

# BUILD UP

## Daily Devotional

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And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified. (Act 20:32)



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## 1. WHY ARE YOU HERE ON EARTH?

1 May, 2026. Friday

**“...For they themselves show of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come” (1 Thessalonians 1:9-10)**

On this first day of the month of May I present to you a fundamental question which every person has to answer: Why are you here on earth? Our anchor scripture gives three clear answers to this question in the underlined parts. **The first reason**, it says **“ye turned to God from idols”**. Every man is born with their heart turned away from God into emptiness. A person turns towards God by accepting the Lord Jesus. Until you accept Jesus, your heart is empty. You may not have idols like shrines, but there's emptiness in your heart. Your relationship with God is number one. Your existence without a relationship with God is empty. Don't trade your relationship with God with anything. In John 14:6, Jesus declared, **“I am the way, the truth and the life, no man comes to the Father except through me”**. Outside of Him, every human person is dead spiritually and is full of emptiness. If you are reading this article and you are not born again, you can follow the prayer of salvation at the end of this book.

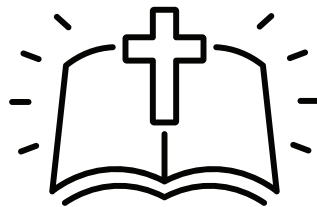
**The second reason** why you are here on earth is **“to serve the living and the true God”**. When you get born again, never be idle. There are different ways through which you serve God. You serve God with your faith and your works of services. Romans 12:11 instructs, **“be fervent in spirit, serving the Lord”**. Serve the Lord everywhere you are. **The third and last reason** why you are existing is **“to wait for the return of Jesus Christ”**.

This means do everything with a consciousness of the soon coming of our Lord Jesus. As you serve God, actively look forward to meeting the one you are serving. Hebrews 9:28 declares, “..unto those who look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin, unto salvation”. Look forward to meeting Him. Have the consciousness of His soon return always.



# PRAYER

Dear Holy Father, I thank you for the salvation found in Christ Jesus. By your Spirit I live my life serving you with reverence and joy as I await the soon return of Jesus Christ. In Jesus name. Amen



## FURTHER STUDY

Acts 4:12, 1 Cor. 15:58 & 1

Thessalonians 4:16-17

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

1 Sam 9-10; Luk 21

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Num 7

**“I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day. The night cometh when no man can wake. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world” (John 9: 4-5)**

Our theme scripture is a response the Lord Jesus gave the disciples while discussing about a man who was born blind. **“While it is day”** means while you have the opportunity as granted and permitted of the Lord. There are times and seasons in life as orchestrated and permitted of the Lord, and it is vital for you to discern those. Ecclesiastes 3:1 clearly declares, **“There is a time and a season to everything in the earth”**. 1 Chronicles 12:32 informs us of the children of Issachar saying, **“And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do”**. They understood the times and they advised Israel on what to do in every time. This was a great advantage to Israel. God doesn't want us regret in life in missing divine opportune times. Ephesians 5:16 instructs, **“Redeem the time”**, which means make the most of the time. Don't allow God given opportunities slip off your fingers. Israel did not know the time of her visitation when Christ came (Luke 19:44). They rejected Him and as a nation that season opportunity will appear again after 2,000 years. Don't allow that to happen to you.

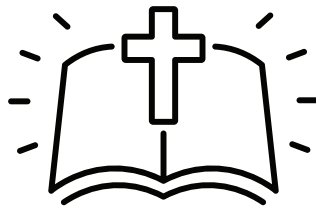
When Jesus said, **“The night cometh when no man can wake”** in our theme scripture it signifies that certain seasons may come to a close. Be wise to use the time efficiently. Proverbs 10:5 states that a wise son does not sleep in the time of the harvest. This shows that seizing divine opportunities is wisdom. Sometimes it could be such special opportune times of prayer. Sometimes it could be special opportune times to learn certain things. It could be opportunities for investment in business or education. Don't blindly pass by without making the most of the season.

Insensitivity, complacency and laziness are costly. Allow God's wisdom to function in you. The wisdom of God brings us the insight into the seasons and the times and guides us on what to do.



# PRAYER

Dear Lord Jesus, You are my wisdom. Your word is my wisdom. The Holy Spirit guides me into all truth as the Spirit of wisdom. By your wisdom I discern your orchestrated times and seasons. Amen



## FURTHER STUDY

Luke 19:44 BLB

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

1 Sam 11-12

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mk 8

**“So Job died being old and full of days” (Job 42: 17)**

The expression “**full of days**” can be also be rendered “full of years”. For instance Genesis 25: 8 says, “**Then Abraham gave up the ghost, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years; and was gathered to his people**”. Full of years refers to the quality of the life they lived. It is not about the number of years you live but the fulfilment of what God wanted you to do in the years you live. It is substantiated with the accomplishment of God’s purpose in your life. It is called living God’s dream. 1 Chronicles 23:1 bears a wonderful testimony of David the king of Israel, “**So when David was old and full of days, he made Solomon his son king over Israel**”. This is what is called living completely or to the full. That’s what God wants for your life, doing His will with the quality He demands.

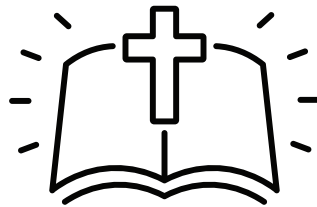
Have you discovered God’s purpose for your life and have you aligned yourself in the fulfillment of that purpose? Nothing else will ever satisfy you until you find yourself doing what God designed you to be doing, living the purpose of God for your life. Acts 13:25 renders a testimonial of John the Baptist, “**And as John fulfilled his course**”. That means John fulfilled the purpose of God for his life and remember he was executed when he was about 32 years old. So you can see it is not about the number of years but the fulfilment of purpose in those years. Don’t think you are too young or too old to discover and fulfil God’s dream for your life. At the age of 33, Jesus said “**it is finished**”, accomplishing God’s will (John 19:30). He consummated salvation for mankind.

Spend your life on earth pleasing the Lord Jesus by doing what He wants you to do. That is how to be full of years.



# PRAYER

Dear Lord Jesus, am so glad to be Yours, purchased by Your precious blood. By the Holy Spirit in me am living my God designed purpose daily. Your name will be glorified in my life always. Amen



## FURTHER STUDY

John 4:34

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

1 Sam 13-14

2 YEAR BIBLE REDAING PLAN

Num 8

**“Cause me to hear Your loving-kindness in the morning, for in You do I trust; Cause me to know the way in which I should walk, for I lift up my soul to You” (Psalm 143:8 NKJV)**

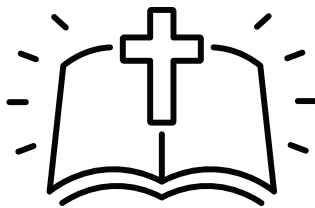
In our opening scripture, David prayed to God, **“Cause me to know the way in which I should walk”**. Do you know there’s a definite way you should walk? Not every way is your way. God has a definite purpose for your life. Do you know that your life and days are in His book (Psalm 139:16) and you are supposed to align perfectly with His script? Proverbs 16:25 sounds an alarm, **“There is a way that seems right unto a man but the ends thereof are the ways of death”**. So don’t live your life the way you feel or the others expects you. God doesn’t want you to live on assumptions but the reality of His will for your life. Not every way is your way just like not every door open is yours.

Genesis 13:10 says, **“And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere”**. These were well watered plains of Jordan near Sodom. Lot made his decision based on what his physical eyes saw and did not discern the future. This place was later destroyed by the Lord. What influences you decisions in life? Don’t be like Lot who went into a physically appealing place which turned out to be a candidate-site of destruction. Without insight from the Holy Spirit, you gallop in the darkness of confusion. Proverbs 3:5 says, **“Lean not on your own understanding but in every way acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy path”**. God wants to direct your path according to His will. Trust God in your life. Walk the way of God for your life. Don’t trample on the wrong road. Let your heart always follow the guidance of the Lord through the Holy Scriptures and the ministry of the Holy Spirit.



# PRAYER

Dear righteous Father, I acknowledge that there is a way I should walk in this life in line with your perfect will. I walk daily by your grace in the preordained ways manifesting your glory. In Jesus name. Amen.



## FURTHER STUDY

Psalm 32:8

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

1 Sam 15; Luk 22

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Num 9

**“I came down from heaven not to follow my own agenda but to accomplish the will of the One who sent me” (John 6:38 MSG)**

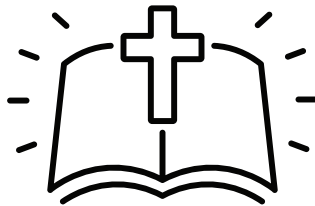
The Lord Jesus had clarity of purpose for His coming to the earth. He also knew the timing for its fulfillment and He worked towards it with urgency. In John 4:34 He said to the disciples, **“My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work”** showing His unwavering focus on God mission. He knew the will of God the Father. He was very clear about it and never walked on His own agenda. He wasn't working with assumptions. He was not moved by what was popular. He was very focused on God's purpose. Knowing the timing for purpose fulfilment, He alerted the disciples in John 4:35, **“Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest”**. In John 9:4-5 He said **“I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world”**. In this statement He displays knowledge of God's purpose (light of the world) and the timing with the urgency of execution of that purpose (while it day). You have to know purpose, the timing and have the necessary urgency in execution.

Are you clear about God's purpose for your life? Are you clear about His timing? Sometimes others may know purpose but don't know when to do what. When you know these, execute with urgency. Procrastination should not be entertained in your life. Ephesians 5:16 instructs, **“Redeem the time...”** and this means make the most of the time. When the Holy Spirit signals to you that it's time to carry out certain things, make the most of the time with the required urgency. When He signals it means there is grace for your movement. With clarity of purpose and timing with urgency you will undeniably live a successful and prosperous life. If you don't know God's purpose and the timing, ask Him, He will guide you.



# PRAYER

Oh Lord my life is for your pleasure. With the Help of your Spirit and your word, I walk and fulfil your purpose, not missing your timing. In Jesus name. Amen



## FURTHER STUDY

Esther 4:14

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

1 Sam 16-17

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Num 10

**“For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve” (Act 27:23)**

Acts 27:23 is a striking and passionate statement made by Apostle Paul to the sailing crew and team when faced with a shipwreck on their way to Rome. He said, **“For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve”**. In this statement you see the admirable allegiance for the Lord that Paul had, the expression of his boldness and the joy he had in his heart to identify with the Lord Jesus Christ. He was never ashamed of his association with the Lord. Two key lessons from this scripture: Number one is the right perception we must have about God and ourselves. He says, **“the God whose I am”**, indicating association of belonging as a possession of someone. Paul is saying he belongs to God. See yourself that way and you have to see God that way. God owns you and you belong to Him. 1 Peter 1:18 says **“for as much as you know that you were not redeemed with corruptible things as silver and gold from your vain conversation received by the traditions of your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ as of a lamb without blemish and without sport”**. This shows you are His.

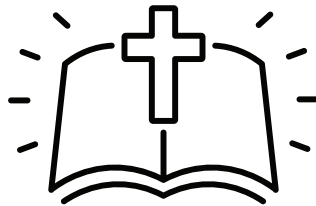
The second lesson is about your bold and open acknowledgement of your association with Him. You have to be bold and glad to identify with the Lord Jesus even in the midst of challenges. Paul said those words while under arrest on his way to be tried before Caesar in Rome. Nonetheless he openly and boldly declared His association with the Lord. 2 Corinthians 5:15 declares, **“And that he died for all that they which live should no longer live unto themselves, but unto him that died for them and rose again”**. You are to live your life for the glory and pleasure of the Lord.

Be full of joy about your association and connection with the Lord Jesus Christ, the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. Declare your love for the Lord openly and boldly, even in the midst of trials.



# PRAYER

My life is hidden with Christ in God. Christ is my life and when He appears I shall appear with Him in glory. I am the Lord's and I live for His glory.



## FURTHER STUDY

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

1 Sam 18-19; Luk 23

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Num 11; Mk 9

## 7. MAKE YOUR BOAT AVAILABLE FOR HIM

7 May, 2026. Thursday

**“Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon’s, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat” (Luke 5:3)**

Our anchor scripture captures the scene where Jesus taught multitudes from Peter’s boat. After teaching the people, Jesus asked Peter, **“Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch”** (Luke 5:4). By this time Peter and his fishing comrades had toiled through the previous night with no catch. However, Peter did something remarkable, he chose to follow Jesus’ words despite their unfavorable experience. Learn to trust God beyond human experiences. They launched their nets as told by Jesus and verses 6 and 7 report the result, **“And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink”**. This was a miracle, a net breaking catch. They did not get this catch because of their skills or experience. It was a miracle. But remember that Jesus asked Peter to launch the nets after He had finished teaching the people from his boat. He used Peter’s boat for teaching God’s word. In life you have to learn to seize the opportunities that God brings your way for serving Him. Would you let Him use your boat? The boat for you may be your car, skill, finances or physical apartment.

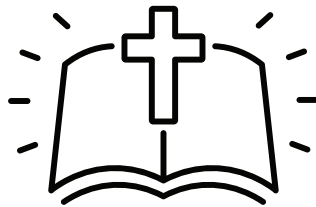
In Genesis 18 we read a story about Abraham offering hospitality to three men who turned out to be angels and one the Lord. They never asked for that kindness but Abraham made available the space and provisions. In verse 9, the Bible says, **“And they said to him, where is Sarah thy wife? And he said, Behold, she is in the tent. And he said, I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life. And lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son”**.

That's what this family desired, a son which God had promised them. But Abraham had to make room available and they received the prophetic word. Surely Isaac was born according to the words spoken to them. These words came after Abraham and Sara gave kindness. Make your boat available for Him and experience His miraculous interventions in your life.



# PRAYER

Lord Jesus you are gracious and kind. By your Spirit my eyes are open to the opportunities of service you bring me. Amen



## FURTHER STUDY

Genesis 18:1-9

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

1 Sam 20

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Num 12-13

## 8. SEEK YE FIRST HIS KINGDOM

8 May, 2026. Friday

**“Seek first the kingdom of God and all his righteousness. And all of these things shall be added unto you” (Matthew 6:33)**

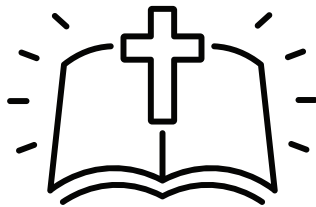
After Jesus instructed the disciples against accommodating worry in their lives, He directed their attention to what they should prioritize, **“the kingdom of God and all His righteousness”**. This instruction helps you to be organized and orderly in your life in God’s eyes. Your life is supposed to be about God’s kingdom. This means God’s kingdom and its righteous agenda ought to be conspicuous in your life. Jesus at the age of twelve responded to Mary and Joseph, **“Why would you need to search for me? Didn’t you know that it was necessary for me to be here in my Father’s house, consumed with him?”** Luke 2:49 (TPT). He was consumed with God and His business. You couldn’t spend days with Jesus without knowing what He was living for. God’s purpose was very visible in His life. Today, we are the legal representatives of the heavenly kingdom, therefore God’s will must be visible in our lives.

You don’t have to go the way of unrighteousness to acquire wealth. Rather seek His kingdom and righteousness. He says your heavenly Father already knows that you require such. When you align your life in this order, whatever you require falls into place. Let your heart beat for the kingdom of God. Fix your eyes on the kingdom of God. Colossians 3:1 (NLT) enjoins us, **“Since you have been raised to a new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven where Christ sits in the place of honor at God’s right hand”**. Let the kingdom of God be visible even in your financial expenditures, bearing witness that you have prioritised the kingdom of God. Your daily life must show that God’s kingdom is number one and central to you. Be described first and majorly as a person who loves the Lord Jesus, His will and His work.



# PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for making me your own through the vicarious sacrifice of Jesus Christ. I live my life for you kingdom. Through me your will is expressed in my world. In Jesus name. Amen



## FURTHER STUDY

John 2:17

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

1 Sam 21-23; Luk 24

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

## “Pray without ceasing” (1Thesalonians 5:17)

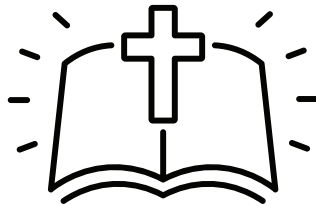
We are enjoined in our theme scripture to pray unceasingly. Prayer is not something you do sometimes and retire from. It's a lifetime engagement. Prayer holds priceless benefits for you. The first benefit is the **increased glow or luminosity in your spirit**. Do you know we appear to God as stars or lights? (Eph 5:8). For some Christians their light is dim others it's brightly strong. The quality of your prayer life is one key differencing factor in the radiance. Proverbs 20:27 also states, **“The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the inward parts of the bell”**. The more you pray, the greater the glow of that candle of your spirit. Notably, when this happens, it is a pleasing and joyous site for the Lord to behold. Psalm 45:11 (NASB) tells us, **“Then the King will crave your beauty. Because He is your Lord, bow down to Him”**. In this glow you become gloriously beautiful in God's eyes. Your spirit become so luminous or radiant. Your spirit glows intensely and then your fellowship gets deeply intimate with the Lord. The highest purpose of prayer is not to make requests to God but to fellowship with Him.

Luke 9:29 records what happened as Jesus was praying, **“As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning”**. That glow observed on Him was due to the glow inward. That is what happens when you pray. With this increased glow inward, outward observable transformations follows. The more you pray, the more you find your attitudes conform to God's will. If you were loose in talking, as you pray more, the more disciplined you become. The more you pray, the more God is glorified in your life through the glow of your spirit which is the beauty He desires to behold. Other benefits of prayer will be shared in several articles following.



# CONFESSION

My spirit is the candle of the Lord. As I pray, I glow within and my fellowship with the Lord the king of my life deepens. In Jesus name.



## FURTHER STUDY

Luke 9:29

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

1 Sam 24-25

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Num 14

## 10. DIVINE SYNCHRONIZATION THROUGH PRAYER

10 May, 2026. Sunday

**“Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak”. (Matthew 26:41)**

In Matthew 26:41 the Lord Jesus instructed and warned the disciples, **“Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak”**. He was letting them know that as they pray they will be prepared for what was coming ahead. This is what happens when you are prayerful. It's about synchronization with God's will where you become so sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit. When the hour of temptation came Jesus knew exactly what to do and His responses were in line with God's will. The disciples were not ready for that hour. Peter got his knife and slashed the ear of Marcus, one servant of the high priest. Jesus reprimanded him for this, showing us that that response wasn't in sync with God (Luke 22:49-51). Evidently Peter and the other disciples were not ready for the moment. When you are prayerful your heart opens up to God's communications and directions, you become spiritually sensitive and walk in sync with Him.

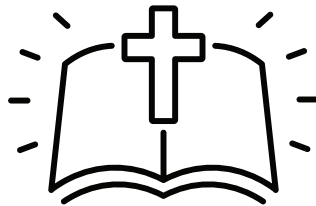
In John 5:19 Jesus said **“I tell you for certain the Son cannot do anything on his own. He can do only what he sees the Father doing, and he does exactly what he sees the Father do” (John 5:19)**. This shows you Jesus outworked what He saw in the Father in the Spirit. When He worked, it was actually God working. His step was God's step in manifestation. He was so synchronized with God's will. He enjoins us to pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17) because of the incalculable gains of synchronization with His will. God's desire is that there is no time you are out of His plan.

In synchronization you are unified with God's will and pace. You are well coordinated with God's will in your spirit. You always find yourself in God's perfect will. This is the best life to live. Be prayerful always.



# PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for the privilege of prayer through which my spirit is synchronized with your will. I take advantage of your grace for prayerfulness. In Jesus name. Amen



## FURTHER STUDY

Mark 14:38 & Colossians 4:2

CJB

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

1 Sam 26; John 1

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Num 15

**“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:6-7 NIV)**

Our opening scripture, Philippians 4:6-7 instructs, **“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus”**. He tells us that when you pray, the peace of God guards your mind and hearts. This is the garrison of God's peace, meaning God's peace unleashed as a military garrison of defense over your heart and minds. This results in your undisturbed inner rest, stability, courage, fearlessness and hope. The natural or scientific man can't explain this state especially when one is faced with trouble. That is why our theme scripture says **this peace transcends all understanding**". Your mind and heart are Satan's key targets. The mind is the doorway to your heart, the human spirit. Satan wants you to have a troubled mind so that he can easily control and sway you from accomplishing God's purpose.

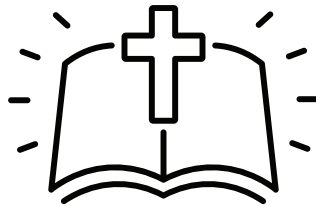
Apostle James wrote, **“Is anyone among you suffering? He must pray” (James 5:13 NKJV)**. This is because beside the change of situation, the garrison of God's peace is a key gain through your praying. While you can still see the trouble around you, your mind is protected with God's peace. Most of the times what has led many into dire situations is not the challenge being faced but the state of their minds. Without the garrison of God's peace your mind and hearts become vulnerable to satanic manipulations. Jesus was full of peace even on the troubled sea.

He was not troubled like the disciples (Mark 4:38-39). What trouble are you facing today, as you talk to the Lord about it, you will experience the garrison of God's peace. This is a priceless gain in prayer. It doesn't matter what happens to you. You can be at rest unflustered in the face of challenges.



# PRAYER

As I pray, my mind and heart are garrisoned by God peace. I am stable and full of God's peace in my mind and heart. In Jesus name.



## FURTHER STUDY

Philippians 4:6-7 & Isaiah 26:3

NIV

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

1 Sam 27-29

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Num 16; Mk 10

## 12. INVITATION OF DIVINE INTERVENTION

12 May, 2026. Tuesday

**“Ask, and you will be given what you ask for. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened” (Matthew 7:7 TLB)**

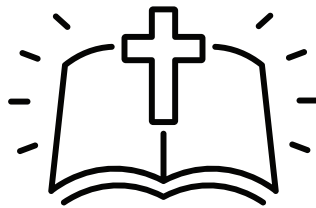
Through prayer we invite divine intervention into whatever situation. Though God is powerful, He waits for your prayer as a legal invitation. In prayer God’s power is released over situations. **James 5:16-17 (AMP)** says, **“The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working]”**. When you pray, tremendous power is made available to change situations. The Bible is replete with stories of people who trusted God in prayer and saw the power of God in action. There are cases that require divine intervention, situations upon which science or the human mind holds no solution. If you are in such, don’t despair, use the privilege of prayer in the matchless name of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV) encourages you **“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God”**. Instead of worrying about any situation, you can petition God. You can present your requests to God. James 5:17-18 tells us that Elijah prayed for heaven to withhold rains for 3.5 years and surely there was no rain for that definite period. He prayed again for the unlocking of the rains and they fell. After enduring mockery from Penina, Hanna who was barren prayed and received a child and named him Samuel. In 1 Samuel 1:27 Hannah said and reckoned, **“For this child I prayed, and the Lord has granted me my petition which I asked of Him”**. You can take advantage of the gracious privilege of prayer today for anything. There is no situation higher than His power. Be prayerful and you will see this tremendous power revealed in your world changing situations in conformity with God plan.



# PRAYER

Dear Father, You are faithful through all generations. You are the same yesterday, today and forever. You are faithful in answering the prayers of your saints. I praise you. In Jesus name. Amen



## FURTHER STUDY

John 16:24

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

1 Sam 30-31; 2 Sam 1; John 2

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Num 17

## 13. PERSISTENT PRAYER

13 May, 2026. Wednesday

**“And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? I tell you that he will avenge them speedily.....” (Luke 18:7-8)**

The Lord Jesus one day shared a parable of the wicked judge and the widow that pestered him for justice. The wicked judge yielded to the persistence of the widow. Jesus was teaching on persistent prayer. It is also called importunity in prayer. Our theme scripture is the Lord's decode from the parable. Luke 11:5-13 also presents a similar parable of an individual who pestered a friend at night seeking for help. In verse 8 the Lord said, **“I say unto you, though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth”**. This is stretched faith in prayer. It is different from a simple prayer of faith that works and produces results at once. You have to understand that there are distinct situations where you have to persist in prayer. In this prayer you are not necessarily forcing God, because we are workers together with God. You are piling up layers of divine influence until the required level is reached.

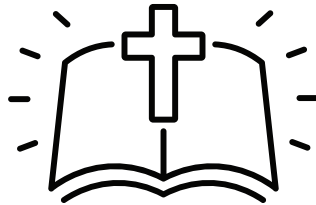
Jericho's huge walls fell flat after the children of Israel surrounded the city for seven days and seven times on the seventh day (**Joshua 6:1-5**). They might have been tired but this was a divine order and requirement to have the wall fall. Every round was a layer of influence but they had to complete the circles. That mirrors the operation of persistent prayer. Acts 12:5 (AMP) says, **“Prayer was made without ceasing for Peter”** when he had been apprehended pending execution. They persisted in prayer until Peter was miraculously released from prison. They didn't retire from the prayer because they were tired. It only ceased when the results were obtained.

These examples lets us know the place of this kind of prayer. By the guidance of the Holy Spirit you are helped to know which case require this kind of prayer.



# PRAYER

Dear Holy Father, I recognize your help in my life by your Spirit. Your Spirit guides and teaches me your will in prayer. In Jesus name. Amen



## FURTHER STUDY

Luke 11:5 -13

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

2 Sam 2-3; John 3

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Num 18

**“I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting”. (1 Timothy 2:8)**

Love and faith are some of the necessary catalysts for effective prayer. These factors form part of spiritual environment upon which prayer rides effectively. In our theme scripture Apostle Paul instructs on prayer and includes a vital note on the spiritual environment, **“without wrath and doubting”**. Love and faith are the counter cures of wrath and doubt respectively. If you don't walk in love you corrupt your communication in prayer as you create a noisy environment in your spirit. 1 Corinthians 13:1 describes the indispensable position of love, **“If I had the gift of being able to speak in other languages without learning them and could speak in every language there is in all of heaven and earth, but didn't love others, I would only be making noise”** If you harbor wrath and hatred, your communication in prayer will be corrupted. Learn to forgive quickly if you are wronged. Make sure you keep your heart away from pollutants such as anger. This is why the Lord instructed in Matthew 5:23-24, **“Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift”**. This means if one would go ahead to present the gift without such reconciliation, God will not accept it. This stresses the necessity of walking in love.

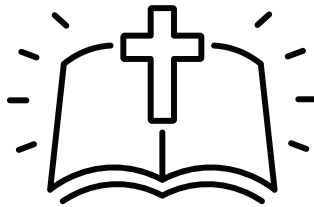
Also note that all kinds of prayers require faith to be effective. James 1:6-8 states, **“But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do”**.

With doubts you can't be effective in prayer. With faith you recognize God and you receive answers to prayers even if it may not seem so physically at the moment. Faith sees God and doesn't pay attention to the natural facts. Treasure love and walk by faith.



# PRAYER

Dear Lord, my eyes see your power. With faith in my heart I receive answers for my prayers. In Jesus name. Amen



## FURTHER STUDY

Matthew 5:23-24 & 1 Peter 3:7

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

2 Sam 4-5

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Num 19

**“But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father who is in secret; and thy Father who seeth in secret shall reward thee openly” (Matthew 6:6)**

Our opening scripture has two major applications: One is about private or personal prayer. This is where you are talking to the Lord in privacy. In this regard, entering into thy closet signify getting to a separate private place and talk to God. This is called in secret. Jesus Himself had such moments of personal and private prayer. Matthew 14:23 bears witness to this, **“And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.”** This was private prayer and it has its own irreplaceable benefits in your life. The second application deals with the attitude of our hearts in prayer. In the 5th verse of Matthew 6 Jesus stated, **“And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward”.** This shows you that the Lord was dealing with their attitude of craving acknowledgement from others. This was selfishness and pride. This problem cannot be treated exclusively with change of physical location of prayer.

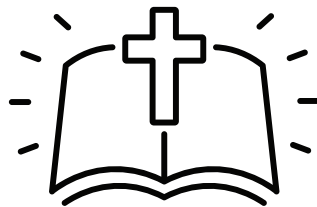
Getting into your closet therefore means more than just having private prayer. It means a focused devotion of your heart toward God where you are actively conscious of God's presence more than the presence of men. In your closet of heart, you are so intimately in love with Him and there is no room for vain glory and the empty craving for the praises of men. Philippians 2:3 says, **“Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory”.** In this closet of your heart your motivation and aspiration are purified to be void of selfishness and pride.

Whether you are praying in public or private, get into the closet of your heart, shutting out the world, so conscious of God's presence. The Holy Spirit and the Word of God unites your heart in reverential fear enhancing your consciousness of Him while pruning you of any selfishness within.



# PRAYER

Holy and righteous Father, by your Spirit and Word my heart is united in reverence. In you I live, move and have my being. I see you more than I see anything. In Jesus name. Amen



## FURTHER STUDY

Matthew 6:6

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

2 Sam 6-7; John 4

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Num 20; Mk 11

## 16. BE REVERENT AND YET BOLD IN PRAYER

16 May, 2026. Saturday

**“During the days of Jesus’ life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission” - (Hebrews 5:7 NIV)**

Our theme scriptures conveys the prayer experience of our Lord Jesus in His earthly days. One critical ingredient in His prayer life was reverence. The scripture shows us this was key to His effectiveness in prayer, **“He was heard because of His reverent submission”**. Christ is our perfect example for effective praying. Effective prayer is that prayer that God hears and honors and yields results as He desires. Reverence is spiritual respect and honor for God. It is the fear for God. In reverence your will is swallowed up in His will. You submit to His will and purpose. Our Lord demonstrated this in Gethsemane saying, **“Not my will but yours be done”** (Luke 22:42). Besides reverence, another aspect in Jesus’ prayer life is boldness. The Lord Jesus successfully demonstrated coexistence of boldness and reverence in His prayer life. John 17:1 records, **“These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee”**. You can sense the boldness with which He spoke to the Father. The fleshly man would think He was rude to pray like that, but no He wasn’t. He demonstrated the boldness of righteousness.

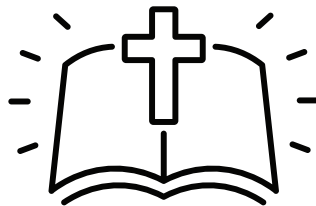
Notice this boldness when He prayed at the grave of Lazarus **“Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me”** (John 11:41-42). He talked to the Father with absolute boldness and confidence. That is what the gift of righteousness has done for us.

Hebrews 4:16 enjoins us, “**Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need**”. Be reverential and bold always and see remarkable results in your prayer life.



# PRAYER

Dear Lord Jesus, you are Lord of my life. I exist for your will and glory. Thank you for the gift of righteousness imparted to my spirit. Amen



## FURTHER STUDY

Hebrews 4:16

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

2 Sam 8-10

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Num 21

## 17. DEVELOP ROOTS IN THE WORD

17 May, 2026. Sunday

**“Those on the rocky ground are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away” (Luke 8:13)**

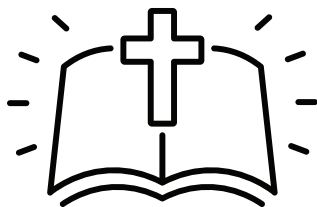
Our theme scripture is culled from the parable of the sower shared by the Lord Jesus. Concerning the seed that fell on the stony ground, He said **these are people who receive the word with joy, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away.** The word of God you receive in your life will be tested and it's necessary to develop roots in the word to withstand challenges and produce fruits of righteousness. Matthew's presentation says, **“...for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended”** (Mathew 13:21). Satan fears the word of God in your life and makes attempts to cause you abandon the word. Your focus should be to develop roots in the word. Don't just receive the word, develop roots in it.

How much depth do you have in God's Word? You develop roots in the word through relating closely and actively with that word received, internalizing the things taught in the scriptures through meditation and practice of the word. Hebrews 2:1 enjoins us **“Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip”**. In the CEV it says **“We must give our full attention to what we were told, so we won't drift away”**. You give that full attention through your meditation and practicing of the word. Take what you learn seriously. Proverbs 4:20-21 counsels **“My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart”**. By giving such attention to the word, you develop roots and you become stable and unmovable in the face of winds of opposition. Hallelujah



# PRAYER

Dear Lord, your word is my delight. I focus my heart on your word in meditation and practice by the power of the Holy Spirit. I am developing roots in your word and am stable in my walk of faith. In Jesus name. Amen



## FURTHER STUDY

Mathew 7:24

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

2 Sam 11-12; John 5

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Num 22

**“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 by the spirit of the Lord” (2 Corinthians 3:18)**

The underlined word **“changed”** in our theme scripture is translated from metamorphoo in Greek which means transformation. God lets us know that His plan for our transformation is from glory to glory. Even in biology transformation is an irreversible process. A butterfly doesn't return to a caterpillar. Your journey in Christ is of ever increasing glory. Romans 1:17 says in the gospel God's righteousness is revealed from faith to faith. Not from faith to unbelief. God didn't plan that you move from faith into unbelief. Proverbs 4: 18 declares, **“But the path of the just is as the shining light that shines more and more unto the perfect day”**. He says more and more not from more to less. Psalm 84:7 also states, **“They go from strength to strength. Every one of them in Zion appears before God”**. Your journey with the Lord is from strength to strength, not strength to weakness. This is the description of your life as a child of God. It is from glory to glory.

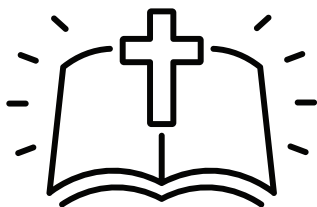
Take notice that our opening scripture tells us that this transformation which is from glory to glory occurs as we behold or look as in a mirror God's glory. God's Word is God's mirror for His children (James 1:23). It shows us who we really are in God's sight. The world can't show you who you are in God's sight, His word does. As you focus on God's word, you will experience transformation in your life. His word is His agent of transformation in our lives, for the manifestation of God's glory in us. The transformation God brings through His word is from glory to glory, devoid of mediocrity. Hold God's word so dear in your heart. Make the meditation on God's word your serious focus.



# CONFESSION

My journey in life is from glory to glory, faith to faith,  
strength to strength. Christ in me is the hope of glory.

Amen



## FURTHER STUDY

Colossians 1:27

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

2 Sam 13-14

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mk 12

**“Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all”. (1Timothy 4:15)**

Meditation on God’s word ought to be your whole-hearted commitment. Meditation is God’s designed pathway for your advancement in life. It is the way you behold God’s glory in the mirror of His word. Do you know God wants your life to testify of His goodness? He wants your profiting or progress to be apparent, evident before all. The Lord Jesus Christ in Mathew 5:15 said, **“Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; nor it gives light unto all that are in the house”**. God did not plan to hide you but rather to show you as His testimonial to the world. Let me give you an example of pregnancy. For the first few days or months, people can’t notice it but as time passes it can’t be hidden to the public. It becomes conspicuously visible. This example mirrors the kind of transformation that happens when you give yourself wholly and continually to meditation on God’s word. The word “appear” in the theme scripture is from a Greek word Phaneros which means making manifest, or to be made public. In this year of manifesting, God is bringing you to the public, to the limelight where you can’t be ignored. It’s all for His glory.

It’s God’s plan that you have remarkable success where the beauty of God cannot be hidden. That is why you must be intentionally committed to meditating on God’s word. Genesis 24:63 tells us that **Isaac went out to meditate in the field at the evening tide**. This was an intentional move by Isaac. You can schedule and plan your special times of meditation on God’s word and this devotional is such a tool to help you in that. The psalmists said, **“My eyes stay open through the night, the watches of the night that I may meditate on your promises”** (Psalms 119: 148 NIV).

This is a deep commitment towards meditation. Be deliberate about your meditation on God's word and you will always experience progress that will appear to all in all areas of life. If you haven't seen progress in a certain area of your life, intentionally get into a meditation therapy with the word that relates to that area. You will surely see changes and those around you will take notice of the positive changes in your life. God's beauty and faithfulness will be seen and His name will be glorified.



# PRAYER

Lord Jesus, Your Word is my meditation. I have set my eyes on your word and I will not be moved. By Your word I make progress and have good success. Amen



## FURTHER STUDY

Joshua 1:8

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

2 Sam 15

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Num 23-24

**“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” (Heb 4:12)**

The word of God is all powerful and it's given for your advantage. Our theme scripture shows you the efficacy of God's word. Genesis 1:2 (AMPC) shows us the sorry state of the earth in the beginning, **“The earth was without form and an empty waste, and darkness was upon the face of the very great deep. The Spirit of God was moving (hovering, brooding) over the face of the waters”**. The Living Bible rendering says, **“The earth was a shapeless, chaotic mass, with the Spirit of God brooding over the dark vapors”**. There was no order and beauty. How did God change this situation? He released words (verse 3). This registers the Power of God's word. What changes do you desire in your life? The answer is in God's word. There is no challenge the word of God cannot conquer.

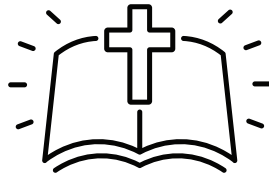
Isaiah 55:10-11 declares, **“For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.”** This shows that God designed His word to produce results. The Word of God prospers in achieving God's purposes in your life. Psalm 107:19-20 records **“Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he saveth them out of their distresses. He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions”**. God's word was their answer in trouble and they experienced God's deliverance. This is true today. No matter what you are facing right now, the answer is in God's word.

Go after His word that carries His answers for any situation. God's power is revealed in His word.



# PRAYER

Father, Your Word produces in my life your pleasure. I experience your victory through your word every day. In Jesus name. Amen



## FURTHER STUDY

Isaiah 55:10-11

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

2 Sam 16-17; John 6

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Num 25

**“Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that.” (Mark 7:13 NIV)**

Hebrews 4:12 states, **“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart”**. This is the declaration of the unparalleled efficacy of God’s word. However, this all-powerful Word of God can be nullified or made of none effect in one’s life as revealed by Jesus in our opening scripture. Matthew’s presentation says, **“So by this you have invalidated the word of God [depriving it of force and authority and making it of no effect] for the sake of your tradition [handed down by the elders]”** (Matthew 15:6 AMP). It is possible for the word of God, which is all powerful, to benefit one and not another. Hebrews 4:2 tells us **“For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it”**. The gospel of Christ which is full of power did not profit them. This can happen to a church, ministry or individual. In such cases people are ever learning or attending services but never able to come to the knowledge of truth. There is no real transformation in their lives.

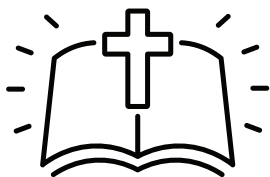
Jesus said, **“This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples”** (John 15:8 NIV). This means those really learning from Him will show results with their fruits. Learn how to relate appropriately with the word of God to gain the utmost benefit from it. Our theme scriptures tell us holding to traditions can nullify the word. This means when you hold on to your traditional ways of doing things instead of what God says. This is when people honor human commandments than what God says.

If you want to see the power of God's word in your life then allow it to be above your traditions and culture.



# PRAYER

Lord Jesus, heaven and earth shall pass away but your Words shall stand forever. I treasure your Words more than any tradition. I thank you for your Word. Amen



## FURTHER STUDY

Matthew 15:6 AMP

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

2 Sam 18-19

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Num 26

**“O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the Lord. Behold, as the clay is in the potter’s hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel” (Jeremiah 18:6)**

As guided by the Lord, Jeremiah the prophet went to the potter’s house where he saw the potter molding with clay. Jeremiah 18:3-4 TPT records Jeremiah’s observation at the potter’s house, **“So I went to the potter’s workshop, and there was the potter spinning his wheel. And whenever a piece of pottery turned out flawed, he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to the potter”**. Then the Lord spoke to him the words we read in our opening scripture, **“O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the Lord. Behold, as the clay is in the potter’s hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel”**. I want you to notice that the potter had the end product in his mind and when it didn’t turn out accordingly he changed it. He had power over the clay. God has a purpose with your life. Don’t just be engrossed with the chase of your own ambitions. Find out what is God’s plan for your life.

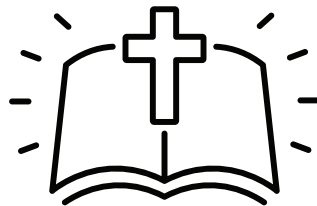
If your life didn’t turn out the way God designed, He has power both to mend and create new destinies. Don’t be stuck in the mud of regret for the past mistakes you made in your life. God is big enough to mend you and create new destinies to His pleasure. He is full of mercy and compassion. The potter did not throw away the clay when it was flawed, rather he remolded it into another vessel of his choice. Don’t think you or anyone is beyond God’s power to repair and remold. In this process your role is to yield in submission to God the potter. God wants your focus. Proverbs 23:26 expresses God’s heart to you, **“My son give me your heart and let your eyes observe my ways”**. Hebrews 12:2 instructs you, **“looking unto Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith”**. Focus on His word. Focus on His love. Do not sell away your priceless hope in Him.

You can live a significant and impactful life in your generation. Today, embrace His liquid, unconditional and passionate love for you.



# PRAYER

Dear Father, I am the clay and you are the Potter. My life is in your hands and my days are in your book. I yield to you and your word to be all that you designed me to be. You are full of mercy and love. In Jesus name. Amen



## FURTHER STUDY

Isaiah 54:10 & Lamentation  
3:18

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

2 Sam 20; John 7

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Num 27; Mk 13

**“Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means “son of encouragement”), sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles’ feet.” (Acts 4:36-37 NIV)**

Our theme scripture today talks about a man Joseph who was named Barnabas by the apostles. The name Barnabas means son of consolation, comfort or encouragement. His yielding commitment to the Lord’s work earned him that name. He sold a piece of land he had and gave the proceeds to the ministry. His presence in the Church was an encouragement, an inspiration. Do you know that as a child of God, you are not supposed to merely exist? Be a son or daughter of encouragement in the kingdom of God. The presence of sons of consolation is a support pillar in God’s work. Acts 15:26 (AMPC) refers to Paul and Barnabas as **“men who have risked their lives for the name of the Lord Jesus”**. This was the life Barnabas lived, no wonder his name was earned from his active commitment in service for the Lord Jesus. And this was Paul’s life too. Have you risked your life for the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, for His work, for the gospel? This means making willing sacrifices out of love for Jesus Christ. This is God’s plan for your life.

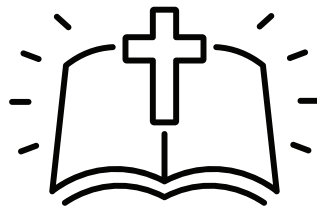
Everywhere you go, your presence is supposed to be a pillar of support, an inspiration, an encouragement to other people and in the ministry. In 1 Corinthians 16:15-17 (NIV) we learn an inspiring story of Stephanas and his household. The scripture records, **“You know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the Lord’s people. I urge you, brothers and sisters, to submit to such people and to everyone who joins in the work and labors at it. I was glad when Stephanas, Fortunatus and Achaicus arrived, because they have supplied what was lacking from you”**.

This household was an encouragement in the Church. They devoted themselves in serving God's people and made-up for others who couldn't afford to give. God wants this to be the description of your life. Be a daughter and son of consolation.



# CONFESSION

By God's grace I am an encouragement in my generation, a blessing in the city and out of the city. I am fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. In Jesus name. Amen.



**FURTHER STUDY**  
Acts 4:36-37 PNT  
1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN  
2 Sam 21-22  
2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN  
Num 28

**“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord” (1 Corinthians 15:58)**

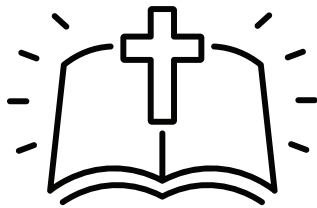
God wants you to be steadfast. He wants you to be steadfast in your walk of faith and your service for God. He wants you to be consistent in your walk of faith with the Lord. Don't allow any shrinkage on your commitment, passion and focus on the Lord. When God instructs you in this way, His grace is supplied for its fulfilment. He says, **“Always abounding in the work of the Lord”**. He wants you to be fruitful always in serving the Lord. For sure you will be faced with contrary winds to drown your commitment. But God supplies the grace to overcome all such. Psalm 92:14 declares about the righteous, **“They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing”**. As you add years let your commitment to the Lord grow. Be steadfast in bearing fruits of righteousness. Your consistence in service glorifies God.

For some Christians, the very achievement they testified about has become the explanation of their dwindled commitment to the Lord. They live a life of contradictions. Don't allow anything become a justifiable reason for compromise in your consistence of service. There are those whose commitment vanished once they got married. For some it is a new job that has become an explanation of their extinguished passion. Don't trade your precious commitment to the Lord with anything. Guard jealously your commitment to the Lord. Don't allow distractions in your commitment and service for the Lord. For instance He tells us to pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17). This means nothing good or bad should quench the fire of prayer on the altar of your heart. Your unwavering commitment to the Lord in secret and public is a sign of your love for the Lord. That is the way you prove your love for the Lord.



# CONFESSION

On Christ the solid rock I stand. His word is my solid foundation. I stand steadfast in faith undaunted by what surrounds me. I am bearing fruits of righteousness every day. In Jesus name.



## FURTHER STUDY

1 Corinthians 15:58 NIV

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

2 Sam 23-24

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Num 29

**“No one in Zion will say, “I’m sick.” Best of all, they’ll all live guilt-free”. (Isaiah 33:24 MSG)**

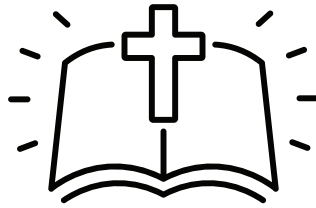
James 3:4-5 gives insight into the power of the tongue comparing it to the small rudder, a steering device that changes the direction of a ship. It says, **“Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth. Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth”**. This means your mouth is your campus in life. Your words are like the rudder pushing your life in a certain direction whether good or bad. Don’t take words lightly. They are a spiritual steering tool of your life. Your present day is a harvest of the seeds of your words in yester years. Our theme scripture Isaiah 33:24 shows us the importance of our words as regards to our health. He says, those who dwell in Zion shall not say “I am sick”. In the New Testament, Zion refers to the church of Jesus Christ (Hebrews 12:22-24). As a child of God you are presently in spiritual Zion, the Church of Jesus Christ. Therefore don’t say you are sick.

Two important things to note from Isaiah 33:24: Firstly, this signifies that sickness is not God’s plan for you. Secondly, it gives you special insight on how to walk in the blessing of healing and health. The secret is in your mouth! He says you shall not say, “I am sick”. If you talk sickness you will experience sickness in your life. Proverbs 15:4 says, **“A wholesome tongue is a tree of life: but perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit”**. The word “wholesome” is translated from a Hebrew word marpê’ which means healing. Always speak in agreement with what the Lord has said concerning you. This means you must learn the word of God because that is what forms the substance of your wholesome words.



# CONFESSION

My body is whole. Sickness and disease have no place in my body and I refuse to accommodate them for my body is God's temple. In Jesus name.



## FURTHER STUDY

Proverbs 18:21 & 3 John 1:2

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

1 Kings 1; John 8

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Num 30

## 26. YOU CAN START SMALL AND GROW

26 May, 2026. Tuesday

**“Now the sons of Noah who went out of the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And Ham was the father of Canaan. These three were the sons of Noah, and from these the whole earth was populated.” (Genesis 9:18-19 NKJV)**

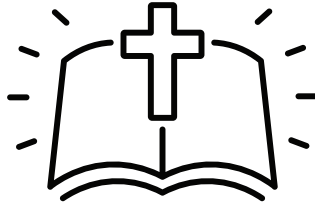
After the flood of judgment had wiped out masses of people on the earth during the time of Noah, eight people of Noah's family were the only ones spared. Among them were Noah's three sons Shem, Ham and Japheth. Our theme scripture informs us that from these three the whole earth was populated. That means God populated the earth from these three men. It doesn't matter how you start. God's blessing in you is a force for growth and forwardness in multiplication. Ephesians 1:3 says we are blessed with all spiritual blessings in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. We are designed to grow and not diminish. It doesn't matter how you have started. That is why Zechariah 4:10 says, **“Who has despised the day of small beginnings”**. It is in the power of the blessing of the Lord to increase and multiply. You cannot be a blessed person and diminish in life.

Isaiah 60:22 (NLT) concurringly declares, **“The smallest family will become a thousand people, and the tiniest group will become a mighty nation. At the right time, I, the LORD, will make it happen.”** He informs you that it is the doing of the Lord, the working of God's blessing in your life. God spoke to Abram in Genesis 15 that his descendants will be many like the stars he couldn't count and yet at that time he didn't have a child. Don't judge yourself by what you see outwardly today. See always the power of the blessing working in your life. Don't be discouraged by what you see physically. Always recognize that the blessing is at work in you.



# PRAYER

Dear Holy Father, I thank you wholly for the power of your blessing that is working in me forcefully causing multiplication and growth of everything I touch. In Jesus name. Amen



## FURTHER STUDY

Zechariah 4:10

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

1 Kings 2

2 YEAR BIBLE REDAING PLAN

Num 31

**“The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit” (John 3:8)**

Our theme scripture is an excerpt from the conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus, the Jewish ruler. Jesus told him the most important thing for every human being, to be born again. When you are born again you are born of the Spirit of God. In our anchor scripture Jesus characterized those who are born of the Spirit using a similitude of wind. He said just as no man can tell the source and the destination of wind, so are they that are born of the Spirit. With scientific instrumentation man accurately ascertain the direction of wind but can't pinpoint its source and destination. Even by observing objects movement you can tell the direction of wind but can't determine the source origin and destination points. This shows you that a child of God is a mystery to science and this world. You are a mystery to humanity. Don't seek the approval of men. You are just like Jesus. They couldn't calculate and understand His moves. For instance, to people's amazement He talked to inanimate objects and they all responded. In Matthew 8:27, His disciples astoundingly said, **“The men were amazed and said, “What kind of man is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!”**

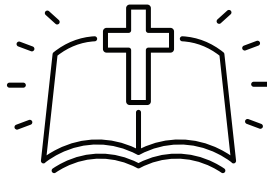
This was the way the Apostles lived after His ascension. They were a mystery to their world. Think about Paul bitten by a venomous viper and yet nothing happened to him. With knowledge of such a snake they thought he would drop dead but the bible says **“But Paul shook the snake off into the fire without being harmed at all”** (Acts 28:5 GNT). They concluded that he was a god. In Psalm 82:6 God declares, **“Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High”**. When you are born again you are not a normal human being like all else.

You have the life and nature of God and this distinguishes you from the rest. Don't try to live the normal human life, live out the God-life you have. If they did not fully demystify Jesus' and the Apostles moves, why should the world understand you? Those who believe in Jesus have marks that separate them from the rest. In Mark 16:17-18 Jesus said, **“And these signs shall follow them that believe; in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover”**. This is characteristic of your new life in Christ. You are a wonder and a blessing to your generation.



# CONFESSION

I am a wonder to many because in Christ I live, move and have my being.



## FURTHER STUDY

Psalm 71:7

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

1 Kings 3-5; John 9

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Mk 14

**“The Lord appeared to Isaac and said, “Don’t go down to Egypt, but live in the land where I tell you to live. Stay in this land, and I will be with you and bless you. I will give you and your descendants all these lands, and I will keep the oath I made to Abraham your father” (Genesis 26:2-3)**

In Gerar of the Philistines there was famine and people were migrating to Egypt in search for food. Isaac came to Gerar to see king Abimelech. God spoke to Isaac as given in our anchor scripture, instructing him to stay in the land and not go to Egypt. He obeyed the Lord as Gen 26:6 attests, **“And Isaac dwelt in Gerar”**. God said to him, **“I will be with you and bless you”**. That’s all Isaac needed. He had enough human reasons of joining the trail of migrants to Egypt but He chose God’s voice. Remember Isaac was the seed of Abraham, with a heritage of blessings. Imagine this blessed man would have been like anyone else running down to Egypt. But Isaac chose to follow God. Let God’s direction be principal in your life even when it may not be naturally palatable. Even if it doesn’t make sense naturally, follow it. It will pay you dearly. Proverbs 3:14 (NIV) declares about God’s wisdom, **“For she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold”**. You will surely profit in following the Lord.

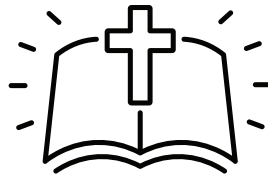
In verse 12 we are told something remarkable that Isaac did and the experience he had in Gerar, **“Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold, and the Lord blessed him. And the man waxed great and went forward, and grew until he became very great. For he had possession of flocks, and possession of heads, and a great store of servants, and the Philistines envied him”**. Isaac was not idle in Gerar, he sowed seed. Don’t sit idle because you received a prophetic word about your promotion. If you believed that word, act out your faith. Remember faith without deeds is dead (James 2:17).

He became prosperous in a land deemed undesirable. If he didn't follow God's instruction and act out his faith in sowing in the land, he would have lived a life of a commoner while having a rich lineage. In your life don't just follow the multitude, follow God's voice and act out your faith. By His guidance and His blessing at work in you, abandoned places can be turned into highly valued and profitable sites. You can experience God's mighty financial blessings in a company where people are resigning from due to its present financial stand. Walk by faith and not by sight.



# CONFESSION

I walk by faith and not by sight. I am moved by what God says. My faith is active and working by the power of the Holy Spirit, in Jesus name. Amen



## FURTHER STUDY

2 Corinthians 5:7

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

1 Kings 6; John 10

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Num 32

## 29. THE LIFE AND FUTURE OF THE RIGHTEOUS

29 May, 2026. Friday

**“The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree. He shall grow like a cedar of Lebanon. Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall bring forth fruit in old age. They shall be fat and flourishing” (Psalm 92:12-14)**

Do you know the Bible describes the life and the future of the righteous? Through the information given to us in God's word we can project our days. Our opening scripture describes the life of the righteous saying, **“The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree. He shall grow like a cedar of Lebanon. Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall bring forth fruit in old age. They shall be fat and flourishing”**. This is the description of the life of the righteous in the now of time. God designed the righteous to flourish and that means to prosper and manifest His beauty. That is what the palm tree signify. It's a symbol of prosperity. The trees of Lebanon are a symbol of strength, stamina or resilience. God's plan for the righteous is not to stagnate but grow with vigor and resilience against contrary winds. It means you are designed to be successful always. Your life is made to be a beautiful life, an inspiration in your generation. Your life is supposed to be full of results consistently.

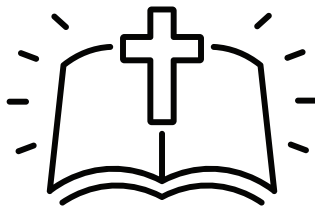
There are also challenges in our journey of faith. Psalm 34:19 states, **“Many are the afflictions of the righteous but the Lord delivers him out of them all”**. However, these challenges don't change the story about the beauty of the Lord in our lives. We still manifest God's glory even in the midst of persecutions. And the Lord already planned deliverance from such troubles. 1 Corinthians 15:57 encourages us, **“but thanks be to God, which gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ”**. God has made a provision of our victory in Christ. Matthew 13:43 depicts the future of the righteous, **“then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their father”**.

This is the glorious future of the righteous when we meet the Lord. Conclusively, both our present life and future are divinely designed to be glorious. Don't settle for less. This is your life from God.



# CONFESSION

My life flourishes with God's word. I am beautified by the Holy Spirit. I walk daily in God preordained paths. In Jesus name.



## FURTHER STUDY

Ephesians 2:10 AMPC

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

1 Kings 7

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Num 33

## 30. THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF THE BLESSING

30 May, 2026. Saturday

**“And he said unto him, Thou knowest how I have served thee, and how thy cattle was with me. For it was little which thou hadst before I came, and it is now increased unto a multitude; and the LORD hath blessed thee since my coming: and now when shall I provide for mine own house also?” (Genesis 30:29-30)**

Our opening scripture captures the words Jacob spoke to Laban as they negotiated the wages for his 14 year work besides being given Leah and Rachel as his wives. Jacob looked after Laban's livestock. Laban had recognized that God had blessed him because of Jacob (Genesis 30:27) and he didn't want Jacob to leave. Every child of God must be conscious of the blessing in them. Ephesians 1:3 tells us that we are blessed with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ. Don't be needs conscious but blessing conscious. You are the seed of Abraham. You are not an ordinary person. You are a carrier and dispenser of the blessing to your world. Jacob said to Laban, **“You know well what my work has meant to you and how your livestock has flourished under my care. The little you had when I arrived has increased greatly; everything I did resulted in blessings for you”** (Genesis 30:29-30 MSG). What was little got multiplied by the blessing.

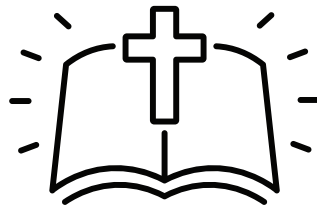
No project is supposed to fail under the care of a child of God. What is little has to grow under your care. That is the transformative power of the blessing. Before you cry for more, grow what you have. The blessing is in you, don't look outside, look within and let it out. You may be in charge of the office or certain work. Don't allow the office go low under your care. Recognize the blessing and let it flow. The more you recognize the blessing the more it will flow through you and positively influence your world. Don't be need conscious be blessing conscious.

As a child of God, whatever you touch or involved in grows and prospers. It's the force of the blessing of the Lord at work in you. This is what makes you indispensable in a place and a hard to let go person. What comes into your hands doesn't deteriorate. Hallelujah. Deuteronomy 30:9 says, **“Then the Lord your God shall make you abundantly prosperous in everything that you do, in the offspring of your body and in the offspring of your cattle and in the produce of your land; for the Lord will again delight over you for good, just as He delighted over your fathers”**. This is your heritage child of God.



# CONFESSION

The blessing of the Lord is working in my life and whatever I do prospers. My life is filled with divine results. In Jesus name.



## FURTHER STUDY

Proverbs 10:22

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

1 Kings 8; John 11

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Num 34

**“But the LORD will again make a distinction between the livestock of the Israelites and that of the Egyptians. Not a single one of Israel’s animals will die” (Exodus 9:4)**

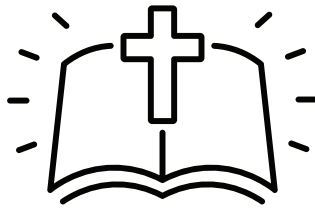
In Exodus 8:22 (NLT), the Lord spoke to Moses, **“But this time I will spare the region of Goshen, where my people live. No flies will be found there. Then you will know that I am the LORD and that I am present even in the heart of your land”**. This is similar to what we read in our opening scripture today. As God’s judgments of plagues rained in Egypt by the hand of Moses God put a distinction or exemption of the children of Israel, so that their lives and properties were safe and spared from destruction. In the last plague of the death of the first born, children of Israel were also exempted through the blood which was put at the door posts. If you’re born again, you are not like everybody else. There is a distinction. He knows you and everything that is yours. In Christ, you and what belongs to you are preserved and exempted from destruction.

The Lord perfects all that concerns you (Psalm 138:8). You cannot belong to Jesus Christ and be like everybody else. Colossians 3:3 says that your life is hid with Christ in God. While others can predict that you will suffer because of prevailing social and economic conditions in your workplace or nation, God’s truth is that you are exempted. There is distinction with God. He says, **“I will satisfy you in drought”** (Isaiah 58:11). That means when there is drought, whether literal or figuratively, you are exempted. Your experience will be different from others. If people are just dropping dead, it doesn’t happen with you. It doesn’t matter what disease may be announced in your location, don’t panic. Isaiah 8:12 (NIV) declares, **“don’t fear what they fear”**. Be assured that with God there is distinction and exemption. Live a focused life in His word. Your destiny in God is absolutely inspiring.



# CONFESSION

My life is hid with Christ in God. In His covenant faithfulness am exempted from destruction. No evil comes near my dwelling. In Jesus name. Amen.



## FURTHER STUDY

Psalm 91:1-4

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

1 Kings 9-10

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Num 35-36

## PRAYER OF SALVATION

We firmly trust that your journey through this month's Build Up devotional has been a blessing to you. If you are not born again, we joyfully invite you accept Jesus in your life as Lord by following the prayer below:

“Dear God, I come to you in the name of Jesus, I believe that Jesus Christ came and died for me and rose again. I believe that He is the Son of God. I believe that He died and rose again. And I confess with my mouth today that Jesus Christ is the Lord of my life. I receive eternal life from you now. Thank you Father for saving me. In Jesus’ name. Amen!!!”

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