging grace.

Eph 1:6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

When we understand that we are accepted by God through Jesus Christ, we are set free from the need to seek validation from people. Our worth is established by the One who created us, redeemed us, and calls us His own. Human approval may come and go, but God's love remains constant. Instead of allowing rejection to produce bitterness or insecurity, we can allow it to deepen our dependence upon the Lord. He is able to heal every wounded heart, strengthen every weary soul, and remind us that we belong to Him forever.

Psa 27:10 When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up.

Prayer Focus: Lord, thank You for accepting me through Jesus Christ. Heal every wound caused by rejection, help me to find my identity in You alone, and give me the confidence to walk in the assurance of Your unfailing love.

Verse of the Day: John 6:37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

Living the Word Today: Do not allow the rejection of people to determine your value. Walk confidently in the truth that you are chosen, loved, accepted, and precious in the sight of God through Jesus Christ.



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