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NKJV	-New King James Version
AMP	-The Amplified Bible
AMPC	-The Amplified Classic Bible
TANT	-The Amplified New Translation
TLB	-The Living Bible
CEV	-Contemporary English Version
NASB	-New American Standard Bible
ISV	-International Standard Version
NIV	-New International Version
MSG	-The Message Translation
WEB	-The World English Bible
TNLT	-The New Living Translation
ASV	-American Standard Version
TEV	-Today's English Version
RSV	-Revised Standard Version
GNB	-Good News Bible
WNT	-Weymouth New Testament
NRSV	-New Revised Standard Version
MOFFAT	-Moffatt New Translation
WESNT	-Wesley New Testament
EBR	-Rotherham's Emphasized Bible
DRB	-Douay-Rheims Bible
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Introduction

Hurray! Your favourite daily devotional, Rhapsody of Realities, is now available in over 3,000 languages and still counting. The 2021 edition of the devotional has been packaged to enhance your spiritual growth and development and position you for resounding success throughout the year.

The life-changing truths in this edition will refresh, transform and prepare you for a very fulfilling, fruitful, and rewarding experience with God's Word.

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Enjoy God's glorious presence and victory, as you take a daily dose of His Word! God bless you!

-Pastor Chris Oyakhilome

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FRIDAY 1

BE ANXIOUS FOR NOTHING



Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things (Matthew 6:31-32).

Why should anyone read this and still fret about anything in life? The one who has told you not to worry about tomorrow is the owner of tomorrow; He's aware that everything you require for an excellent life has already been made available. So, refuse to be burdened with stress and anxiety.

Don't worry about your work, family, business, finances, or anything. Worry is fear in disguise. It's fear of negative possibilities; the imminence of unwanted outcomes. Fear attracts its images. If you keep worrying about getting sick, for example, soon enough, you'll fall sick.

The cure for worrying is living in God's Word. Jesus said, ***"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my***

yoke is easy, and my burden is light” (Matthew 11:28-30). Philippians 4:6 says, ***“Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.”***

Act on the Word. Rather than worry, receive whatever you require, and live in the consciousness of Christ’s victory, grace and abundant provisions. Anything short of a life of absolute joy and fulfilment in Christ Jesus isn’t God’s best for you.

Hebrews 4:3 says, ***“For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said....”*** God finished all His works from the foundation of the world before He made man and rested from His works. That’s the same life He’s given us; a life free of struggles.

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for dispelling every form of anxiety in my heart through the Word. I have already overcome Satan, the world and every crisis, being conscious that the greater One lives in me. I live in the peace and provisions of Christ. You’ve perfected all that concerns me. The peace of God which passes all understanding mantles my heart and mind, in Christ Jesus. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Philippians 4:6 AMPC; Deuteronomy 31:6; 2 Timothy 1:7

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 1 & Genesis 1-2

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 1:1-14 & Genesis 1



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SATURDAY 2

GIVE VENT TO YOUR CHRIST-NATURE



To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory (Colossians 1:27).

The real essence of Christianity is Christ in you, manifesting and expressing Himself in, and through you. The Christian is one who expresses and demonstrates the life, nature, character and righteousness of Christ. This is one of the things you check in appraising yourself spiritually; how much your actions, attitude, words and character epitomise Christ.

For example, when you're offended, do you give vent to your Christ-nature or allow your flesh to gain the upper hand? As one who's born again, Christ rules your life; you have His nature. Therefore, in all you do, and at all times, refuse to yield to the flesh; rather, respond from your Christ-nature.

When you talk, let Christ be heard. Let His love effuse from your words and actions. Let His wisdom mantle your hearers as you speak only gracious and lifting words; let Him talk through you. Let Him see through your eyes, walk with your legs and work with your hands. 2 Corinthians 4:11 says, "**For we which**

live are alway delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh." This is Christianity.

All that God wants manifested in you is Christ; touching and changing lives through you. The prophet said, ***"...he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days..."*** (Isaiah 53:10); you're that seed. Hallelujah! You reveal the glory and beauty of Christ. That glory is in your spirit, where Christ dwells. Therefore, look inwards; see the glory within and reveal the same to your world.

CONFESSION

I have a new life and nature—the life and nature of God. I was recreated in righteousness and true holiness, to express the will and nature of the Father. In every matter, in every place, at every opportunity, I give expression to the righteousness of God. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Ephesians 4:23-24 AMPC; 1 Peter 2:9 AMPC

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 2 & Genesis 3-5

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 1:15-25 & Genesis 2



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SUNDAY 3

THE WORD AND YOUR EXPERIENCE



Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses (1 Timothy 6:12).

There're people who say they pray and don't receive answers. Some others lament that they gave so much to God, but never received much in return. There're also those who say, "I've been speaking the Word over my body for a long time, yet I'm sick." If you've found yourself in a similar situation, here's something you should know: Your experience should never affect your confidence in the Word. The Word never fails.

The Word of God is truth, irrespective of what your experiences might be. Just because it's been several days or months and there's still no change as you expect doesn't mean the Word isn't working. You must understand that Christian growth and maturity is progressive and there's a fight of faith.

There's also the issue of your limited knowledge of the Word. Perhaps you don't know enough on the subject you're dealing with. Therefore, what

you're supposed to do is to keep feeding on the Word and exercising your faith. It's a training.

If, for example, at a certain time in your life, it took you a while to use your faith to accomplish a certain goal, don't be discouraged. Rather, grow your faith to the level where it can produce that same result anytime you want it! If it took you three months the first time, tell yourself, "Next time, I'll get it in a week or even less." Then, begin to study and meditate on the Word with your new goal in focus.

That's how you train yourself in the Word and in the faith life; you don't give up! You stand your ground, confident that God's Word will prevail over circumstances and put you over all the time.

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for the veracity of your Word. Irrespective of the adversities I face, I stay on your Word! Every unfavourable situation aligns with my nature as an associate of the God-kind. I keep my eyes on the Word, and I win always, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Jonah 2:8; Romans 4:18-20; Hebrews 11:6

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 3 & Genesis 6-8

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 2:1-12 & Genesis 3



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MONDAY 4

PROMOTE HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS



For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south (Psalm 75:6).

When God puts you in a particular job or business, His interest isn't about the office or your designation. What matters to Him is how effectively you're using your office to promote His righteousness. He wants you passionate for the Gospel, and the establishment of His Kingdom in the hearts of men and nations of the earth.

Everywhere you are, be busy for the Lord. Stand for Him. You're His ambassador, and a minister of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:20-21). What counts the most in your life is what you do with the Gospel, for the salvation of men, regardless of your vocation.

The Apostle Paul, in 2 Corinthians 8:23, commended certain individuals who were with him on his missionary journeys. He was proud of their commitment to the Gospel and said, ***"...they are the messengers of the churches, and the glory of Christ."*** What a testimony! Messengers of the churches and the glory of Christ. What an honour! It makes no difference where you are, or what your vocation is; see yourself as a sent one, representing the Church and the glory

of Christ.

Preach the Gospel. Minister the Word to those in your world. The Bible says He's made you an "able minister of the New Testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter kills, but the spirit gives life" (2 Corinthians 3:6). You're God's mouthpiece; speak for Him! Do His work. Do great things for the Kingdom. Be bold. Let nothing keep you quiet. Keep bearing His message of faith, hope and love with urgency, for the end of all things is near (1 Peter 4:7).

PRAYER

Blessed Father, I thank you for the grace you've granted me to be relevant in the ministry of the Gospel, preaching and spreading your righteousness around the world. My life is the testimony of your power as I bear witness of Christ and testify of His saving grace, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

2 Corinthians 5:15; 2 Corinthians 5:18; Romans 1:16

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 4 & Genesis 9-11

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 2:13-23 & Genesis 4



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TUESDAY 5

THE WORD IN YOU



*Let the word of Christ dwell in you
richly in all wisdom...
(Colossians 3:16).*

Your reaction to challenges and adversities of life will be to the extent of how much of the Word is richly deposited in your spirit. In the day of crisis, you can only pull from the reservoir of the Word in you. If the Word isn't dwelling in you richly, your response would be from your head, and out of fear; and that wouldn't work.

Take for instance a situation has arisen in your health; if you've programmed yourself through the years with the Word, you'd be unperturbed, regardless of the bad prognosis. This is because you have the knowledge that you're an associate of the God-kind, an offspring of God, with the divine nature. Hallelujah!

The Word of God that you've imbibed—that has gained the ascendancy in your spirit—is what puts you over in the day of trouble. That's why you must meditate on the Word consciously, so it's not only in your head, but settled in your heart, permeating every fibre of your being! When the Word is in your heart strong, the necessary result is that you'd speak it forth, for, from the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks.

With the Word richly in you, if you ever notice any anomaly in any part of your body, instead of reacting in fear, you'd affirm the Word because you have a different, solid, valid and divine information in your spirit through the Word, keeping you victorious in all circumstances. Hallelujah!

CONFESSION

The Word of God is effective and producing results in me NOW! Christ is alive in me through the Word and the Holy Spirit. Therefore, I'm victorious in all circumstances today. I walk in His glory, heaping success upon success, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Luke 1:37 AMPC; Colossians 3:16; Joshua 1:8 AMPC

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 5:1-20 & Genesis 12-14

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 3:1-9 & Genesis 5



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WEDNESDAY 6

RIGHTEOUSNESS GIVES YOU DOMINION



*For if by one man's offence death
reigned by one; much more they which
receive abundance of grace and of the
gift of righteousness shall reign in life by
one, Jesus Christ
(Romans 5:17).*

The literal translation of the word “reign” in the verse above is to “king” or “be king”; it’s the verb of kingship. So, you could actually say, “They which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall “king” or “be kings” in life by Jesus Christ.”

Revelation 1:6 says He’s made us kings and priests unto God; and what do kings do? They rule and reign; they exercise authority and dominion over their realm. In the opening verse above, we reign in the realm of life.

Righteousness is the divine acquittal by faith, on the basis of the new creation in Christ Jesus. It’s a gift from God to the whole world, activated for those who receive and confess the Lordship of Jesus. They’re the ones to reign in life! The Amplified version says “...they shall reign as kings in life.”

Righteousness gives you dominion; righteousness-consciousness eliminates guilt, condemnation or inferiority, and places you above Satan and his

accusations. It also gives you the boldness and confidence to pray to God and expect answers. You're unafraid and unashamed before Him, because you have peace with Him through the Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 5:1).

Without an understanding of righteousness, you really can't live victoriously over the adversary and adversities. You'll be subject to the elements of this world, whereas you're meant to rule and reign over them.

Become more conscious that you're the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. Stay and live in the Word. Declare in faith, "I'm a king and I reign in righteousness; I'm superior to Satan, his demons and circumstances." By the power of Jesus Christ, the whole world is subdued before you. You have the dominion over Satan and the rulers of the darkness of this world! Glory to God!

CONFESSION

I'm righteousness-conscious. I have the mastery over circumstances, demons and their manipulations. The angels of God minister in my behalf, even now, for I've received an overflowing of God's grace and I'm made a champion in this life. Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY:

Romans 5:20-21; Romans 5:17 AMPC

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 5: 21-48 & Genesis 15-17

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 3:10-17 & Genesis 6



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THURSDAY 7

THE WORD IS OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLE

*Now the Spirit speaketh expressly,
that in the latter times some shall
depart from the faith, giving heed
to seducing spirits, and doctrines of
devils (1 Timothy 4:1).*

In these end times before the Rapture of the Church, one of the phenomena we'll witness is apostasy (2 Thessalonians 2:3). Many will fall away from the Faith, because they gave heed to seducing spirits—spirits that lure people from believing in God, from believing the truth. These spirits lure men from the right path, to give attention to teachings, assertions and instructions of demons.

The doctrines of demons aren't new. Eve sinned against God through a doctrine of Satan. Satan lied to her, lured her from the truth, and she was deceived (1 Timothy 2:14). Satan didn't have any personal contact with her; he worked through the serpent to question the veracity of God's instructions. The serpent suggested something else to her, which was a perversion of God's Word. He said to her, **"...Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?"** (Genesis 3:1).

It's like what you find in certain circles today; while the Word of God teaches, "Love who you marry," they say, "Marry who you love." What are they aiming at? The idea of same-sex marriage! So, a man can say, "Well, marriage is about love; I'm in love with another man." That's the seduction; a doctrine of demons!

Many are being subtly lured into the wrong path, with scriptures being misinterpreted, and they think everything is fine; something is wrong. The Bible says, ***“Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith...”*** (2 Corinthians 13:5 NIV). There’s no other way to examine yourself besides the Word of God.

There’ll never be an updating of the Bible. What you believe and live by must be consistent with what the Bible says. The Word of God is, and must be, your guiding principle for life. That Word says, ***“Surely you know that the wicked will not possess God’s Kingdom. Do not fool yourselves; people who are immoral or who worship idols or are adulterers or homosexual perverts or who steal or are greedy or are drunkards or who slander others or are thieves—none of these will possess God’s Kingdom”*** (1 Corinthians 6:9-10 GNB).

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for your Word, which is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. I believe, accept and live by your Word only. My thoughts, choices, ideas, opinions and decisions are subject to your Word. My steps are ordered by your Word, which is my ever-dependable guide, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

1 Corinthians 3:11; Romans 12:2; 2 Corinthians 13:5 NIV

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 6:1-18 & Genesis 18-19

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 4:1-11 & Genesis 7



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FRIDAY 8

FOREVER VICTORIOUS



Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place (2 Corinthians 2:14).

Today, so much news of gloom and doom is disseminated through the media; there's so much hardship, harsh economic conditions, wickedness and terror in the world than it has ever been. The world is at a critical boiling point. But being in Christ, you have nothing to fear. Christ is your country, your home and environment.

In Christ, you're forever victorious. You have overcome all the antichrist spirits of this world. 1 John 4:4 says, ***"Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."***

Then Paul, by the Spirit, declared in Romans 8:35-37, ***"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?...Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us."***

It makes no difference the tests, trials, persecutions, and fierceness of the storms and pressures that you face; you're more than a conqueror. The Word of God is infallible and immutable, and that Word says you're a victor in Christ Jesus. Nothing should overwhelm you, because the greater One lives in you and causes you to triumph always, in all things, and in every place. This is your life in Christ! Blessed be God!

CONFESSION

I'm making progress from glory to glory; my life is the testimony of God's abundance and His unfailing love. He loads me daily with benefits and leads me in a perpetual victory parade. I'm walking in the power of the Spirit, ruling and reigning by grace through righteousness. Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY:

Isaiah 43:2 AMPC; Colossians 1:27

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 6:19-7:1-6 & Genesis 20-22

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 4:12-25 & Genesis 8



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SATURDAY 9

MANIFEST HIS GLORY



*But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a dedicated nation, [God's] own purchased, special people, that you may set forth the wonderful deeds and display the virtues and perfections of Him Who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light
(1 Peter 2:9 AMPC).*

One of the most beautiful revelations in the Word of God is the truth that as new creations, we're the glory of God in a dark and cynical world. We're the solution to the darkness in the world. The Bible says, ***"For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people..."*** (Isaiah 60:2).

The gross darkness in the world is the indication that it's your time to shine and light up your world. Romans 8:19 says, ***"For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God."*** The world is waiting for you to manifest the glory of God, to free it from decay and corrupting influences of Satan.

Psalms 74:20 says the dark places of the earth are

filled with the habitations of cruelty. That's talking about spiritual darkness and wickedness that's prevalent in today's world. But when you show up, the darkness and cruelty are dispelled. When you come into the world of the unsaved, bearing the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, salvation comes to them.

You give meaning, direction and beauty to your world. You're the light in a dark world and the salt of the earth. Jesus said, ***"...as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you"*** (John 20:21). He sent us to bring glory, excellence and meaning to the lives of those in our world. This is your ministry. This is your life.

CONFESSION

I'm the manifestation, the out-shining of the glory of God. His splendour, excellence and perfection are expressed through me. And despite the darkness and hardship in today's world, I'm more than a conqueror, for Christ in me is the hope of glory! I walk in the glory—in my health, academics, job, business, family and finances. Praise God!

FURTHER STUDY:

John 17:22; Romans 8:30

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 7:7-29 & Genesis 23-24

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 5:1-10 & Genesis 9



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SUNDAY 10

THE AFFIRMATION PRINCIPLE



But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation (Romans 10:8-10).

It's astonishing that many make light of the above verses and miss the amazing revelation it brings to the Church. It's like what's revealed in Hebrews 13:5-6: ***"Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me."***

In these verses, the Spirit gives an important counsel at the beginning of the fifth verse. He says let your manner of life be without covetousness, and be content with what you have. He could have stopped there, but He didn't. Rather, He continued and gave us the reason He made the statement in the first place, which we find in the concluding part of verse five: "...

for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.” Had he stopped here, it would have meant He merely wanted us to see a promise, which would have been okay. However, He reveals something quite profound in the next verse and says, ***“...So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.”*** Herein is the affirmation principle: “God has said, so that you may boldly say....”

God gave us His Word, so that you may boldly respond in consonance with it. That’s what changes your life. The promise alone doesn’t change your life; the principle must be applied.

In applying the principle, you don’t merely “quote” what God has said; you give your personal faith-response to the Word, on the basis of your understanding of His required response. An accurate response is learned through the Word, and the Holy Spirit. He gave us mouths so we can vocalize and use His Word to mould and shape our lives and destinies in the direction of His perfect will. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Precious Father, you’ve translated me from the domain of darkness into your glorious Kingdom of light, where I reign and rule over circumstances. My prosperity is independent of financial conditions of nations and governments. Through my confession of your Word, I’m on a perpetual victory parade, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

2 Corinthians 4:13; Mark 11:23

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 8:1-27 & Genesis 25-26

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 5:11-20 & Genesis 10



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MONDAY 11

BE RESOLVED TO LIVE FOR HIM



Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God (John 13:3 NIV).

In Acts 21, the saints at Tyre warned and pleaded with Paul not to go to Jerusalem, because of the afflictions he'd face there. They told him he'd be tortured, imprisoned and killed. But Paul's response is most inspiring! He said, ***"...Why are you weeping and breaking my heart? I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus"*** (Acts 21:13 NIV).

What a resolve! He refused to fear; he set his face like Jesus, to go to Jerusalem, even though it meant death! The Bible says, ***"And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem"*** (Luke 9:51). The phrase, "stedfastly set" is "stērizō" (Greek), which means "to turn resolutely in a certain direction," to be resolved.

Jesus' countenance was so resolute that anybody that looked at Him knew He was up to something; he had made a decision. He knew what was awaiting Him in Jerusalem. He said to His disciples, ***"...The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified..."*** (Luke 24:7), but He

was undeterred; He steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem.

The Samaritans were hostile to Him, because they could see on His face He was headed to Jerusalem, and they didn't like it (Luke 9:53). His decision was obvious from His countenance; registered on His visage! Why? He knew the Father was depending on Him.

Even though the Father had given all things into His hands, the decision about whether or not to die for the world, was left to Him (Jesus); but He was focused. This is how you should be resolved to serve Him with your life, to live as a Christian, no matter what!

Make a decision that's worthy of Jesus, because He made a decision to save you. Never allow any form of distraction in your service to the Lord and spreading of the Gospel around the world. Let it be so strong that even your countenance conveys it.

CONFESSION

I live purposefully unto the Lord, and for His glory. I'm excited about the Holy Spirit, about the Word of God, and fervent in soul winning. Irrespective of the challenges and the difficulties in today's world, I'm resolved in serving the Lord, shining brightly in glory and righteousness. Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY:

2 Corinthians 5:14-15; John 9:4

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 8:28-9:1-17 & Genesis 27-28

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 5:21-30 & Genesis 11



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TUESDAY 12

BOLDNESS IN THE DAY OF CRISIS



*Herein is our love made perfect,
that we may have boldness in the
day of judgment: because as he is,
so are we in this world
(1 John 4:17).*

A few years ago, a certain Christian brother was kidnapped by a cult. When they arrived at the kidnappers' shrine, he saw the skulls of several people who had been beheaded; and shortly after their arrival, the ritualists began to call their latest captives one after the other to the slaughter slab.

Suddenly, the brother began to speak in other tongues. As he spoke in tongues, one of the ritualists came to shut him up, but he spoke in tongues even louder. While everyone else was enveloped in fear, he spoke out in tongues! Soon enough, pandemonium erupted amongst the ritualists and they kicked him out of their midst. He was freed.

That brother's experience reveals what happens when you're full of the Spirit; you're bold! At that moment when trouble strikes, the power of the Holy Spirit would rise in you; words will come out of you in torrents of divine energy.

Victory is assured in the fullness of the Spirit. When trouble comes, you're ready; you're bold in the day of

crisis. The word “judgment” is from the Greek word, “krisis”—the derivative of the English word “crisis.” It depicts a time of intense difficulty or danger.

There have been times when it was said that a Christian was travelling in a bus, and there was a terrible accident, and everybody died. Was the Christian supposed to die with them? No! He was supposed to have boldness in the time of crisis.

He could have declared at that moment, “In the Name of Jesus, I’m preserved! I don’t die!” He may not even need to say anything at all, because he was already prayed up before he got on the bus. The Bible doesn’t say, “...that we may shout in the day of crisis”; no, it says we may have boldness in the day of crisis. With that boldness of the Spirit, you’ll prevail, irrespective of the circumstances or crisis. Hallelujah!

CONFESSION

With boldness and an undeniable faith, I reign in this life. It makes no difference what I face, I refuse to be anxious or afraid. I declare peace and calmness over circumstances; I’m bold and confident to face life and win, because greater is He that’s in me than he that’s in the world. Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY:

1 John 4:17-18; Proverbs 24:10; Proverbs 28:1

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 9:18-38 & Genesis 29-30

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 5:31-40 & Genesis 12



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WEDNESDAY 13

THE PLACE CALLED CHRIST



Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son (Colossians 1:13).

As read in our theme verse, you've been translated from the domain of darkness into the kingdom of God's dear Son; that's your new place in life. It's the place called "Christ," where you reign and rule with dominion over darkness.

If for example you've been experiencing demonic oppression at night or having nightmares, perhaps it's because you didn't know who you are and where you are. Now that you know, it should never happen again.

Jesus said, ***"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free"*** (John 8:32). You don't need deliverance; you got your deliverance when you came into Christ. The Bible says, ***"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature..."*** (2 Corinthians 5:17). Colossians 2:6 says, ***"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him"*** (NIV).

Live your life IN CHRIST! Carry the Christ-atmosphere everywhere you go. You're shielded, protected and kept by His power in your new home (Christ). It has to become as real to you as the house

in which you live physically. Become conscious of this and you'll never know frustration or discouragement, fear, sickness, disease or infirmity.

You may say, "Pastor Chris, what if I've been born again for many years, but right now, I'm going through some trouble in my body?" Simple: with the understanding that you're in Christ, and your authority in Him, just say, "In the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, I stand in that which belongs to me! I reject the pain! I reject the infirmity, and I stand strong in Christ!" Then wrap your arms around your body and say, "Body, comply!"

Your body has no option than to comply. You're not in Satan's domain; you're in Christ, the place of great glory and dominion, with power over Satan, sickness, disease and death. Blessed be God!

CONFESSION

I've been taken out of the power, dominion, control, and authority of darkness, into absolute safety! I live in the presence of God, and function with the dominion of Christ; I'm seated with Christ in the realm of glory—too far and too high from Satan's domain! I'm superior to Satan! Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY:

2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 2:6; Colossians 1:12-14 AMPC

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 10:1-23 & Genesis 31-33

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 5:41-48 & Genesis 13



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THURSDAY 14

CONSCIOUSLY SOW THE WORD IN YOU



*Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap
(Galatians 6:7).*

The Word of God is seed, and what do you do to a seed if you want it to produce a good harvest? You sow it in the right environment. Through meditation, you sow God's Word into your heart. If you don't sow the right seeds, weeds will grow of themselves. Your heart is God's garden and you can't allow "weeds" to grow in it.

Weeds are wrong thoughts that are received into the heart. If you allow them, they'll destroy the crop of God's Word in your life. We see how this happens in the parable that Jesus gave about the sower who went forth to sow his seeds (Read Matthew 13:7, 22).

Make up your mind to only allow the right seeds in your heart, because as read in our theme verse, what you sow is what you reap. The Word in your heart will produce a harvest of the Word and great blessings in your life. Therefore, consciously sow the Word into your heart; set your heart for it.

As you study and meditate on the Scriptures, tell yourself, "I walk in truth; I walk in love; I walk in Christ;

I walk by the Spirit. I have the Spirit of boldness. No sickness in my body; I walk in divine health, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ!”

These are perilous times; the Bible says, ***“This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come”*** (2 Timothy 3:1). We’re in that time that was spoken about, and only those who walk in the dominion of the Word, in the consciousness of their victory in and through the Word, will prevail.

So, learn the Word of God for yourself, for your life. Store it in your heart, and let it come out of your mouth, ***“...for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh”*** (Matthew 12:34).

CONFESSION

My heart is God’s garden, and His Word grows in me continually, producing harvests of blessings. I mount guard over my heart, allowing only the Word to grow and prevail. And by the Word, I walk in victory, success and advancement, every day, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Acts 20:32; Romans 10:10; Luke 6:45; Philippians 4:8

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 10:24-42 & Genesis 34-35

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 6:1-13 & Genesis 14



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FRIDAY 15

PEACE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS



And the work of righteousness shall be peace... (Isaiah 32:17).

Psalm 85:10-11 tells us something beautiful; it says, ***"Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven."*** In the New Testament, mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Romans 5:1 says, "Therefore being declared righteous by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

The Greek word translated "justified" in the KJV is "Dikaioo," which means to be acquitted and declared righteous. Now that you've been declared righteous and have right standing with God by faith, you have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ; you're at one with Him. The word "peace" is the Greek, "eirene" which means to be set at one again, to be brought into harmony, concord, safety, with God.

There's no need for you to be afraid that one day, God will recall all your wrongs and punish you for your sins. You've come home to Him; you're now at rest in Him through Christ Jesus. He made it possible; it's the result of His righteousness that you've received.

He's brought you to Himself. There's a oneness now:
*"For he is our peace, who hath made both one...
Having abolished in his flesh the enmity...to make
in himself...one new man, so making peace; And
that he might reconcile both unto God in one body
by the cross... And came and preached peace to you
which were afar off, and to them that were nigh..."*
(Ephesians 2:14-17).

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for my glorious life in Christ, and my oneness with you. Your righteousness has produced peace in me; peace with prosperity! Thank you for this awesome life of dominion and joy, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

John 14:27; Ephesians 2:14-17 NIV

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 11:1-30 & Genesis 36-37

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 6:14-24 & Genesis 15



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SATURDAY 16

PRAISE MUST HAVE CONTENT



By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name (Hebrews 13:15).

When we talk about praise in the New Testament, there're many who don't understand what it is. Praise is our profuse expression of appreciation of the goodness, blessings, kindness and righteousness of God. It's the appreciation or confession of His character. When you say, "Lord, you're gracious and kind; you've blessed me; you're righteous, etc.," you're defining and appreciating His character; that's praise.

When you worship the Lord in that light, it shows who He is in your life; it separates Him from everyone else and from everything else. When you thank Him for His goodness, provisions, blessings and all the wonderful things He's given you, and done for you, you're attributing those beautiful works to Him. The necessary result is that He'll do more in your life.

You might have heard some people say, "Well, anybody can worship any way he chooses; I can decide to keep quiet and worship God in my mind"; that's wrong. Yes, God knows what's in your heart, yet Jesus

said, “...**When you pray, say...**” (Luke 11:2 NKJV). He didn’t say, “...think.” Worship must have content.

In the Old Testament, when the prophets or priests prayed, the contents of their prayers were written for us, showing that they vocalised it. Likewise, when Jesus prayed, He spoke out, such that others heard Him. He didn’t merely think in His mind.

It’s the same with worship; we worship God through the Spirit, and by the Word (in spirit and in truth)! We lift our hands to Him, making confessions to His Name: ***“By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name”*** (Hebrews 13:15). We eulogise and bless Him for His greatness, kindness, love, mercies and grace. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Blessed Jesus, you’re greater than all; you rule the heavens and the earth; everything from galaxies to governments; no name or power is outside the reign and dominion of your majesty! How great thou art, O Lord! You alone are God, worthy of all honour, majesty and praise, now and forever. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Hebrews 13:15; Psalm 138:2; Revelation 4:10-11

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 12:1-21 & Genesis 38-39

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 6:25-34 & Genesis 16



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SUNDAY 17

RECOGNIZING OUR AUTHORITY IN HIS NAME



*And hath raised us up together, and
made us sit together in heavenly
places in Christ Jesus
(Ephesians 2:6).*

There's so much that we can do when we take advantage of our authority and dominion in Christ. Too many Christians have been too quiet about many things, living as though they're victims in life; no! Take charge; you're in office.

You're seated with Christ in the place of power, in the position of authority; you have His dominion; it's yours by right; so, use it! Make things right in your life, in your home, in your ministry, job, business, city, nation, etc., using the Name of Jesus. That Name is greater than every government, or institution, name or title that could be conferred, both in this world and in the world to come.

Jesus Christ is LORD over all, and the God of all flesh. With this knowledge, you can, and should, put a stop to the uprisings, wars, epidemics, wickedness, perils, and havocs the devil concocts and attempts to wreak around the world. Putting a stop to these things is simple: Use the authority and power of His Name in prayer!

The Message translation gives an excellent rendering of Ephesians 1:20-22. It says, ***"...God raised him from death and set him on a throne in deep***

heaven, in charge of running the universe, everything from galaxies to governments, no name and no power exempt from his rule. And not just for the time being, but forever. He is in charge of it all, has the final word on everything...." This is extraordinary.

However, He's not in charge and ruling if you do nothing. The way He runs the earth and sets things in order is through us, the Church. We're His seed, prolonging His days; He rules through us. When you speak, it's Him speaking. When you take action against the forces of darkness and wickedness in your nation, that's Him taking an action.

Satan has no chance if you'd recognise and take advantage of your position and ability in Christ—the glory and power you wield in His Name! Even now, use that authority! Declare in the Name of Jesus, the specific changes you want in any area of your life and you'll have a testimony. Blessed be God!

CONFESSION

I'm seated with Christ in heavenly places, far above all the hardships, troubles, perils and corrupting influences in the world. I dominate and triumph over circumstances today. Christ reigns and rules through me; His dominion and righteousness are expressed through me. Blessed be His Name forever.

FURTHER STUDY:

Ephesians 2:5-6 AMPC; Philippians 2:9-10

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 12:22-50 & Genesis 40-41

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 7:1-12 & Genesis 17



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MONDAY 18

THE GLORIOUS RESULT OF HIS SUFFERING



According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue (2 Peter 1:3).

The Christian is called into a life of glory and excellence. He's the fruit of Christ's suffering. The Bible talks about the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow (1 Peter 1:11). You're the glory He foresaw, for which He endured the Cross and despised the shame (Hebrews 12:2). You're the glorious result of His suffering.

Jesus Christ is the effulgence of the Father's glory; the express image of His Person (Hebrews 1:3). And that's exactly what He's made you, for the Bible says as He is, so are we in this world (1 John 4:17). He said, ***"And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one"*** (John 17:22). Live with this consciousness every day!

2 Corinthians 3:18 explains it some more. It lets us know that the Word of God is a mirror: ***"But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord."*** A

mirror reflects whatever is set before it. If you stood in front of a mirror, you'd see your own reflection. The Word of God is a mirror, and the image of you that it reflects is "the glory of God"; that's who you really are!

You've been glorified with Jesus. You have His life and His righteousness now, with the same Holy Spirit who raised Him from death, at work in you. This is huge! God chose you to show forth His praises and manifest His glory in the earth: ***"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light"*** (1 Peter 2:9).

PRAYER

Thank you Father, for I've been brought out of sin, sickness, disease, depression, poverty, frustrations and everything associated with Satan and darkness, into your eternal glory—where I shine and reign gloriously in life by grace, through righteousness. My journey is one of glory, triumph, success and prosperity. Glory to your Name forever!

FURTHER STUDY:

1 Peter 2:9 AMPC; Romans 8:16-17

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 13:1-23 & Genesis 42-43

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 7:13-20 & Genesis 18



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TUESDAY 19

THE WORD OF FAITH IN YOUR MOUTH



But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach (Romans 10:8).

The Word of God in your mouth is where the victory is. 2 Corinthians 4:13 says, ***“We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak.”*** You’re a victor in Christ Jesus, and you maintain that victory by your faith-filled words. It makes no difference what happens around you, speak as a victor. Speak righteousness; speak success, glory and excellence.

Victors don’t talk fear, lack or weakness; they speak the wisdom of God: ***“Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world...But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery...”*** (1 Corinthians 2:6-7). Others may be griping over the darkness in today’s world, the decimation of global markets and world economies; none of these should move you, because you’re not of this world.

When men are cast down, you’re to say, “I’m lifted! The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage; my prosperity is independent

of circumstances.” That’s how victors talk; they respond to circumstances and situations with the Word; they say what God has said.

Hebrews 13:5-6 says, ***“...he hath said... So that we may boldly say....”*** If you’ve been experiencing symptoms of an ailment, for example, don’t voice the symptoms; declare healing and health. If you were feeling weak, declare strength; affirm that the life of God in you is superior, and therefore destroys and dispels every sickness, disease and pain from your body.

1 John 5:4 says, ***“For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.”*** Keep affirming your righteousness and triumphant life in Christ! Reign and rule over circumstances with the Word of faith in your mouth.

CONFESSION

My life is the revelation of the glory of God, the testimony of His grace and righteousness. I’m victorious always and in all things; fruitful, productive and effective in the ministry of the Gospel. Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY:

Mark 11:22-23; Joshua 1:8

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 13:24-43 & Genesis 44-45

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 7:21-29 & Genesis 19



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WEDNESDAY 20

VICTORIES ONLY



But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day (Proverbs 4:18).

In Christ, we have the transcendent life; we win always! We have an ever-joyous life, with power over crises and dominion over circumstances. This is our normal life in Christ. Does this mean as Christians, we don't face challenges? That's not what it means! Rather, it means irrespective of the magnitude or fierceness of the challenges we face, there's only one outcome: we win!

You'll have to face trials, tests and difficulties, but the Word says, ***"...In all these things, we are more than conquerors..."*** (Romans 8:37). 2 Corinthians 2:14 says, ***"Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ..."*** Our victory in Christ isn't sometimes, but ALWAYS, irrespective of kind and place.

The challenges and crises of life are for your promotion. Never be intimidated; you've already overcome them in Christ (1 John 4:4). In Christ, you have a life of peace, strength, health and prosperity; a life of glory and power. Colossians 1:27 says, ***"...Christ in you, the hope of glory."*** Christ is your guarantee

of a victorious and glorious life. Learn to trust in Him, and follow His Word, putting it to work in your life.

CONFESSION

I have and enjoy the transcendent life; victories unlimited! I'm making progress with giant strides, from glory to glory. When men are cast down, I'm lifted, because greater is He that's in me, than he that's in the world. Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY:

Romans 8:35-37; 2 Corinthians 2:14 MSG

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 13:44-14:1-12 & Genesis 46-48

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 8:1-11 & Genesis 20



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THURSDAY 21

SEE BY THE WORD AND SPEAK ACCORDINGLY



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

We're not supposed to be victims in the earth, but victors. But many Christians live as victims, as captives of adverse circumstances, because they neither see nor live by the Word. The adversities, pressures and difficulties of life aren't a factor. Paul, in the preceding verse to our opening scripture, calls them "light affliction, which is but for a moment..."

In other words, to you, that problem or adverse circumstance may have been for ten years, but it's subject to change, and guaranteed to work for you a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. How? The answer is what we read in our opening verse! Stop looking at your present physical condition; see the invisible.

When you see the invisible, the wilderness experience will end. See God doing great things in your life and through your life this year. See yourself prosperous, healthy, vibrant and strong. See yourself walking in victory and in the glory of God. See the picture, accept it, and speak accordingly. Consider the story of Abraham in Genesis 17. He took his gaze off

what his physical senses dictated to him and looked at the invisible through the eyes of the spirit. He saw himself as the father of many, just as God had said.

The Apostle Paul, in Romans 4:17, explains to us that Abraham believed what God had said concerning him: ***“(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.”***

This is the beginning of a new year; something you must do consciously and consistently every day is to boldly declare who you really are. Don't speak failure; don't speak defeat. Have the right vision. See from God's perspective. Meditate on and declare His Word.

When you affirm what God has said about you, your soul will be adjusted to act that way. Whatever God has said about you, endorse it, believe it, and affirm it to yourself consistently (Hebrews 13:5-6). Consciously programme your life with the Word of God.

CONFESSION

I see myself making progress with giant strides; my path is that of the just that shines brighter and brighter unto the perfect day. My focus is on the Lord and His Word; His Wisdom guides and rules my life. I see and walk in victory, health, prosperity and joy, now and always, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

2 Corinthians 5:7; Hebrews 12:2; 2 Corinthians 4:13

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 14:13-36 & Genesis 49-50

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 8:12-22 & Genesis 21



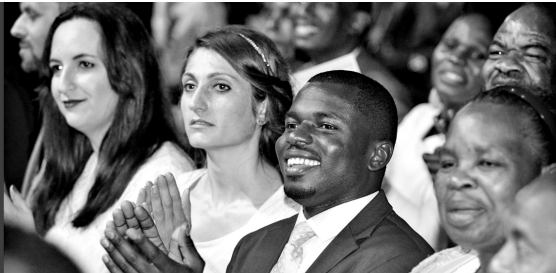
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FRIDAY 22

CELEBRATE WHEN THE SQUEEZE IS ON



*For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal
(2 Corinthians 4:17-18).*

Why should a Christian read the scriptures, like our theme verse above and still gripe and moan about challenges? It makes no difference the pressure you face from the adversary; refuse to give in. Never be flustered by circumstances or threats.

Christ lives in you and He's the greater One. Therefore, when you face crises, declare, "Greater is He that's in me than all the adversities and adversaries that could ever come against me!" Whatever you may be going through today is a light affliction; it came "to pass." So refuse to allow anything steal your joy.

Even our transient troubles produce for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. The Word says so; hence, it's the only outcome to expect. That's

why you must rejoice in the face of adversity. James 1:2 (TPT) says, ***“...when it seems as though you are facing nothing but difficulties see it as an invaluable opportunity to experience the greatest joy that you can!”***

Celebrate and rejoice in the Lord when the squeeze is on. Don't focus on the problem. Fix your gaze on Jesus, the author and finisher of your faith. In Him you triumph ALWAYS, and in every situation. Glory to God!

CONFESSION

I rejoice in the Lord, His eternal Word and power to put me over all adversities. The Lord is the strength of my life, and I fear nothing and no one. In Him I triumph gloriously always and in every situation, reigning in righteousness, and growing in grace, wisdom and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

2 Corinthians 4:17-18 AMPC; Romans 5:3-4 MSG;
Hebrews 12:2

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 15:1-28 & Exodus 1-2

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 8:23-34 & Genesis 22



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SATURDAY 23

THE CHURCH IS THE FULLNESS OF CHRIST



And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the pre-eminence (Colossians 1:18).

Did you know that Jesus isn't complete without us? And by "us," I mean the Church. We're inseparably united with Him (1 Corinthians 6:17). Ephesians 1:22-23 says He ***"...put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all."*** He's the one who fills everything (Ephesians 4:10), yet His fullness is the Church, which is His body.

This should help you understand your importance and relevance to Christ. You're "in Him," and He's "in you." Through you, He expresses His love to the world, and establishes His Kingdom in the earth. You're His extension in the earth, because you hail from Him and are connected to Him. He said in 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."*** It's the Father's grand design for Him to need us just as we need Him: He's our glory as we are His glory.

In John 17:19-21, Jesus prayed, ***"...that they also***

might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." This prayer of Jesus is fulfilled in us today; He's made us one with divinity.

1 Corinthians 12:13 says, ***"For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body...."*** Then, 1 Corinthians 6:17 declares, ***"...he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit."*** We're literally mingled with the Spirit as one divine creation: ***"For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit"*** (1 Corinthians 12:13). Blessed be God!

CONFESSION

I belong in the family of Christ—the Church! And in Christ, I'm in health, wealth, splendour, prosperity and glory. The glory of God is seen and manifested through me to my world. My life is a continuous manifestation of Christ and the supernatural! Blessed be God!

FURTHER STUDY:

1 Corinthians 6:17; 1 John 4:17

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 15:29-16:1-12 & Exodus 3-5

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 9:1-13 & Genesis 23



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SUNDAY 24

YOUR PROCLAMATION MAKES IT REAL



*We having the same spirit of faith,
according as it is written, I believed, and
therefore have I spoken; we also believe,
and therefore speak
(2 Corinthians 4:13).*

For your faith to produce results, not only must you know the Word and have it in your consciousness, you must speak it forth. The power is in affirmation. We believe, and therefore, we speak. If you don't say it, it'll not happen.

The Word of God is truth; it's already established in heaven. Psalm 119:89 says, ***"For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven."*** But it becomes settled in your life by your affirmation. The way it works is this: you keep the Word in your consciousness through meditation, then your confession or proclamation establishes it.

In Mark 11:23, Jesus said, ***"... whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith."*** When the Word is in your heart, and spoken forth, it becomes a creative force.

Remember, God's Word created everything; therefore, it can and will create anything. Whatever you desire today, the power to make it real is in your mouth. Jesus said a good man, out of the good treasures of his heart, brings forth good things (Luke 6:45). Through meditation, you create good things in your heart; then just as the Father did in the book of Genesis after incubating on the earth's chaotic mass, you release words.

Words are things; they have creative energy. Use your faith-filled words to frame your world, and programme your spirit for success, victory and ever-increasing glory.

CONFESSION

I have been blessed with, and in all things, and the Lord has made me fruitful and productive. With my proclamations of faith, I disallow sickness, disease, infirmity and weakness from my body, and banish trouble, depression, poverty and frustrations from my life and family. Health, strength and abundance are my birthrights. I walk in the glory of God, manifesting the righteousness of Christ. Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY:

Proverbs 18:21 AMPC; James 3:2; Romans 10:8-10

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 16:13-17:1-13 & Exodus 6-7

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 9:14-26 & Genesis 24



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MONDAY 25

THE FULLNESS OF THE SPIRIT



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

Why would any Christian read this and still be asking for more power or double portion anointing? It's a contradiction! You have the Spirit living in you in His fullness. The anointing is the effect of the power and presence of the Holy Spirit; why ask for the effect when you have the causative personality in you?

The Holy Spirit is the power, strength, and wisdom of God. He's the Spirit of grace and He lives in you as a person. He took up His abode in you with the totality of His being. The fullness of His glory and power should be freely expressed in and through you.

The Holy Spirit in you makes you more than a man. There's a divine energy working in you; it doesn't burn out, neither does it require replenishing. Refuse therefore to be limited by your physical ability; your potentials are limitless! The Holy Spirit works in you mightily to achieve results that are beyond human ability and comprehension (Colossians 1:29). Affirm this in your life always.

Philippians 2:13 says, ***“For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.”*** The God that works in you is the Holy Spirit; He causes you to be willing, and then propels you to do the Father’s will. You can stir up His power to flow in and through you more by speaking in tongues, and meditating on the Word. Hallelujah!

CONFESSION

I’m full of power, grace and glory, because the Holy Spirit lives in me in His fullness! He’s my ability and the strength of my life. I’m perfected in Him, exuding His righteousness, peace, joy and excellence, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

John 3:34; Ephesians 3:17-19

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 17:14-18:1-14 & Exodus 8-9

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 9:27-38 & Genesis 25



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TUESDAY 26

NO COVENANT OF HEALING FOR THE NEW CREATION



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 (1 Peter 2:24).

Many of the Scriptures on healing that have been quoted by many well-meaning Christians aren't applicable to the New Testament. In the Old Testament, God made provisions for the children of Israel, but those provisions and messages don't apply to the Church.

Recall that the Old Covenant was abrogated because it made nothing perfect. You might ask, "How about the covenant of healing? Didn't God say in Exodus 23:25, ***"...I will take sickness away from the midst of thee?"*** He also said in Isaiah 53:5, ***"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."***

Now, none of these two references is for the Christian. God didn't make a covenant of healing with the new creation. The covenant of healing was for Israel. When Jesus said on the Cross, "It is finished" (John 19:30), that was the end of the old covenant.

It's important to understand who the Christian really is. The Christian is one with the God-life, a life

that doesn't require healing, because it doesn't get sick. Why are many sick then? Ignorance! God said, "My people are destroyed for their lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6).

The Bible says, ***"But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal (death-doomed) bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you"*** (Romans 8:11). The Holy Spirit, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you and has vitalized your mortal body. That means your body isn't death-doomed or sickness prone anymore. Hallelujah!

God's people must know, live, and spread the truth. When you become a Christian and you receive the Holy Spirit, you should NEVER be sick again in your life. What you need is the consciousness of the divine life in you, and the fact that the Holy Spirit perambulates in you to ward off every anomaly, and keep you in health.

CONFESSION

The same Spirit that raised up Christ from the dead has vitalized my body. Sickness has no place in me, because the life of God permeates me through and through. I live in divine health and impact my world with the God-life in me, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Isaiah 33:24 AMPC; Proverbs 4:20-22; Romans 8:10 NIV

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 18:15-35 & Exodus 10-12

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 10:1-11 & Genesis 26



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WEDNESDAY 27

PEACE IS FROM GOD



These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world (John 16:33).

Paul the Apostle declared: ***“But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not...”*** (2 Corinthians 4:3-4). The god of this world is Satan, and he’s the one responsible for the mess and chaos in the world.

The way the world is right now, the structures and systems of the world that’s driven by selfishness, wickedness, greed and hatred is designed by Satan. The implication of this is that the systems and structures of this world can never give peace. Peace is from God, just as righteousness is from God.

It’s impossible for people who have never received the life and nature of God to deliver true peace. Not even your family and friends can give you lasting peace, happiness, and joy. In John 14:27, Jesus said, ***“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”*** Blessed Be God!

The peace the world is looking for is in Jesus Christ;

no wonder it eludes them, because they're searching for it in the wrong places. The Bible says, ***"...When they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape"*** (1 Thessalonians 5:3). This is the dilemma that the world is in today.

In our theme verse, Jesus said, ***"...In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."*** He overcame the world and gave you the victory over the world. It makes no difference what's going on in the world, be at peace.

The peace that you have in your spirit is the peace of Jesus Christ; it gives you power over crises. Even in adverse circumstances, when it seems there's trouble everywhere, His peace garrisons your heart and mind, causing you to be at rest in prosperity. Hallelujah!

CONFESSION

No matter what happens, irrespective of the turmoil, I'm unperturbed; I have the peace of Jesus Christ in my heart. Therefore, I'm full of confidence, because the Champion of Peace is my Lord! I have peace without agitation, full of rest and prosperity. Blessed be God!

FURTHER STUDY:

Isaiah 9:6; Isaiah 26:3; John 14:27

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 19:1-15 & Exodus 13-14

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 10:12-22 & Genesis 27



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THURSDAY 28

BLESSINGS IN HIS PRESENCE



And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was present to heal them (Luke 5:17).

Sometime ago, I was in a programme with several ministers from different countries. During the Question and Answer segment, many of them asked questions bothering on various subjects, and I shared with them answers from the Scriptures.

But while at it, I noticed by the Spirit that all the time they were asking the questions and we were looking through the Scriptures for the answers, the Spirit of God was ministering to us in a very special way. Several of them that came with heart conditions, chest problems and some other ailments suddenly realized they had been healed. The ailments they came into the meeting with were no longer there!

There were healing miracles everywhere even though we didn't particularly pray for the sick. That's what happens in His presence; your questions are answered; problems are solved; burdens are lifted; His glory in your life is enriched and activated. Hallelujah!

When you're under the influence and ministry of

the Word and the Spirit of God, you notice something happening in your life, even though you may not be able to tell it in words immediately. That's how so many people can be blessed at the same time in the presence of God.

In His presence, there's guidance; there's direction; there's life! No wonder the psalmist exclaimed: ***"Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore"*** (Psalm 16:11). In His presence, you're guided by His truth, into all truth; there's revelation; every form of confusion gives way.

This year, make fellowship with God a priority. Study the Word voraciously and pray in tongues fervently EVERY DAY. He's given us a life of fulfilment; a life of singing and praising and thanksgiving. Maintain and live in that glory every day and experience the supernatural; the joy, peace and prosperity that's beyond this world. Glory to God!

CONFESSION

In fellowship, I receive God's Word that puts me over in life, and my faith is built strong, causing me to ride upon the high places of the earth, walking in abundance, wisdom of the Spirit, and keeping me perpetually above all evil and terror, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Psalm 133:1-3; John 16:13-14; Hebrews 10:25

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 19:16-20:1-16 & Exodus 15

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 10:23-33 & Genesis 28



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FRIDAY 29

HE LOVES YOU PERSONALLY



But the very hairs of your head are all numbered (Matthew 10:30).

When we say, “God loves you,” what does that even mean to you? What is love? Love is that endearing value of a person that gives you a sense of his or her importance to you as the object of your favour. Therefore, that God loves you means you’re special and valuable to Him.

You’re so valuable to Him that He takes a record of even the hairs of your head. Jesus said every hair of your head is “numbered”; notice He didn’t say, “counted.” That means every strand of hair from your head has a code number from God; none of them falls off without Him recording it.

This is the care of God for each one of us. If you understand His love for you, all that crying and feeling sorry for yourself because of what you are going through, will be unnecessary. You’d give no room to selfishness and greed. He cares so much for you. He loves you personally, in particular.

1 Corinthians 12:27 says, ***“Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.”*** The word, “particular” is “meros” (Greek), which means individual parts, definite parts. The Amplified Classic version says, ***“Now you [collectively] are Christ’s body***

and [individually] you are members of it, each part severally and distinct [each with his own place and function].”

Ephesians 5:29 says, **“For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church.”** This is wonderful. With all the fear and discouragement in the world today, the Lord is bringing you this message as an indication of His love for you. He’s nourishing you through His Word to lift your spirit and strengthen your faith, because He cherishes you. You’re special to Him.

The Bible says, **“Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God...”** (1 John 3:1). The word “bestowed” also means “lavished”; the Father has lavished His love on you. It’s love without limits. Glory to His Name forever!

PRAYER

Righteous and loving Father, thank you for loving me with an everlasting love. Your arms of love are ever outstretched to embrace me, and your love for me is unconditional and eternal. I walk every day in, and with, the consciousness of your unfailing love, even as I’ve become a vent of your liquid love to my world, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

1 John 3:1; 1 John 4:16; Jeremiah 31:3;
Romans 8:35-38 TLB

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 20:17-34 & Exodus 16-17

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 10:34-42 & Genesis 29



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SATURDAY 30

STIR UP WHAT YOU'VE GOT

*Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands
(2 Timothy 1:6).*

For the Christian, there's no such thing as the Spirit coming afresh on you. There's no fresh anointing coming upon you from anywhere; it's not in the Bible. Some say they want a double-dose anointing. How can you get a double dose of something you already have in full?

There's no place in the New Testament that suggests that you could have a double anointing or another anointing. Stop praying, crying and begging for what you already have! What the New Testament teaches is that when you received the Holy Spirit, you were anointed with the full measure of God. You're replete with God.

Ephesians 3:19 says, ***“And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.”*** This is God's purpose; all you have to do is to stir up what you've got inside you, to be filled. Stir up the Spirit, and let that power surge through your being. The Bible says, ***“And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but***

be filled with the Spirit” (Ephesians 5:18). In other words, be always stirred in the Holy Ghost.

That’s what Paul told Timothy in our theme verse: to stir up the gift of God, the power of the Holy Spirit in him, which can be dormant unless you activate it, and He tells us how to do it: ***“Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God”*** (Ephesians 5:19-21).

CONFESSION

I have the Holy Spirit without measure. I’m replete with God, full of Him, with all His power that gives me the dynamic ability to cause changes in my world. As I stir up that power in me, I’m infused with divine strength, and the glory of God is revealed through me, causing me to reign in righteousness, with dominion over circumstances. Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY:

2 Timothy 1:6 AMPC; Ephesians 5:18-19; John 3:34

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 21:1-32 & Exodus 18-19

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 11:1-10 & Genesis 30



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SUNDAY 31

THE MINISTRY OF LOVE



*...Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will...remove thy candlestick out of his place...
(Revelation 2:1-5).*

Think about this: Even after the Lord praised the church in Ephesus for all their labour, He had something against them; they had left their first love. What was the first love? Evidently, it refers to their love and passion for Jesus Christ, shown through their love for the brethren.

The Ephesian church was a church that was known to love the Lord and the brethren. In Paul's epistle to them, right from the first verse, he addressed them as the faithful in Christ Jesus: ***"...to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus"*** (Ephesians 1:1). In the fifteenth verse, he noted their love for all the saints. ***"Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints"*** (Ephesians 1:15). This was the first love he charged them with leaving in Revelation 2:4.

1 John 4:20 says, ***"If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?"*** To love Jesus, you must express it in loving God's people. By loving the brethren, you show that you love Christ. 1 Timothy 5:8 says, ***"But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel"***

Paul was writing about God's people and how their expression of the Gospel of Jesus Christ should be in their relationship with others. Jesus told the Ephesian church to do the "first works": loving Christ so much that they express it in loving others. Thus, the love of God you demonstrate in action—towards those you can see—is so important. Do you remember those that labour or work with you? Do their conditions affect you or are you hard-hearted towards them?

Do you remember fellow ministers and neighbouring churches going through difficult times? These are things that must be foremost on your mind. If you've not been love-ruled, if your actions haven't been motivated by love, just as Jesus told the Ephesian church to repent, you must repent as well.

He said if they didn't repent, He'd take the church out of its place. That was what He meant by removing the candlestick out of his place; the church would no longer be there. This shows that the relevance of the Church is in its ministry of love. Walking in love has no alternative.

Make up your mind and train yourself to walk in love. Don't be hardened against your brethren, your siblings or even strangers. Let your heart be softened and be easily stirred to help.

CONFESSION

The love-nature of God in my spirit causes me to radiate and express love to everyone. I'm full of love! I sincerely display kindness and grace, and speak and believe the best of others, in the Name of Jesus. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

1 John 4:18; Luke 23:33-34

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 21:33-22:1-14 & Exodus 20-21

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Matthew 11:11-20 & Genesis 31



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PRAYER OF SALVATION

We trust you have been blessed by this devotional. We invite you to make Jesus Christ the Lord of your life by praying thus:

“O Lord God, I believe with all my heart in Jesus Christ, Son of the living God. I believe He died for me and God raised Him from the dead. I believe He’s alive today. I confess with my mouth that Jesus Christ is the Lord of my life from this day. Through Him and in His Name, I have eternal life; I’m born again. Thank you Lord, for saving my soul! I’m now a child of God. Hallelujah!”

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