

A Word in
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Greetings in the wonderful name of Jesus! Happy 44th Anniversary to Greenville Community Christian Church! We give all praise, glory, and thanks to God for 44 years of His faithfulness, favor, provision, and grace. Truly, the Lord has done great things for us!

I express my heartfelt love and appreciation to everyone who has prayed, encouraged, and supported this ministry through the years. You are an important part of what God has enabled us to accomplish.

Join us Sunday, September 6, 2026, as we celebrate our 44th Anniversary and the blessings of the Lord! As we reflect upon the past, we continue reaching for everything God has prepared for our future. We rejoice over souls won to Christ, lives changed, families strengthened, and signs, wonders, and miracles witnessed. Yet, there is more ahead!

Isaiah 43:18-19 says "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?" We thank God for yesterday while looking forward to tomorrow. Expect great things from God!

I trust that A Word in Season continues to bless you and your family. Read it daily and allow God's Word to strengthen your faith. Your prayers and offerings help us continue distributing AWIS without subscription charges. We would love to hear your testimony. Lady Sarah and I love and appreciate you. The best is yet to come! Love and Blessings,

Bishop James D. Corbett

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September 1

Be Consistent in Prayer

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

Prayer draws us into fellowship with God. It gives us a place to bring our fears, questions, burdens, hopes, and desires before the One who knows us completely. When we pray, we acknowledge that we need God's wisdom and strength rather than relying entirely on our own understanding. Prayer reminds us that we are never facing life alone. God invites us to call upon Him, and He promises to answer and reveal what we cannot see on our own.

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 also changes what is happening within us. We may enter prayer worried and leave with peace. We may begin confused and receive direction. We may come discouraged and find renewed strength. Sometimes God changes the situation, and sometimes He strengthens us while we walk through it. Prayer teaches us to release what we cannot control and trust the One who can.

1 Thess 5:17 Pray without ceasing.

Prayer is not meant to be our last resort when everything else has failed. It should be part of our daily relationship with God. We can pray before making decisions, while working, when facing temptation, when celebrating good news, and when carrying burdens that no one else knows about.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for giving me the privilege of coming to You in prayer.

Verse of the Day: Psa 55:17 Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.

Living the Word Today: The more consistently we communicate with God, the more our hearts learn to depend upon Him instead of being controlled by fear, frustration, or uncertainty.

September 2

Building a Legacy

Prov 13:22 A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just.

A legacy is more than possessions left behind. It is the influence of our lives that continues in others. Through our words, choices, attitudes, and actions, we are showing people what matters to us. For believers, one of the greatest legacies we can leave is genuine faith in God. The prayers we pray, love we show, wisdom we share, and example we set can continue influencing others long after we are gone.

2 Tim 1:5 When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

Paul recognized that Timothy's faith had also lived in his grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice. Their example helped establish a spiritual foundation that God later used for ministry. We may never fully know how our faithfulness today will affect someone tomorrow. A child watching us pray or a friend seeing us trust God through difficulty may remember our example for years to come.

Psa 145:4 One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.

Prayer Focus: Father, help me live in a way that leaves a godly legacy. May my character, choices, and faith point others toward You.

Verse of the Day: Prov 20:7 The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him.

Living the Word Today: Your legacy is being written through the way you live today. Choose to leave behind faith, love, integrity, and an example that leads others closer to Christ.

September 3

By Love Serve One Another

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.

God did not save us simply to sit still. He calls us to put our faith into motion by serving others. Service moves our attention beyond ourselves and allows God's love to become visible through our actions. Whether we are helping someone in need, encouraging the discouraged, serving in ministry, or quietly doing something that makes another person's burden lighter, every act of service can become an opportunity to represent Christ.

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.

Jesus gave us the greatest example of service. Although He had all authority, He willingly served others with compassion and humility. Spiritual growth is not measured only by how much Scripture we know or how often we attend church. It is also revealed in our willingness to use what God has given us for the benefit of others.

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

There is no act of service too small when it is done for God. We may not receive recognition or appreciation, but the Lord sees every faithful act. Keep moving, keep serving, and keep allowing God to use your hands, heart, gifts, and time to make a difference.

Prayer Focus: Father, show me where and how You want me to serve. Give me a willing heart and help me use what You have given me to bless others and bring glory to You.

Verse of the Day: 1 Pet 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: Put your faith into motion. Look for one opportunity to serve someone today without expecting anything in return.

September 4

Prepare for Rain

1 Kings 18:41 And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain.

Sometimes faith requires us to prepare for what we cannot yet see. When Elijah announced that rain was coming, the land had been suffering through a long drought. There was no visible evidence that anything was about to change, yet Elijah believed God before the first drop fell. Faith does not always wait for proof before taking action. When God has spoken, we can begin preparing our hearts for what He has promised.

1 Kings 18:44 And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand.

The answer did not appear immediately. Elijah continued praying and sent his servant to look seven times. Finally, a small cloud appeared. What looked insignificant was evidence that the season was changing. We should never despise small beginnings. The first sign of God's answer may not look like everything we prayed for, but it may be the beginning of something much greater.

1 Kings 18:45 And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain.

If you have been walking through a dry season, do not allow what you see today to determine what you believe about tomorrow. Keep praying, preparing, and expecting God to move. The cloud may still be small, but rain can be on the way.

Prayer Focus: Father, strengthen my faith while I wait for Your promises to be fulfilled. Help me prepare with expectation and recognize the small signs of Your hand at work.

Verse of the Day: Joel 2:23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.

Living the Word Today: Do not wait until you see the rain to prepare for it. Take one step of faith today that demonstrates your trust in what God has spoken.

September 5

Sing Unto the Lord a New Song

Psa 96:1 O sing unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth.

There are times when God brings us into a new season, but we are still singing the songs of yesterday. A new song represents fresh praise for what God is doing now. It does not mean we forget what He has already done. Instead, we recognize that the same God who was faithful before is still working, providing, healing, delivering, and making ways today.

Psa 40:3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.

Sometimes the new song comes after a difficult season. David spoke of God bringing him out of a horrible pit and placing his feet upon a rock. His praise became a testimony that others could see. What God brings you through can become a song of encouragement for someone who is still struggling.

Isa 42:10 Sing unto the LORD a new song, and his praise from the end of the earth.

Do not allow yesterday's pain to silence today's praise. God is still writing your story. Praise Him for where He brought you from, worship Him for where you are, and trust Him for where He is taking you.

Prayer Focus: Father, put a new song in my heart and help me recognize Your goodness in every season. May my praise testify of Your faithfulness and encourage others to trust You.

Verse of the Day: Psa 98:1 O sing unto the LORD a new song; for he hath done marvellous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.

Living the Word Today: Give God fresh praise today. Instead of focusing on what went wrong yesterday, thank Him for something He is doing in your life right now.

September 6

Daily Benefits

Psa 68:19 Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah.

God is working in our lives every day, but we can become so accustomed to His blessings that we stop noticing them. We often look for God in extraordinary miracles while overlooking His hand in ordinary moments. The strength to get through another day, protection from dangers we never saw, an unexpected opportunity, a needed conversation, or simply waking up with another chance to live for Him are all reminders of His daily faithfulness.

Psa 90:14 O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Recognizing God's hand requires spiritual awareness. When we begin the day looking for His presence, we become more attentive to the ways He provides, protects, directs, and encourages us. Not everything will happen the way we hoped, but even difficult days can contain evidence of God's grace. Sometimes His hand is seen in what He gives us, and other times it is revealed through what He prevents, redirects, or helps us endure.

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

Do not wait for something spectacular before acknowledging God. His fingerprints are on the details of everyday life. The more we recognize His hand, the more reasons we discover to thank Him.

Prayer Focus: Father, open my eyes to recognize Your hand in my life each day. Thanks for your goodness, protection, provision, and grace.

Verse of the Day: Psa 92:4 For thou, LORD, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands.

Living the Word Today: Every day, take a moment to reflect on the many ways **God's goodness has blessed your life**. Remember His provision, protection, grace, and mercy. Give Him thanks for His goodness.

September 7

Take Authority Over the Storms of Life

Mark 4:39 And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

The storms of life have a way of demanding our attention. Unexpected problems, conflict, fear, and confusion can make us feel as though everything is beyond our control. When the disciples faced a violent storm, Jesus did not panic with them. He stood in the middle of the storm and spoke peace. His response reminds us that circumstances may be chaotic, but we belong to the One who has authority over the storm.

Luke 10:19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Through Christ, believers do not have to surrender their hearts and minds to confusion, fear, or spiritual opposition. Taking authority does not mean pretending problems do not exist. It means refusing to allow them to rule us.

1 Cor 14:33 For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

When disorder surrounds you, resist the temptation to respond with more disorder. Invite God into the situation and ask Him for wisdom. Speak peace instead of panic, truth instead of fear, and faith instead of defeat. The storm may be loud, but it does not have to become the atmosphere within you.

Prayer Focus: Father, help me stand in the authority You have given me through Christ. Give me wisdom to confront confusion with truth, fear with faith, and chaos with Your peace.

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: Pray, speak God's Word concerning the storms of life and refuse to allow confusion to steal the peace God has given you.

September 8

The Impact of Our Faith

Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Our faith was never meant to affect only us. Genuine faith becomes visible in how we live, respond to difficulties, treat others, and make decisions. People may never hear us preach a sermon, but they can see Christ through our lives.

1 Timothy 4:12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

The impact of our faith is often revealed in ordinary moments. An encouraging word can strengthen someone who is ready to give up. An act of generosity can remind someone that God has not forgotten them. Our integrity demonstrates that following Christ changes how we live.

James 2:18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

Faith becomes powerful when it moves beyond what we say and becomes evident in what we do. Let your life show that God is faithful, His love is real, and His Word transforms lives.

Prayer Focus: Father, let my words, actions, and character reflect Christ and encourage others to know You.

Verse of the Day: Romans 1:8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.

Living the Word Today: Let others see your faith through your actions. Encourage, serve, help, or show the love of Christ to someone today.

September 9

Put on the Whole Armor of God

Eph 6:11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Every day brings spiritual challenges, and God has not left us defenseless. He has provided everything we need to stand against temptation, discouragement, deception, and the attacks of the enemy. Just as a soldier would never willingly enter battle without protection, believers should not attempt to face spiritual battles without being prepared.

Eph 6:13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

The armor of God protects different areas of our spiritual lives. Truth guards us against deception. Righteousness protects our hearts. The gospel of peace steadies our steps. Faith helps extinguish the fiery darts of the enemy. Salvation protects our minds, and the Word of God gives us a weapon against lies and temptation. We need the whole armor because spiritual battles can come from many directions.

Eph 6:18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

Spiritual preparation should become a daily practice. Before facing the demands of the day, prepare yourself spiritually. Stay grounded in God's Word, remain prayerful, guard your thoughts, and stand confidently in what Christ has already provided.

Prayer Focus: Father, help me put on Your whole armor every day.

Verse of the Day: Jas 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Living the Word Today: Before beginning your day, prayerfully put on each piece of God's armor found in Ephesians 6:14–17. Ask God to help you remain spiritually alert and prepared for whatever you face.

September 10

Using Your God Given Power

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me...

God never intended for believers to live powerless lives. Through the Holy Ghost, He has given us power to live for Christ, overcome temptation, boldly share our faith, and accomplish the work He has called us to do. We do not have to depend solely on our own ability. God's power equips us to do what we could never accomplish through human strength alone.

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

Too often, fear keeps us from using what God has already given us. We may question our abilities, hesitate to step into unfamiliar places, or wait until we feel completely prepared. Yet God's power is not reserved for those who feel fearless or exceptionally gifted. His power works through ordinary people who are willing to trust Him, obey His Word, and allow the Holy Ghost to work through them.

Luke 10:19 Behold, I give unto you power... over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

We have been given spiritual authority, but we must choose to walk in it. Pray with confidence. Stand on God's Word. Resist the enemy. Share Christ boldly. Serve faithfully. God has already provided the power. Now we must be willing to use it.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for the power You have given me through the Holy Ghost. Help me overcome fear, walk in spiritual authority, and boldly accomplish what You have called me to do.

Verse of the Day: Eph 3:20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

Living the Word Today: Stop focusing on what you believe you cannot do. Ask God to show you one area where you have been holding back, then take a step of faith and use the power He has already given you.

September 11

Overcome Complacency

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

Purpose to not become complacent in your relationship with God. We can attend church, hear the Word, pray familiar prayers, and still stop growing. Spiritual complacency develops when we become satisfied with where we are and lose the desire to move forward. God has called us to more than simply knowing His Word. He wants what we hear and learn to produce action and change in our lives.

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.

Paul understood that spiritual maturity requires continued pursuit. Past victories should encourage us, but they should never become an excuse to stop pressing forward. There is always more to learn, another area in which to grow, someone else to serve, and another opportunity to obey God. Growth requires us to move beyond what is comfortable and respond when God challenges us.

Rom 12:11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

Do not allow routine to replace passion or comfort to replace obedience. Ask God to reveal where you have become spiritually settled. Then be willing to move when He shows you the next step.

Prayer Focus: Father, forgive me for the areas where I have become spiritually complacent. Renew my hunger for You and give me the courage to act upon Your Word and continue growing in my faith.

Verse of the Day: Heb 6:1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection.

Living the Word Today: Act on what you know God wants you to do. Be a doer of the Word of God. Take one intentional step of obedience today.

September 12

Unity Strengthens the Church

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up.

God did not call us merely to believe in Christ; He also placed us in His Church. The local church is a spiritual family where believers worship, grow, serve, pray, and fulfill God's purposes together. We need one another.

Hebrews 10:24-25 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another.

Church is more than attending a service. God desires our participation. Every believer has something to contribute. Your prayers matter. Your encouragement matters. Your giving matters. Your service matters. Your spiritual gifts matter. When every member faithfully does their part, the entire church becomes stronger.

1 Corinthians 12:27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

God has given you a place in His body. Don't merely attend church—help build the church! Support the vision, strengthen other believers, serve faithfully, and use what God has placed within you. We accomplish more when we build together.

Prayer Focus: Father, help me faithfully serve and strengthen the church where You have planted me.

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

Living the Word Today: Strengthen your church today. Encourage a member, pray for your leaders, volunteer to serve, or help meet a need.

September 13



Embrace the Wisdom of the Experienced

Prov 19:20 Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end.

God often places people in our lives who have already traveled roads we are just beginning to walk. Their experiences, victories, mistakes, and lessons can provide wisdom that helps us make better decisions. We do not have to learn everything the hard way. A teachable heart recognizes that receiving godly counsel is not a sign of weakness. It is an opportunity to grow.

Job 12:12 With the ancient is wisdom; and in length of days understanding.

Experience can provide perspective that knowledge alone cannot give. Those who have walked with God through changing seasons can often testify of His faithfulness in ways that strengthen our faith. Their wisdom may help us recognize dangers, avoid unnecessary mistakes, and patiently trust God when we cannot see what He is doing.

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

Wisdom is available, but we must be humble enough to receive it. Listen carefully to trustworthy people whose lives demonstrate godly character.

Prayer Focus: Father, give me a teachable heart and the humility to receive godly wisdom from others.

Verse of the Day: Prov 16:31 The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness.

Living the Word Today: Seek wisdom from someone whose experience and godly character you respect. Ask a meaningful question, listen carefully, and consider how their wisdom can help you grow.

September 14

The Inner Man is Renewed Day by Day

2 Cor 4:16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

Life can drain us physically, mentally, and emotionally, but God provides strength that reaches deeper than our circumstances. Paul reminds us that even when the outward person is experiencing weariness, the inner person can still be renewed. God gives us fresh grace for each day. Yesterday's strength was for yesterday's challenges, but we can come to Him again today and receive what we need for the journey ahead.

Eph 3:16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

True spiritual strength comes from the Holy Spirit working within us. Prayer, worship, God's Word, and time in His presence restore places that life has depleted. We may not be able to change every circumstance around us, but we can allow God to change what is happening within us. He can renew our perspective, restore our joy, strengthen our faith, and give us peace even while we are still walking through difficulty.

Isa 40:31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles...

Do not wait until you are completely exhausted before seeking renewal. Make time with God part of your daily life. As you continually draw from Him, He will strengthen you from the inside out.

Prayer Focus: Father, renew me from within each day. Strengthen my spirit, refresh my mind, restore my joy, and help me depend upon You for the strength I need.

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

Living the Word Today: Spend intentional time with God today before allowing the demands of life to consume your attention. Trust Him to renew your inner man.

September 15

The Power of Reflection

Psa 77:11 I will remember the works of the LORD: surely I will remember thy wonders of old.

Life moves quickly, and if we are not careful, we can move from one season to another without recognizing what God has taught us along the way. Reflection gives us an opportunity to slow down, remember His faithfulness, and consider how we have grown. Looking back is not always about dwelling on the past. Sometimes we look back so we can clearly see just how far God has brought us.

Psa 143:5 I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands.

Reflection can also reveal areas where God is still working in us. When we prayerfully examine our choices, attitudes, victories, and mistakes, we gain wisdom for moving forward. We can celebrate progress while allowing God to correct what still needs to change. Even difficult experiences can become valuable lessons when we ask the Lord to show us what He wants us to learn from them.

Lam 3:40 Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the LORD.

Take time to reflect without condemnation or regret. Remember what God has done, recognize what He has taught you, and consider where He is leading you next. Yesterday can provide wisdom for today when we place our experiences in God's hands.

Prayer Focus: Father, help me reflect upon my life with wisdom and gratitude. Show me where I have grown, reveal what still needs to change, and help me remember Your faithfulness through every season.

Verse of the Day: Psa 119:59 I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.

Living the Word Today: Take a few quiet moments to reflect on the past. Remember where God has brought you from. Rejoice for His blessings. Thank God for the way He has shown Himself faithful.

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September 16

God Saves Completely

Heb 7:25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

God does not offer partial salvation. Through Jesus Christ, He saves completely. Our past does not place us beyond His reach, and our failures do not exceed the power of His grace. When we come to God through Christ, we can trust that the work Jesus accomplished for us is sufficient.

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.

Salvation changes more than our eternal destination. God begins transforming our lives from the inside out. Old patterns can be broken, our minds can be renewed, and our desires can begin to align with His will. Transformation does not always happen overnight, but God remains faithful throughout the process. The same grace that saves us also teaches, strengthens, and helps us grow.

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

We do not have to live continually condemned by what Christ has already forgiven. Our confidence is not in our perfection but in the finished work of Jesus. God is able to reach every part of our lives and complete the work He has begun.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for the complete salvation You have provided through Jesus Christ. Help me receive Your forgiveness, walk in freedom, and allow You to continue transforming every area of my life.

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

Living the Word Today: Stop allowing a forgiven past to define your present. Thank God for His saving grace and choose to walk today as someone who has been redeemed, restored, and made new through Christ.

September 17

Pray for the Healing of Others

Acts 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

Throughout His earthly ministry, Jesus revealed the compassion of God by healing the sick and delivering the oppressed. Everywhere Jesus went, hurting people encountered His love and power. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. We should never stop praying and believing God for healing.

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

God has given believers the privilege and responsibility of praying for one another. When someone is sick, hurting, discouraged, or facing an impossible medical report, our response should include prayer. We do not heal through our own power; we look to God, our Healer, and pray in faith.

Psalms 103:2-3 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

Do not allow discouragement to silence your prayers. Pray for the sick. Pray for those undergoing treatment. Pray for those recovering from surgery. Pray for those battling long-term conditions. Stand with them in faith, love, and compassion. God is able to strengthen, restore, and heal.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for Your healing power. Strengthen my faith to pray boldly for those who are sick and hurting. Let Your healing virtue flow, and may Jesus be glorified.

Verse of the Day: Jeremiah 17:14 Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise.

Living the Word Today: Pray specifically for someone who needs healing. Believe God for their healing, encourage them to trust God for total healing, and continue in faith.

September 18

Extending the Hands of the Church

Matt 25:40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

The church was never meant to exist only within the walls of a building. We are called to carry the love of Christ into our neighborhoods, workplaces, schools, and communities. Every time we feed someone who is hungry, encourage someone who is discouraged, help a family in need, or simply make ourselves available to someone who is hurting, we extend the hands of the church beyond Sunday worship.

Jas 2:15-16 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled... what doth it profit?

Compassion becomes most powerful when it moves us to action. It is easy to recognize a need or tell someone that we are praying for them, but sometimes God wants us to become part of His answer. We may not be able to solve every problem, but we can use the resources, abilities, time, and opportunities God has given us to make a meaningful difference.

Gal 6:10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

Every believer can participate in the ministry of the church. When we serve others with love, people encounter a visible expression of Christ's compassion. Our hands become His hands when we willingly reach beyond ourselves to serve.

Prayer Focus: Father, help me see the needs around me and give me a willing heart to respond. Use my hands, resources, gifts, and time to demonstrate Your love to others.

Verse of the Day: 1 John 3:18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

Living the Word Today: Look beyond the walls of the church today. Find ways to meet the needs of others, encourage someone, or serve your church, family, community and friends as an expression of Christ's love.

September 19

There Is Life-Changing Power in the Word of God

Heb 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword...

The Word of God is more than words written on a page. It is living, powerful, and able to transform our hearts and minds. Scripture reveals who God is, teaches us how to live, corrects us when we are wrong, and strengthens us when we are weak. When we consistently receive God's Word and apply it to our lives, it begins changing the way we think, speak, respond, and make decisions.

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

Real transformation begins when our thinking comes into agreement with God's truth. The world constantly sends messages about who we should be, what we should value, and how we should live. God's Word gives us a standard that does not change. It replaces lies with truth, fear with faith, confusion with wisdom, and hopelessness with promises we can stand upon.

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

God's Word can guide us through situations where we do not know what to do next. Do not simply read Scripture to complete a routine. Read expecting God to speak, correct, encourage, and transform you. The Word becomes life changing when we believe it and live by it.

Prayer Focus: Father, give me a greater hunger for Your Word. Renew my mind through Your truth and help me apply what I read so that my life continually becomes more pleasing to You.

Verse of the Day: Isa 55:11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void.

Living the Word Today: Choose Scriptures that speak to your need. Read them, meditate on them, confess them in faith, and expect God's Word to produce results in your life.

September 20

The Foundation of the Gospel

Romans 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

The Gospel begins with the love and grace of God. We could not save ourselves, pay the penalty for our sins, or make ourselves righteous before God. Yet while we were still sinners, God demonstrated His great love toward us by sending Jesus Christ to die in our place. Salvation is not something we earn; it is God's gift received by faith.

Ephesians 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.

Grace removes every reason for spiritual pride. We are saved because of what Jesus accomplished, not because of our goodness, religious works, or personal achievements. Remembering this should cause us to worship God with gratitude and extend His love and mercy to others.

1 Peter 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

Jesus did more than forgive our past. He gave us a new life. Through Christ, we are delivered from the dominion of sin and empowered to live unto righteousness. The Gospel is the good news that Jesus saves, forgives, restores, heals, and transforms.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for loving me and sending Jesus to save me. Help me live every day in the power of Your grace.

Verse of the Day: Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Living the Word Today: Thank God for His saving grace, and share the good news of Jesus Christ with someone today.

September 21

Unleash Your God Given Power

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

God has not called believers to live intimidated, defeated, or controlled by fear. Through the Holy Ghost, we have been given spiritual power to live boldly, overcome obstacles, resist the enemy, and fulfill God's purpose for our lives. Yet having power and using it are two different things.

Eph 3:20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

God's power is already at work within us. As we yield to the Holy Ghost, He empowers us to pray boldly, serve faithfully, overcome difficulties, and accomplish what once seemed impossible.

Mic 3:8 But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the LORD, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin.

Do not allow the power God has given you to remain unused because you are afraid to move. Step forward in faith. Pray with confidence, speak God's Word, use your gifts, and obey when He calls. The power is His, but He desires to work through you.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for the power of the Holy Ghost working within me. Help me overcome fear, walk boldly in faith, and allow Your power to work through my life for Your glory.

Verse of the Day: 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.

Living the Word Today: Stir up your God-given gifts. Step out in faith, depend on the Holy Spirit, and let God's power work through you to impact others. Pray boldly, speak His Word, exercise your gifts, and look for an opportunity to make a difference in someone's life.

September 22

GO! Ye Therefore

Matt 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Jesus did not tell His disciples to wait for the world to come to them. He said, “**Go.**” That one word requires movement, obedience, and action. The Great Commission calls every believer to take the message of Jesus beyond the places where we are comfortable. We may not all travel to distant nations. Our mission field may be our neighborhood, workplace, school, family, community, or wherever God gives us influence.

Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

Sometimes we hesitate because we feel unqualified or unsure of what to say. But going does not require us to know everything. It requires us to be willing. We can share what Christ has done for us, demonstrate His love, serve someone in need, invite someone to church, or offer to pray with a hurting person. God can use simple acts of obedience to open doors for the Gospel.

Luke 14:23 And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.

The command is still GO! We cannot reach people if we remain comfortable within ourselves. God has placed people around us who need the hope we carry. Let us move beyond simply knowing the Great Commission and begin living it.

Prayer Focus: Father, give me courage to GO wherever You send me. Help me recognize opportunities to share Christ and boldly represent You wherever I am.

Verse of the Day: Isa 6:8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

Living the Word Today: GO! Reach beyond your usual circle today. Encourage someone, share your testimony, invite someone to Christ, or show His love through an intentional act of service.

September 23

What We Bind on Earth Will Be Bound in Heaven

Matt 18:18 Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Jesus teaches that believers are not powerless against spiritual opposition. Through Christ, we have authority to resist what is contrary to God's will and stand in agreement with His Word.

Matt 16:19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven...

We must refuse to accept what is contrary to God's Word. Through prayer, we can bind the works of the enemy—fear, confusion, temptation, division, and bondage—and stand in faith for God's peace, wisdom, healing, unity, and freedom. Prayer is not passive; it is exercising our God-given spiritual authority and standing firmly upon His Word.

Luke 10:19 Behold, I give unto you power... over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Spiritual authority should never produce arrogance. It should produce confidence in Christ. We submit ourselves to God, stand upon His Word, and trust His power rather than our own. When opposition comes, remember whose authority you represent.

Prayer Focus: Father, teach me to walk wisely in the spiritual authority You have given through Christ. Help me resist what opposes Your will and pray according to Your Word with faith and confidence.

Verse of the Day: Jas 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Living the Word Today: Identify an area where you need to exercise spiritual authority. Stand firmly on God's Word, bind what is contrary to His will, and pray in faith for His will to be accomplished.

September 24

Encourage Yourself

1 Sam 30:6 And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him... but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.

There will be moments when encouragement does not come from the people around us. David experienced one of those moments. He was grieving, surrounded by distressed people, and facing blame from those who had once followed him. Yet instead of allowing despair to overcome him, David encouraged himself in the Lord. He remembered who God was even when his circumstances gave him little reason to feel hopeful.

Psa 42:11 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God...

Encouraging yourself does not mean pretending everything is fine. It means speaking God's truth to yourself when your emotions are telling you something different. When discouragement says you cannot continue, remember that God gives strength. When fear says the situation is hopeless, remember that nothing is too hard for Him. Sometimes we must remind our own souls of what we already know about God.

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

Do not allow discouragement to have the final word. Pray, remember God's past faithfulness, rehearse His promises, and speak His Word over your situation. Even when no one else is there to lift you, you can find strength in the Lord.

Prayer Focus: Father, strengthen me when I feel discouraged. Help me remember Your promises, trust Your faithfulness, and find the courage to keep moving forward even when encouragement from others is absent.

Verse of the Day: Psa 31:24 Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD.

Living the Word Today: Speak encouragement to yourself today. Stand on the promises of God's Word. Boldly confess the promises aloud whenever discouragement tries to control your thoughts.

September 25

The Power of Vision

Hab 2:2 And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.

Vision helps us see beyond where we are and prepare for where God may be leading us. Without direction, it is easy to become distracted, discouraged, or comfortable with simply maintaining what we already have. God instructed Habakkuk to write the vision and make it plain. A clear vision gives us something to work toward and helps us recognize the steps necessary to move forward.

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

Planning does not mean we are attempting to control the future. We can prayerfully make plans while remaining willing for God to redirect them. Sometimes He changes our timing, closes a door, introduces a new opportunity, or leads us in a direction we did not expect. The goal is not simply to have a plan, but to have a plan that remains submitted to God's direction.

Prov 29:18 Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

Do not become so focused on today's responsibilities that you stop preparing for tomorrow. Pray about what is next. Write the vision, establish priorities, and take intentional steps forward. You may not know every detail of the journey, but God can direct each step as you move.

Prayer Focus: Father, give me clear vision for where You are leading me. Help me plan wisely, remain sensitive to Your direction, and have the faith to take the next step.

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

Living the Word Today: Take time today to seek God concerning His vision for your life or an area of your life. Write down what He places in your heart, pray over it, and take a step of faith toward it. Keep the vision before you and believe God to bring it to pass.

September 26

Be Watchful and Vigilant

1 Pet 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

The Christian life requires spiritual awareness. The enemy often works through distraction, temptation, discouragement, and deception, hoping we will become careless about the things of God. Peter warns believers to remain sober and vigilant. We should pay attention to what influences our thoughts, weakens our convictions, disturbs our peace, or gradually pulls our hearts away from God.

Matt 26:41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Jesus connected watchfulness with prayer. It is not enough to recognize danger after we have fallen into it. Prayer helps us remain spiritually sensitive so we can recognize trouble before it gains a foothold. We should know our areas of weakness and guard them carefully. Being vigilant does not mean living afraid of the enemy. It means staying close enough to God to recognize what does not belong in our lives.

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

Spiritual vigilance requires us to stay awake, stand firmly in faith, and remain grounded in God's Word. Do not allow comfort or routine to make you careless. Stay prayerful, guard your heart, and pay attention to what is happening around you and within you.

Prayer Focus: Father, help me remain spiritually watchful and sensitive to Your voice. Give me wisdom to recognize temptation and deception, and strengthen me to stand firmly in faith.

Verse of the Day: Col 4:2 Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;

Living the Word Today: Pay attention to what has been influencing your thoughts and spiritual life lately. Ask God to reveal anything you need to guard against, remove, or address, and respond with wisdom and prayer.

September 27

Be the Church

1 Cor 12:27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

The church is more than a building we enter for worship. We are the church. Wherever believers go, we carry the opportunity to represent Christ through our words, actions, compassion, and service. Sunday worship is important, but our responsibility does not end when the service is over. God calls us to demonstrate His love throughout the week in the places where people live, work, struggle, and need hope.

Acts 2:44-45 And all that believed were together, and had all things common; And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.

The early church demonstrated faith through community and care for others. They worshipped together, prayed together, shared what they had, and responded to needs. Being the church means noticing people. It means encouraging the discouraged, helping those in need, praying for the hurting, sharing the Gospel, and making room for people to experience the love of Christ through us.

Matt 5:14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

Our communities should be better because the church is present in them. Instead of only inviting people to come to church, we must also take the church to them. Let your life become a visible expression of the love, grace, truth, and compassion of Jesus.

Prayer Focus: Father, help me remember that I represent Your church wherever I go. Use my life to serve others.

Verse of the Day: Gal 6:10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

Living the Word Today: Be the church beyond the building today. Encourage others to, serve, pray for, or help in a practical way, and let your actions point them toward Christ. Work diligently Serve Faithfully. Live for God purposely.

September 28

Ask God for a Fresh Perspective

Psa 119:18 Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

Sometimes the situation does not need to change before we can move forward. Sometimes we need God to change the way we see it. Disappointment, frustration, fear, and past experiences can affect our perspective until we focus only on what is wrong or impossible. When we ask God to open our eyes, He can help us see possibilities, lessons, blessings, and opportunities that we previously overlooked.

2 Kgs 6:17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see...

Elisha's servant saw an enemy army surrounding them and became afraid. Elisha saw the same situation differently because he understood that God's help was greater than the opposition. When God opened the servant's eyes, he discovered that they were not alone. A fresh perspective does not deny the reality of our circumstances. It allows us to view them with God included in the picture.

Isa 43:19 Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it?

Do not assume that what you currently see is all there is. God may be working in ways you have not recognized yet. Ask Him to help you see your circumstances through the eyes of faith rather than fear, frustration, or disappointment.

Prayer Focus: Father, open my eyes and give me a fresh perspective. Help me see beyond my circumstances and recognize what You are doing, teaching, and preparing in this season.

Verse of the Day: Prov 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

Living the Word Today: Ask God to help you see your situation from His perspective. Replace negative thoughts with His promises, focus on what He can do, and move forward today with renewed faith and expectation.

September 29

Rejoice with Those that Rejoice

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

It is easy to celebrate when the blessing belongs to us, but spiritual maturity also teaches us how to celebrate when God blesses someone else. Another person's answered prayer, promotion, opportunity, healing, marriage, success, or breakthrough does not diminish what God has for us. We can sincerely rejoice with others because we trust that God's goodness is not limited.

1 Cor 13:4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

Comparison can make another person's blessing feel like a reminder of what we are still waiting for. If we are not careful, disappointment can turn into jealousy, resentment, or distance. Love chooses another response. We can thank God for what He is doing in someone else's life while continuing to trust Him with our own desires. Their season of rejoicing does not mean God has forgotten us.

Phil 2:3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

There is freedom in learning to celebrate without comparison. Send the congratulations. Show up for the celebration. Thank God for their blessing. A heart that can genuinely rejoice with others demonstrates love, humility, and confidence in God's faithfulness.

Prayer Focus: Father, help me sincerely celebrate the blessings You give to others. Remove jealousy and comparison from my heart, and teach me to trust that Your plans for my life are good.

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

Living the Word Today: Celebrate others on their walk with Christ. Congratulate them, encourage them, or thank God for something good happening in their life without comparing their journey to your own. Rejoice with those that rejoice.

September 30

Praise Through the Storm

Acts 16:25 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

Praise is easy when life is going well, but there is something powerful about praising God while we are still in the storm. Paul and Silas had been beaten, imprisoned, and placed in stocks, yet they chose to pray and sing praises. Their circumstances had not changed, but neither had the goodness of God. Praise reminds us that God is still worthy even when life is difficult.

Hab 3:17-18 Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines... Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

Praise does not mean ignoring pain or pretending that everything is fine. It means refusing to allow trouble to determine our view of God. We can acknowledge what hurts while still remembering His faithfulness. When we praise during difficult seasons, our attention shifts from the size of the problem to the greatness of the God who is with us in it.

Psa 34:1 I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Your storm does not have the authority to silence your worship. Praise God for who He is, what He has already done, and what you trust Him to do. You may still be waiting for the circumstances to change, but you can choose to worship while you wait.

Prayer Focus: Father, help me praise You even when life is difficult. Keep my heart focused on Your goodness and give me faith to worship You while I wait for the storm to pass.

Verse of the Day: Psa 42:11 Why art thou cast down, O my soul?... hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

Living the Word Today: Choose praise before you focus on the problem today. Thank God aloud for three things He has already done, and remind yourself that the God who was faithful before is still faithful now.



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