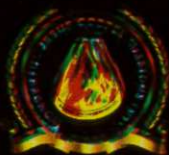




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**SEPTEMBER 1 SUNDAY****NT-TOPIC: PAUL RECOUNTS HIS OLD LIFE IN JUDAISM**

**MEMORY VERSE:** *Gal 1:13 NKJV* “For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it.”

**TEXT:** *Read Galatians 1:13-14*

*For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it. I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers (Gal 1:13-14 NIV).*

**LESSON:** In his effort to shield the Galatian Christians from swallowing the toxin of the Jewish false teachers and apostles, the Apostle deems it vital to relate to them how he was once enslaved by the false religion and traditions of his ancestors and how he persecuted the church with the aim to destroy it. (For further study on Paul’s persecutions of the Church, see 8:1, 9:1-2, 22:2-5). Note: the term “Judaism” literally means the religion of the Jews. The Jews in the time of the Lord Jesus have drifted away from the true religion that was given to them by Moses. They finally exchanged the Law of God with the traditions of their ancestors. (Traditions are practices and regulations handed down from one generation to another orally). Paul was deeply rooted in Judaism, being taught by one of the Jewish most respectable Bible scholars – Gamaliel. He became an ardent follower of the religious authority of his days, regarded to be more fanatically zealous in observance of their traditions than his peers. Thus Paul wasn’t actually zealous for the Law of God, rather for the traditions of the elders that have replaced God’s Law. He was blindly following this false religion with hope he was serving God, not knowing he was taking sides with the devil to fight against the will of God. He saw Christianity as an opposition to the traditions of his fathers. The

Apostle shares the story of his past life in order to teach us that anyone who teaches contradictory message is actually taking side with the devil to fight against the kingdom of God. This is what happens when a Christian is deceived. He can do a lot of things thinking he is offering God services. We must constantly examine our faith and weigh all our actions in a balance of the Word of God to be sure we are on the right track (see Matt 7:21-23, Gal 6:1).

### ***OT-TOPIC: PROMISE OF DIVINE SECURITY***

***TEXT: Read Job 11:18-19***

*You will be secure, because there is hope; you will look about you and take your rest in safety. You will lie down, with no one to make you afraid, and many will court your favor (Job 11:18-19 NIV).*

**LESSON:** Zophar continues his discourse, arguing that if Job would put away his sins God would forgive him and restore his fortunes (see Job 11:13-14). In today's lesson, he assures Job of divine security if he will admit, confess, and forsake his sins and wicked ways. Zophar also posits that if Job repents, he will not be afraid of evils anymore because he will find firm hope and confidence in God. Note, the word "look" in verse 18 is translated "dig" in KJV, reason being that the Hebrew word <chaphar> also means to dig. In several places in the OT, see Gen 21:30, 26:15 and 18, it was translated dig. In each of these verses, it was used to refer to the digging of a well of water. The Hebrew word also denotes "to spy, to explore or to search". And in this sense Zophar used it in our text. That's, Job will look around him as to search for his troubles and those who caused him troubles and can't find them. Again, Zophar intends to say that Job will be fully secured from those forces that destroyed his business and children in the past. And many will seek for his favor. In summary, divine security is undoubtedly promised in the Bible, but it was taken away temporarily from Job, not necessarily because he has sinned. It just happened for a purpose, which Zophar was ignorant of.

Of course, the Bible promises divine security to the children of God, but that isn't a guarantee that God will protect you. The promises in the Bible are statements of facts, which are already established in heaven (see Ps 119:89). But if you want it to work for

you, if you want God to be your security, then you have to lay claim on the promises of divine security in the scripture by faith. You start by locating the scriptures that teach about divine security. Plant them in your heart, confess them, believe that God is committed to make His Word good at any time to everyone who meets His conditions and you can be guaranteed 100% maximum security.

***Morning Reading 1Corinthians 14:1-20***

***Evening Reading Leviticus 19 & 20***

### **SEPTEMBER 2 MONDAY**

#### **SHUN UNFORGIVING SPIRIT**

*And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses Mark 11:25 NKJV.*

In the right sense of the word, forgiveness is more than saying to someone, "I forgive you." In the Old Testament, there are three words which our translators translated as forgiveness, and four Greek words are used in the New Testament for forgiveness. The Hebrew word, however, conveys an idea of release from debt, putting aside or disregarding, not necessarily putting away sin completely and unreservedly. Because the blood of those animals couldn't take away their sins completely. Thus Old Testament atonement served as covering to their sin. The blood of the bulls and goats they offered repeatedly couldn't take away their sins, but the blood of Jesus did. John 1:29 NKJV says, "*The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes foray the sin of the world"*".

Thus, we can forgive anyone of anything because we have obtained forgiveness from God. We have been forgiven, therefore we can forgive others. The Lord Jesus paid with His blood (life) for all our sins. We're forgiven; you don't have to work for it or pay a dime. Romans 5:10 says, "*For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.*" You should forgive others completely just as God has forgiven you completely.

Our theme scripture admonishes us to shun unforgiving spirit. You must seek to reconcile with anyone who has wronged you. Notice if you fail to reconcile, God will hold you accountable. Forgiveness is a gift from God to mankind. As many who have received this gift can reciprocate it. God will never ask you to forgive others if He hasn't forgiven you. He is only asking you to share with others what He has given to you.

***Prophetic Prayers***

*Moment of worship!*

*Pray that God will forgive our country!*

*Pray that you may forgive others from the bottom of your heart!*

***Morning Reading 1Corinthians 14:21-40***

***Evening Reading Leviticus 21 & 22***

**SEPTEMBER 3 TUESDAY**

**PERILS OF UNFORGIVING SPIRIT**

*But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses Mark 12:26 NKJV.*

Unforgiving isn't just natural, there's a spirit responsible for it. It's a wicked and destructive spirit that can creep into any believer when his mind is unguarded. Most Christians who live in unforgiving can't explain how they delve into it. They see themselves holding grudges and bitterness against someone. Sometimes they find it difficult to let go. Because this wicked spirit has tactically taken charge of their thinking mind. Even though God is speaking to them through their hearts to forgive, they will not listen. That's what happened to that servant in the parable. He refused to reciprocate God's mercy, thus he suffered for it. The Lord says in Matthew 18:32-33 NIV, "*Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?'*"

The most dangerous peril of unforgiving is that it prevents you from receiving God's forgiveness. Notice that our theme scripture states that if you fail to forgive others, your heavenly Father will not forgive you your sins. You must take note of this one thing, we owe

each other forgiveness if we're going to walk in love. The husband owes his wife forgiveness and vice-versa. A lovely marriage isn't necessarily two persons without weaknesses, but two forgivers coming together. To live the life God designed for you and enjoy your days, you need to live in the spirit of forgiveness. Forgive even before your offender asks for your forgiveness. Luke 6:37 NKJV says, "*Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.*"

When you choose not to let go the offense you put yourself into the prison of unforgiveness. The unforgiving spirit takes over your mind and you begin to judge, criticize, and condemn. The unforgiving spirit can blind a believer so that he can't see anything good in the person who offends him. Thus he is brought under the bondage of the unforgiving spirit. This is perilous. That's why the Lord advises us in the scripture cited above to forgive so we can enjoy our freedom in Christ. By releasing those you tie in your heart you will be freed.

### ***Prophetic Prayers***

*Moment of worship!*

*Pray for those you offended to forgive you!*

*Pray in the spirit and forgive anyone who has offended you!*

***Morning Reading 1Corinthians 15:1-19***

***Evening Reading Leviticus 23***

## **SEPTEMBER 4 WEDNESDAY**

### **THE PERILS OF THE UNFORGIVING SPIRIT TWO**

*My heavenly Father will also do the same to [every one of] you, if each of you does not forgive his brother from your heart Matt 18:35 AMP.*

One of the major dangers of unforgiveness is that it attracts tormenting spirit. The servant in the parable, which the Lord puts forward to His disciples in the above scripture was sent to prison where he is being tortured because he couldn't forgive his co-servant. Notice unforgiving spirit is a tormenting spirit. When you allow him into your life, it will torment you. The Lord says in Matthew 18:32-34

NKJV, “Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?’ And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him.”

Consequently, the astonishing fact about it is that God can’t help you except you are ready to act on God’s Word. You can observe from the above scripture that it is the Master of the servant, which is the Lord Jesus, who handed him over to the tormenting spirit. I want you to read verse 34 in another translation. “And his lord was wrath, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due” Matt 18:34 ASV.

The Master instructed the tormentor to keep tormenting him until he forgives all those who offended him. The clause, “till he should pay all that was due”, figuratively implies until he is able to forgive everyone who offends him. 1 John 4:18 says, “*There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.*” That’s striking peril of unforgiving spirit. It works with the spirit of fear. A person who can’t forgive hasn’t been made perfect in love. Walking in love, forgiving yourself and others, being at peace with yourself and others is a way of living long and fulfilled life.

### ***Prophetic Prayers***

*Moment of worship!*

*Uproot any spirit that doesn’t want you to enjoy your marriage!*

*Uproot spirit of fear from tormenting you!*

***Morning Reading 1Corinthians 15:20 -37***

***Evening Reading Leviticus 24***

## **SEPTEMBER 5 THURSDAY**

### **GOD IN THE MIDST OF CHALLENGES**

*He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God Daniel 3:25.*

God is always in the midst of His people, especially when there is trouble. He is mighty to deliver you from all troubles. He will never

leave not forsake you at any time, especially when you are in need of His help. Hebrews 13:5 says, *“For he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee”*. He remains our refuge and fortress in time of crises as such the country is into now.

The three Hebrew men whom Nebuchadnezzar has set over the affairs of the government of Babylon – Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego refused to worship the golden image which the king has setup. When they were reported to the king, the king threatened to cast them into the fiery furnace. Dan 3:21 affirms, *“Then these men were bound in their coats, their hosen, and their hats, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace”*.

Out of rage, the king commanded that these three Jews be cast into the furnace of fire. The strongest men of Babylon took them, bound their hands and legs, and threw them into the furnace, but the fire refused to burn them. Beloved, no matter how fierce the fire of your problem is, if you can be calm and peaceful in your spirit, I tell you, you will see the Lord Jesus - the fourth man in the fire, intervening on your behalf. Nebuchadnezzar attests, *“Lo, I see four men, loose, walking amid the fire and they have no hurt and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God”*. The Lord Jesus appeared amongst them and cooled the fire with supernatural AC. The fire that’s meant to burn them became an air conditioner to them. In Matt 28:20, He promises, *“Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world, Amen”*. You are not alone in that problem, the Holy Spirit is there with you; therefore, no situation will overwhelm you.

***Prophetic prayers***

*Moment of Worship!*

*Commit that problem to God!*

*Invite Him to take over!*

***Morning Reading 1Corinthians 15:38-58***

***Evening Reading Leviticus 25***

**SEPTEMBER 6 FRIDAY****MANIFESTING EVIDENCE OF GRACE**

*When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord Acts 11:23 NIV.*

After the killing of Saint Stephen, persecution arose against the church of Christ at Jerusalem. This resulted in many believers leaving Jerusalem for different neighboring countries, some relocated to Cyprus, Damascus, Samaria, Rome, while many of them fled to Antioch in Syria. And as they're scattering they were planting churches along. Not quite long the Church at Antioch became a point of attraction to the leaders of the Church at Jerusalem because there was strong manifestations of the grace of God in their midst. The Bible records that when Barnabas came to them, he saw the manifestations of grace and he was glad. For us to be reasonable here, we need to agree that Barnabas saw some proofs of grace of God in those believers at Antioch. The Bible records in Acts 6:8 NKJV, *"And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and signs among the people."*

That's an evidence of grace. Evidences of grace are what you can achieve with the grace of God in your life. There must be manifesting evidence to prove that God is alive in you and He is good to you. For example, there must be evidence of grace seen in the way you pray. When grace is working in your life, your prayer must mix up with fire. If you are cold and lacking power it means you haven't ignite the fire in you. You just allow the fire to wane cold. Paul said to Timothy in 2Timothy 1:6, *"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."* Thus I'm saying to you now, stir up the grace of God in you.

Grace isn't a license to indulge in sinful acts or live weakly and expecting God to come down to do your things for you. Evidence of grace must be proven apparently in your character. There ought to be manifestation of grace in your words and actions. Your business or job should bear the evidence of grace operating in you. Grace is meant to save you from fruitless efforts, lift you, and endow you with

exceptional ability to excel in all your undertaking. Uncommon favor is an evidence of grace. Proverbs 22:11 says, “*He that loveth pureness of heart, for the grace of his lips the king shall be his friend.*” For you are saved by grace (Eph 2:8), therefore, you are going to be well by the same grace, protected and prospered by grace.

### ***Prophetic Prayers***

*Moment of worship!*

*Pray that grace will locate and lift you!*

*Pray that grace will see you through all your struggle!*

***Morning Reading 1Corinthians 16:1-24***

***Evening Reading Leviticus 26***

## **SEPTEMBER 7 SATURDAY**

### **HIS PRESENCE IS AWESOME**

*And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night: Exodus 13:21.*

When we say that God is omnipresent, it means He is present everywhere at every time. He sees you, He knows you by your name. He is always by your side watching over you to lead you. John 14:16 says, “*And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever*”. The children of Israel journeyed in the wilderness under God’s supernatural presence in the form of pillar of cloud in the day and a pillar of fire at night.

This is great! God’s presence is awesome. The children of Israel were led and directed by God’s manifest presence. Wherever the pillar of cloud or fire stopped they stopped and camped there until the pillar moved again. Verse 22 of our opening Scripture affirms, “*He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people*”. God’s presence appeared in the form of pillars of cloud and fire in the Old Testament, while appeared as a tongue of fire in the New Testament (Acts 2:2).

The Holy Spirit is the author of God’s presence. The Holy Spirit manifests God’s presence anywhere He is. If He is in you, then you can be sure of God’s presence in your life. It doesn’t matter

whether you feel anything or not, God is present in you. In Acts chapter two the Holy Spirit came upon believers with supernatural appearance of tongue of fire and mighty rushing wind. You can feel His awesome presence when He makes Himself supernaturally present in your life.

### ***Prophetic Prayers***

*Moment of worship!*

*Pray that you may be always filled with the awesome presence of God!*

*Pray that God will put you where you supposed to be!*

***Morning Reading: 2Corinthians 1:1-24***

***Evening Reading: Leviticus 27***

## **SEPTEMBER 8 SUNDAY**

### **NT-TOPIC: CHOSEN FROM HIS MOTHER'S WOMB**

**MEMORY VERSE:** *Gal 1:15 AMP* “But when God, who had chosen me and set me apart before I was born, and called me through His grace”.

**TEXT:** *Read Galatians 1:15-16*

*But when God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me by his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, my immediate response was not to consult any human being (Galatians 1:15-16 NIV).*

**LESSON:** Though the Apostle attempted to destroy the church, yet God has set him apart in his mother's womb to propagate the same gospel (see Jer 1:5). It's evident that he did all these in the past in unbelief and ignorance (see 1Tim 1:13). God first allowed Paul, likewise every one of us, to wallow in sin through unbelief and ignorance, serving the will of Satan until God's appointed time for him to turn to God in repentance came. The Apostle recognized his conversion and salvation as a work of God's grace, not his efforts or because of his unequal zeal in Judaism. It is crystal clear that some persons are chosen from their mother's womb for certain specific assignment (see Judges 13:2-5, Luke 1:13-15). The Apostle counted himself to be one of such persons. The Apostle also recognized the fact that it is the Holy Spirit alone that can reveal Jesus to a person's spirit (see Jon 6:44, 1Jon 3:24). There are two reasons why the Spirit

reveals the Lord Jesus to Paul: the primary reason is for his salvation (for him to be saved), while the secondary reason is for him to preach the gospel to the Gentile. They are the same reasons why every one of us is saved today. The Apostle noted that he didn't seek for formal training, discipleship, or counseling as to learn the way of God more perfectly (see Acts 18:24-26), probably from the leadership of the church at Jerusalem.

Notice seeking for counseling from the church leaders or passing through ministerial training before launching into ministry isn't a wrong step, and the Apostle isn't against it. His intention here is to certify that the gospel he preached was communicated to him through divine revelations; nobody taught him the gospel he preached. God has reason for leading Paul through that way. God may not lead all believers through that way.

***OT-TOPIC: THE WICKED SHALL BE DISAPPOINTED***

***TEXT:*** Read Job 11:20

*But the eyes of the wicked will fail, and escape will elude them; their hope will become a dying gasp (Job 11:20 NIV).*

***LESSON:*** As we have been taught, Zophar and his friends are zealous advocates of retributory theology. In their quest to convict Job of sins, they tenaciously uphold that the wicked suffer, while the righteous enjoy. Zophar's axiom is that God will help the righteous, but the wicked will look for help and won't see any coming. They won't be able to escape from dangers when they come because God won't deliver them. Thus they will desire to die. Job is the wicked Zophar is referring to. This principle is commonly believed among the Jews in the Bible time and today's Christians. Out of ignorance many believe that when things are going well with you, it means God is with you, but when things are bad, then God is no more with you. If your congregation, as a pastor, is increasing it means God really called, but if it's opposite, it means God hasn't called you. But the Bible teaches that all success isn't God's blessing and all evil isn't from the devil. We must know that any person, whether righteous or wicked, can be reasonably successful and rich, and God can allow the righteous to suffer evil. Scriptures for further study, Deut 8:3, Josh 1:8, Isaiah 45:7, Acts 5:41, 9:16, and 14:22.

*Morning Reading: 2Corinthians 2:1-17*

*Evening Reading: Numbers 1*

**SEPTEMBER 9 MONDAY**

**CHOOSE TO SERVE GOD**

However, they shall be his servants, that they might know my service and the service of the kingdoms of other countries 2 Chronicles 12:8 LEB.

The greatest choice you have ever made is the choice to serve God. You need to understand that God created man a moral agent. Every individual possesses this inherent ability. Some persons refer to it as power of choice. Notice God respects your decisions, therefore He can never force you to serve Him or force His will on you. God can only appeal to you to open your heart to Him. The Lord says, *“Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me” Revelation 3:20 NIV.*

Several times, the children of Israel had abandoned the worship of God and run after the gods of the surrounding nations. At different occasions God sent to them prophets to warn them and to win them back to God, but they were adamant and unpersuadable. During the reign of king Rehoboam, the king and their nobles took decision to abandon the God of their forefathers to serve the gods of the nations. Thus Shishak, king of Egypt marched to Jerusalem with his soldiers to plunder it and the people became afraid, started calling on God for help. God sent to them a prophet who told them that God won't deliver them this time, but allow them to become slaves to the king of Egypt so that they could choose between serving God and being slaves to the heathens.

Every person is somewhat a servant. Even if you choose not to serve God you still serve the devil or something else. Human beings are naturally religious beings. They will always look up to something to rely on or to get satisfaction and happiness. Satan is a thief, he will force you to yield to him, but God wants you to surrender to Him willingly. The Scripture says, *“I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before your life and death, blessing*

*and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live” Deut 30:19 NKJV.* Choosing to serve God is a decision to enjoy long life, blessings of God made available in the Bible, and eternal life. Life is a choice. God sets different choices for us – life and death, blessings and curses. And not only this, He personally informs us of the best choices that we can make for ourselves. The Word of God is there for you, you can consult it to help you make right choices for yourself.

***Prophetic Prayers***

*Moment of worship!*

*Pray that you may know God’s will for you!*

*Take authority against any force that want to stop you from serving God!*

***Morning Reading: 2Corinthians 3:1-18***

***Evening Reading: Numbers 2***

**SEPTEMBER 10 TUESDAY**

**ACTS OF FAITH**

*Tomorrow go down against them. They will surely come up by the Ascent of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the brook before the Wilderness of Jeruel 2Chronicles 20:16 NKJV.*

Faith is required to achieve any meaningful feat. One act of faith can revolutionize your entire life. There’s going to be situation where you will be needed to act out by faith, otherwise the situation will be worsened. Thus it is written, “The just shall live by faith” Romans 1:17. Nobody can do away faith and still survive. The moment you learn to act upon the Word of God things will begin to change positively around you.

An incident happened during the reign of King Jehoshaphat that the children of Israel have to take an unprecedented act of faith. The situation forced King Jehoshaphat to take a drastic steps. Someone told Jehoshaphat that three nations teamed up, coming to attack Jerusalem. And king didn’t have the military might to confront them. Instead he summoned the whole Israelites to the temple, including women and children to fast and pray. They all prayed earnestly and cried unto God from morning till evening. Then the

Spirit of God came upon Jahaziel and he spoke to the people the Word of God through the unction of the Holy Spirit. He prophesied that the people should “not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them, for the Lord is with you” 2Chro 20:17 AMP.

The instruction is a risky one. However, they must obey it if they would have deliverance and victory. It called for an act of faith. The King and the whole community have to march out against the large, heavily armed soldiers of the three kingdoms just with trumpets and other musical instruments. God instructed them to take their position in the battle field. The Bible says, “*After talking it over with the people, Jehoshaphat appointed a choir for God; dressed in holy robes, they were to march ahead of the troops, singing, Give thanks to God , His love never quits*” 2Chro 20:21 MSG. You know what? As they took that single act of faith, God defeated their enemies that day for them. It is time for you take to your healing by faith. You can rise from that sick bed now by taking a step of faith in the Word. Things can get better, just step out by faith. Do something you have never done before and grab your miracle.

### ***Prophetic Prayers***

*Moment of worship!*

*Uproot spirit of fear and procrastination!*

*Take few minutes to speak changes to your situations!*

***Morning Reading: 2Corinthians 4:1-18***

***Evening Reading: Numbers 3***

## **SEPTEMBER 11 WEDNESDAY**

### **EFFECTS OF ACTS OF FAITH**

*And when they began with singing and praise, Yahweh set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir who were coming against Judah. And they were defeated 2Chronicles 20:22 LEB.*

Wherever there is an act of faith, you will see miracles there. If you can act out by faith in every circumstance you will always have your prayers answered, and your prayers will get you outstanding miracles. I so much like how Jehoshaphat and the people of Judah acted in responding to the problem that confronted them. Of course, they

fasted and prayed. They, as well, took bold steps of faith. They heeded the words of their prophet and acted upon God's instruction and God gave them victory. The Bible testifies, "*As they began to sing and praise, the Lord set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated. The Ammonites and Moabites rose up against the men from Mount Seir to destroy and annihilate them. After they finished slaughtering the men from Seir, they helped to destroy one another*" 2Chro 20:22-23 NIV.

They didn't wait for God to come down from heaven to deliver them. They realized that for them to achieve victory they have to act upon the Word of God. Even though the instructions appeared to be unrealistic and illogical, yet they believed that God is able to make His Word a reality. They knew that "*the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength*" 1Cor 1:25 LEB.

If you fold your hands and do nothing to exercise your faith, then you give the devil weapons to win the battle. But if you act in line with divine instruction you take your victory. Going to God to receive direction of how to tackle your problem is the first acts of faith and the beginning of your success. Jehoshaphat and the people of Judah were in the temple fasting and praying until rhema came and direction was given. And as they acted on the instructions, God perfected their little efforts with miracle. As you follow the same principles God will perfect your little efforts with mind-blowing miracles.

### ***Prophetic Prayers***

*Moment of worship!*

*Pray that your problems will turn to a stepping stone to your fulfilment!*

*Command your situations to change as you going out today!*

***Morning Reading: 2Corinthians 5:1-21***

***Evening Reading: Numbers 4***

**SEPTEMBER 12 THURSDAY****UNLOCKING THE OMNIPOTENCE OF GOD**

*On the day the Lord gave the Amorites over to Israel, Joshua said to the Lord in the presence of Israel: “Sun, stand still over Gibeon, and you, moon, over the Valley of Aijalon” Joshua 10:12 NIV.*

You have omnipotence of God resident in your human spirit. Until you unlock it you may not know that it's there. You received omnipotent power of God at very hour you received the Lord Jesus Christ into your spirit. As long as you have the Holy Spirit in your spirit you have the omnipotent power of God in you. You can do all things by unlocking the power. You can handle any problem or challenge that may confront you anytime. The Lord says, *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” Acts 1:8 NIV.*

Have you ever asked yourself, ‘what kind of power is this’? God’s power is omnipotent. And He can’t give you something different from what He has. God shares His omnipotent power with us. You have the fullness of God’s power latent in your human spirit. Paul prayed for the Ephesians, *“I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength” Eph 1:18-19 NIV.*

Notice he said that the power of God working in us is “incomparably great”. That implies omnipotent. A power that can’t be compared is then omnipotent. The moment Joshua realized that he has this power in him, he commanded the sun and moon to stand still because he needed to destroy the Canaanites who came against them before nightfall. You have the power in you. All you need is to learn how to release it.

***Prophetic Prayers***

*Moment of worship!*

*Speak to challenges facing you to melt!*

*Pray that the Spirit will teach you how to release the power!*

***Morning Reading: 2Corinthians 6:1-18***

***Evening Reading: Numbers 5 & 6***

**SEPTEMBER 13 FRIDAY****HOW TO UNLOCK OMNIPOTENCE OF GOD**

*But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him Hebrews 11:6 NKJV.*

Having the power is the first step, knowing that you have it is the second step, and releasing it to the full extent is the third step in unlocking omnipotence of God in you. The above scripture attests that claiming that you are a child of God isn't enough. To believe that God exists is to have encounter with the power of the Holy Spirit. No matter how someone tries to preach Jesus to you, without this encounter the gospel will be a theory to you. Encountering or knowing God personally is the first step to unlocking the omnipotence of God. John 1:12 says, "*But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name*".

Accept the fact that you have the power in your spirit, even as the scripture cited above states it. Believe that the Word is real and workable. Because there is no other way to release the power except by speaking the Word to the situations you want changed. Joshua spoke to the sun and moon when he needed more time to deal with his enemies. Joshua didn't cry to God, he just spoke to the sun and moon on God's behalf and God did what he said. Joshua 10:13 says, "*And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day.*"

Again, you don't speak your words, you speak God's Word by faith. Omnipotent power is released through the operation of the faith of God. The Lord says, "*For truly I say to you, if you have faith like a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you*" *Matt 17:20 LEB*. It takes omnipotent power to move mountains. A mustard seed-like faith is all it requires to change everything. Start today to make use of your faith for your victory and to demand for your rights and entitlements in Christ. Stand in your position as a child of God,

full of God's omnipotent power, and demand your inheritance, car, career, marriage, house rent or any of your property in devil's hand. The Lord has given you right to demand for anything in His name: *"You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father"* John 14:13 NLT.

### ***Prophetic Prayers***

*Moment of worship!*

*Pray for positive changes in your Christian life!*

*Break any form of barrenness/unfruitfulness in your life!*

***Morning Reading: 2Corinthians 7:1-16***

***Evening Reading: Numbers 7:1 – 43***

## ***SEPTEMBER 14 SATURDAY***

### ***HOW TO UNLOCK OMNIPOTENCE OF GOD TWO***

*Jesus came up and said to them, "All authority (all power of absolute rule) in heaven and on earth has been given to Me Matthew 28:18 AMP.*

I like the way Amplified Bible has reconstructed the above scripture. The translators intend to notify that when the Lord talks about "all authority" He meant omnipotence of God. Observe the additional emphasis in the above scripture. It defines "all authority" as "all power of absolute rule", which implies omnipotent power. And this power has been bequeathed to you. Notice that the Lord didn't stop at telling us that omnipotent power has been given to us, He also told us how to unlock it. The Lord Jesus further says, *"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" Matthew 28:19 NKJV.*

You have to impact people with the omnipotence of God by sharing your faith with them. I mean evangelizing your world. That's one of the ways to make someone a disciple of Christ. Furthermore, by making people Disciples of Christ you unlock the power in you. However, you may not make much impacts in your world without fervent prayer. Thus fervent and persistent prayer is also one of the keys to unlock the omnipotence of God in your spirit. James 5:16 says, *"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much"*. The easiest means to release God's omnipotence is through fervent prayer.

Believers are both priests and kings. Meaning we rule through prayers. Another key is infilling or baptism of the Holy Spirit. Being baptized in the Holy Spirit gives you full access to the omnipotence of God.

Learning how to unlock God's power in your human spirit is as important as going to heaven. God's purpose for sharing His power and nature with you is to enable you conquer the world, sin and the devil. If you don't unlock the power God has given to you, to exercise authority over the devil, then the devil will steal your salvation, even destroy your marriage or destiny, or even make your life miserable. God has given you all authority in heaven and on earth. You have all power – power to kill, heal, save, deliver, and prosper and much more (Jer 1:10).

***Prophetic Prayers***

*Moment of worship!*

*Pray for opportunity to manifest God's omnipotence!*

*Destroy any force hindering your progress!*

***Morning Reading: 2Corinthians 8:1-24***

***Evening Reading: Numbers 7:44 - 89***

**SEPTEMBER 15 SUNDAY**

**NT-TOPIC: PAUL'S JOURNEY TO ARABIA**

**MEMORY VERSE:** *Gal 1:17 NLT "Instead, I went away into Arabia, and later I returned to the city of Damascus".*

**TEXT:** *Read Galatians 1:17*

*I did not go up to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before I was, but I went into Arabia. Later I returned to Damascus Gal 1:17 NIV).*

**LESSON:** The Apostle's account of his journey after his conversion at Damascus in the Epistle of Galatians ought to be reconciled with its parallel text in Luke account in the book of Acts for full understanding. Paul told his story, Luke recorded it and sent it to Theophilus, and Paul also recorded his own version and sent it to Galatians. Each set forth the story in their own respective languages (understanding). It's most likely that Paul didn't proceed to Jerusalem immediately after his conversion at Damascus. After spending a

couple of days with the believers at Damascus he left for the wilderness of Arabia, where he spent close to three years and later returned to Damascus. Luke didn't give us these explanations, he puts forth the incident straightforward as if Paul proceeded right away from Damascus to Jerusalem to see Apostles Peter, John, James and others. See Luke's account of this very events in Acts 9:23-30, 22:17.

Luke is a stage reporter, reporting what he saw and heard about Paul. Paul is the stage actor, reporting his personal experience in the above scripture. Thus there must be some variations in their versions of the story, which is why I said earlier that each of them presented the story as they understood it. Having full understanding of the Bible stories help you to apply them rightly in your own situations. They also help you to make logical judgment of issues relating to you or things around you. They also help you to make informed decisions and keep you from "reinventing the wheel" – following others' mistakes. For example, the story of Joseph can inspire you to endure any circumstances.

***OT-TOPIC: JOB REPLIES TO ZOPHAR***

***TEXT:*** Read Job 12:1-3

*Then Job replied: "Doubtless you are the only people who matter, and wisdom will die with you! But I have a mind as well as you; I am not inferior to you. Who does not know all these things? Job 12:1-3 NIV).*

***LESSON:*** We concluded our study on Zophar's discourse last Sunday. Today we're starting a new chapter dealing on Job's responses to Zophar and his other two friends. Job says to his friends, you people think that you are the custodians of wisdom, and wisdom will cease on earth when you die. He maintains that he has understanding as they do, and he knows all they think they know. And he isn't inferior to them in any way. Job intends to say, "Beside, your retributory theology is common among people". That's they should be aware that everybody knows all these things they are declaiming. We have established the fact that Zophar and his friends have been judging Job based on retributive justice. And this law of karma is universal. But Job's friends have taken its application out of context just to convict Job of sins. ***Morning Reading: 2Corinthians 9:1-15***

***Evening Reading: Numbers 8 & 9***

**SEPTEMBER 16 MONDAY****SUBMIT TO YOUR COUNSELOR**

*He sought God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of God; and as long as he sought the Lord, God made him prosper 2Chronicles 26:5 NKJV.*

Uzziah the king started his fifty-two year reign in Jerusalem at the age of sixteen. When he started out he employed Zechariah to be his counselor and tutor. Zechariah started to teach and guide the king from his early age, through the Word of God. There is something amazing about this king! He humbly submitted to the tutorage and counsel of his counselor. Thus the scripture says, “*And he did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh, according to all that Amaziah his father had done. And he began to seek God in the days of Zechariah who was teaching in visions of God. And whenever he sought Yahweh God made him have success*” 2Chro 26:4-5 LEB.

It’s fundamentally vital to have someone as your counselor, who can teach and guide you through the knowledge of God’s Word or professional advice. Your success and prosperity are tied to your counselor. That’s why you need to submit to their godly and wise advice. King Uzziah submitted wholly to Zechariah, his counselor. Jehoshaphat noted, “*Believe in Yahweh your God, and you shall be established! Believe in his prophets, and you shall succeed!*” 2Chro 20:20 LEB.

Your counselor could be your pastor, prophet or an expert in a professional field. It’s, however, important to pray and seek the face of God to lead you in selecting who you want to be your counselor. Your counselor must be somebody who is God-fearing, intellectually and spiritually sound, and someone who knows you. I mean someone who can sport out your weaknesses and strengths. Somebody who can boldly caution you when you miss it and encourage you when you are getting it right. Make sure that your counselor guides you into doing God’s will.

***Prophetic Prayers***

*Moment of worship!*

*Pray that you will follow your spiritual leaders!*

*Pray that God will lead you to your destiny helpers!*

***Morning Reading: 2Corinthians 10:1-18***

***Evening Reading: Numbers 10***

**SEPTEMBER 17 TUESDAY**

**YOU LACK NO SPIRITUAL GIFT**

*Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed 1Corinthians 1:7 NIV.*

God's intention for each local church is to be equipped with all the spiritual gifts and multifaceted grace, basking in the glory of God at all times. It has never been God's will for the church or any believer to come behind any spiritual gift. That's why the Holy Bible admonishes every person in the church to desire with earnestness spiritual gifts, so that every believer will be supernaturally buoyant to carry out divine assignments on earth. The Holy Wit says, "*Pursue love, and strive for spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy*" 1Cor 14:1 LEB.

It's God's desire for every believer to be prophesying. God wants to use you to touch your world through the demonstration of the nine supernatural gifts outlined in 1Corinthians chapter twelve. Not that you will claim possession of the nine gifts, but the Holy Ghost is ever ready to give you any gift whenever there's a need of it. This is what I mean; if you are filled with the Holy Spirit and somebody around you is sick, ready to give up, the Spirit will give you the gift of healings at that moment to heal the sick. Notice that our theme scripture proposes that God doesn't want you to lack any spiritual gifts. Thus the preceding verse says, "*For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge*" 1Cor 1:5 NIV.

It's God's plan to furnish everyone in each assemblies of God's people with supernatural gifts. God wants you to be enriched spiritually, supernaturally and materially. The Scripture clearly states that "*God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work*" 2Cor 9:8 NIV. Set it as a goal to get filled with the Holy Spirit and to operate in all the supernatural gifts.

***Prophetic Prayers****Moment of worship!**Pray that you may be filled with the Holy Spirit!**Pray that God will use you for others!****Morning Reading: 2Corinthians 11:1-33******Evening Reading: Numbers 11*****SEPTEMBER 18 WEDNESDAY*****YOU ARE STANDING BY FAITH***

*Now I make known to you, brothers, the gospel which I proclaimed to you, which you have also received, in which you also stand 1Cor 15:1 LEB.*

So important for you to understand that you are saved by receiving the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ by faith. Salvation comes through the preaching of the gospel – God’s Word. Apostle Paul made it plain in the scripture above: That Corinthians were saved by the gospel he preached to them, and by the same gospel they were standing. The proceeding verse further says, “*By which you are also being saved, if you hold fast to the message I proclaimed to you, unless you believed to no purpose*” 1Cor 15:2 LEB.

As a child of God, you are standing by the faith of God in you. This fact isn’t yet clear to so many believers. Unfortunately most Christians are standing in their human feelings and reasoning, while some are standing in their prophet’s or pastor’s faith rather than in the faith of God in their human spirits, which was given to them when they became born-again. The Bible teaches that believers are designed to live by faith. Habakkuk 2:4 declares that “the just shall live by his faith”. When you received the good news, you received faith and grace in your spirit at the same time. In fact, grace along with faith was first imparted into your heart before you opened your heart to the gospel (Eph 2:8). That’s the divine force that gives you ability to open your heart to the Lord Jesus (Rev 3:20).

Our walk with God is a walk of faith. We survive by faith, not by the economy of the world. We receive promises of God by standing in faith. 2Cor 5:7 says, “*For we walk by faith, not by sight*”. The only way for a believer to remain saved in Christ is by standing in the same

faith through which he was saved. More so, you can receive healing to your sick body by standing in the same faith. You can also fight poverty and claim your deliverance from demonic oppression by standing in the same faith. The same faith can get you going, and you can receive any miracle by standing in the same faith. Nothing like many faiths. There's but "one God" "one Lord", "one faith" and "one Spirit" (Eph 4:4). The difference is in the way we grow our faith. The more you grow your faith by feeding on God's Word daily and by putting it to work, the more results you get and more powerful you become.

### ***Prophetic Prayers***

*Moment of worship!*

*Pray that your heart be open to the gospel!*

*Pray for total deliverance from all satanic attacks in your life, home, health, finances!*

***Morning Reading: 2Corinthians 12:1-21***

***Evening Reading: Numbers 12 & 13***

## **SEPTEMBER 19 THURSDAY**

### ***DON'T KEEP YOUR MIND DULL***

*But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away 2Cor 3:14 NIV.*

The above scripture attests that Israelites couldn't walk with God because their minds were made dull. They allowed the devil to deceive them through unbelief. The above scripture also underscores that their minds remained dull after hearing the teachings of the Word. Talking about Israelites, Isaiah the prophet said that the devil will "make the heart of this people calloused; make their ears dull and close their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and turn (to God) and be healed" Isaiah 6:10 NIV.

You see, if you refuse to listen and do the true teachings of God's Word, the devil takes the advantage and block your heart and hold your mind captive. The same thing Isaiah wrote in the above cited scripture. Paul also said the same thing, "The god of this age has

*blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God” 2Cor 4:4 NIV.* If you don’t get your mind renewed by exercising it in the Word of God, the devil, who is referred to in the above scripture as the god of this world, will fill it with many junks.

It’s not good for a mind to stay idle. Proverbs 19:2 says, “*Also, that the soul be without knowledge, it is not good*”. God designed your mind with potentials to create things through imaginative and intellectual power, and logical thinking. You must engage your mind with the Word of God and logical thinking in order to generate inspired ideas and revelations, to release your potentials to the full extent.

### ***Prophetic Prayers***

*Moment of worship!*

*Pray that God will help you to control your thought!*

*Pray for revelation as you meditate on the Word!*

***Morning Reading: 2Corinthians 13:1-14***

***Evening Reading: Numbers 14***

## ***SEPTEMBER 20 FRIDAY***

### ***ALWAYS TAKE YOUR STAND AGAINST THE DEVIL***

*Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes Ephesians 6:11 NIV.*

The scripture cited above instructs us to take our stands in the spiritual warfare. And it isn’t something you do today, tomorrow you give yourself a break. It’s always. You must take your full stand against the devil consistently; take your stand when you are driving, walking on the road, eating, working in your office, sitting with your children or spouse, sitting in the classroom, taking bath, even when you are sleeping. 1 Peter 5:8 says, “*Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour*”. Satan is a thief, he doesn’t announce his coming (Jon 10:10). Thus you must always take your stand with God and prepare for war.

You must constantly stand alert in your spirit to wage wars against all his evil schemes, just as we’re instructed in our theme

scripture. You can take stand in your thinking mind and spirit, because war against the devil is both mental and spiritual. Satan gains access into our lives through our thinking. Always make sure you are spiritually and mentally alert as to know when the devil is actually at work so that you can kick him off. 1Peter 5:9 says, “*Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.*” As you can see, it’s your spiritual responsibility to keep the devil out of your life, marriage, finances, business or career. You must keep him out of your health, if not he will take over it. God has given you power to deal with the devil and secure your health.

Many folks haven’t understood that our walk with God is a warfare. Christianity is a warfare. It’s evidently portrayed in the Scripture. We don’t fight with God or human beings, but against the devil and his cohorts. Ephesians 6:12 says, “*For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*” The underlined portion of the scripture cited above specifies the classes of demons and their realm of operations, which we have to deal with. The goal of these demonic hierarchies is to suppress and hinder God’s will over your life, which is more reason you mustn’t allow them to succeed. You must prepare to stop the devil.

### ***Prophetic Prayers***

*Moment of worship!*

*Pray for the coming of the kingdom and will of God on earth!*

*Uproot evil plans of the devil in any phase of your life!*

***Morning Reading: Galatians 1:1-24***

***Evening Reading: Numbers 15***

## **SEPTEMBER 21 SATURDAY**

### **TAKE YOUR STAND AGAINST THE DEVIL TWO**

*Therefore put on God’s complete armor, that you may be able to resist and stand your ground on the evil day [of danger], and, having done all [the crisis demands], to stand [firmly in your place] Ephesians 6:13 AMPC.*

You have got to take your ground in the spiritual and mental realm so you can deal decisively the powers of darkness. This you do by clothing your mind and spirit with spiritual weapons. Just as those who fight physical wars equip themselves with military weaponry, so you suppose to fight with God's weapons. The Scripture teaches that *"The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds"* 2Cor 10:4 NIV.

You have to take your firm stand in the Word of God and take up all the weapons that God has provided for you in His Word as you withstand the devil and his demon spirits in all phases of your life. Our opening scripture orders us to put on God's complete armor. The scripture further says, *"Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place"* Eph 6:14 NIV. Two armors or weapons are shown in the above scripture: truth righteousness. Thus when you stick on saying the truth in your dealings with others you keep the devil off your life and business. Righteousness keeps your mind from suffering mental sickness. Notice your heart is the major target of the devil. That's why the above scripture instructs you to guard it the breastplate (bulletproof) of righteousness. It's designed to defend your mind from satanic invasions.

*"In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God"* Eph 6:16-17 NIV. Other important weapons you must fight with are faith, salvation and the Word of God. Faith is for self-defense. That's the weapon you can use to lock the devil out of your life (1Jon 5:4). Salvation is designed to shield your soul from the devil's claim of ownership. Without salvation the devil can lay claim over your soul. Salvation gives you right to exercise authority over the devil (Jon 1:12). You can use the weapons of the Word and prayers to launch attack against the devil. You can use the Word and prayers to force the devil out of your body, business, or out of the body of your loved ones.

***Prophetic Prayers***

*Moment of worship!*

*Pray that you may not be wounded in the war front!*

*Take the battle to the enemy's camp and take back anything enemy has stolen from you!*

**Morning Reading: Galatians 2:1-21**

**Evening Reading: Numbers 16**

## **SEPTEMBER 22 SUNDAY**

### **NT-TOPIC: PAUL VISITS PETER**

**MEMORY VERSE:** “Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days” Gal 1:18 NKJV.

**TEXT:** Read Galatians 1:18-20

*Then after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to get acquainted with Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days. I saw none of the other apostles—only James, the Lord's brother. I assure you before God that what I am writing you is no lie Gal 1:18-20 NIV.*

**LESSON:** “Then after three years”, that’s, perhaps from the time the Apostle left Damascus after Ananias prayed for him and his sight was restored (Acts 9:17-19). Thereafter he left for Araba and returned to Damascus. And from Damascus he traveled to Jerusalem to meet with Apostle Peter, there he stayed for fifteen days. All these took place within the space of three years. However, according to Luke, it was Barnabas who introduced Paul to the apostles when he first returned to Jerusalem after his conversion in Damascus (see Acts 9:26-27). Like I wrote on last Sunday lesson, Luke’s account about Paul’s journey and experiences from the time of his conversion to the time he started out his apostolic ministry is abridged. But it throws more light to understand Paul’s Epistle to Galatians. There’re three prominent men named James in the church at Jerusalem. James the brother of John and James the son of Alphaeus were both apostles of the Lord Jesus (Acts 1:13). And James, our Lord’s half-brother (see Jon 7:3, Matt 13:55, Mark 3:21, Acts 1:14). This James appears to be the General Overseer of the church at Jerusalem at that time. Paul met him and Peter to discuss his ministry to the Gentile. Paul’s intention for narrating these things is to certify that the gospel he preached wasn’t taught to him by the twelve apostles, it is direct revelation of

the Holy Spirit. That salvation doesn't come by observing the law such as circumcision etc., but by putting your faith in the finished works of Christ on the cross.

**OT-TOPIC: A FIGURE OF FUN**

**TEXT:** Read Job 12:4-6

*I have become a laughingstock to my friends, though I called on God and he answered— a mere laughingstock, though righteous and blameless! Those who are at ease have contempt for misfortune as the fate of those whose feet are slipping. The tents of marauders are undisturbed, and those who provoke God are secure— those God has in his hand (Job 12:4-6 NIV).*

**LESSON:** Job says that he has become a figure of fun (laughingstock) to his friends. He probably accuses his friends of mocking him because they propose that the reason for his suffering is his unconfessed sins. He stresses that even though he is righteous and without anything to blame him for, and before the calamity befalls on him, he used to pray and God used to answer him, yet his friends make a mockery of him. Job has come to a conclusion that oftentimes those who are enjoying good things of life mock those in trouble. Not that Job friends meant to mock Job but because they have been so blinded by their retributory theology that they couldn't think out of the box. Job can now think out of the box because of his experience from the things he has been going through. Job has finally realized that even the wicked can enjoy peace and prosperity. That God can be gracious and merciful to the wicked (see Matt 5:44-47, Rom 2:4). The reality is done on him that riches, happiness, good health, peace of mind and good life aren't signs of spirituality or righteousness. Anybody can diligently work for them and have them.

**Morning Reading: Galatians 3:1-29**

**Evening Reading: Numbers 17 & 18**

**SEPTEMBER 23 MONDAY*****BE STABLE IN YOUR WALK OF FAITH***

*But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed Jam 1:6.*

To enjoy perpetual victory in all phases of your life you must learn how to remain stable in the confession of your lips and in your walk of faith. Some persons change their confessions a moment their conditions change. They begin to confess negative and complain because they witness negative changes around them. As your confessions changed, your faith will likewise drop. It will start wavering. And the scripture warns, *“That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do” James 1:7-8 NIV.* Things will continue to worsen in that person’s life because he is spiritually and mentally unstable.

Some of these persons stop praying; they stop studying the Word, some even stop coming to church services, just because they are experiencing unpleasant situations. Those are Christians who are led by their instincts rather than the Holy Spirit. They could follow the dictates of their environment, economy and philosophy of the world instead of the teachings of God's Word. You must keep on confessing what you want to happen to you irrespective of the happenings around you. Stick to your faith and keep confessing the Word of God. Job said, *“If a man dies, shall he live again? All the days of my hard service I will wait, till my change comes” Job 14:14 NKJV.*

Things must always change either towards good or bad, but you must learn to stick to your faith and declaration of God's Word over your life. Of course, you can use your mouth to effect positive changes. The Lord says, *“But the one who endures and bears up [under suffering] to the end will be saved” Matthew 24:13 AMP.* Be stable in your walk of faith, you will certainly conquer and achieve success at the end.

***Prophetic Prayers***

*Moment of worship!*

*Pray that you will experience positive changes in any area you desire change!*

*Pray for deliverance from satanic influences and manipulations!*

***Morning Reading: Galatians 4:1-31***

***Evening Reading: Numbers 19 & 20***

## **SEPTEMBER 24 TUESDAY**

### **MADE ALIVE IN CHRIST**

*But God, being rich in mercy, because of his great love with which he loved us, and we being dead in trespasses, he made us alive together with Christ (by grace you are saved) Ephesians 2:4-5 LEB.*

All humankind died spiritually in Adam when he committed treason against God. Being utterly, hopelessly dead in sin, God made us alive when He raised Christ from the dead. To make alive, according to the scripture above, denotes that God raised us from the death in sin and now we live in Christ – alive in righteousness. The scripture teaches that we all were dead in trespasses. “*And you, although you were dead in your trespasses and sins*” *Ephesians 2:1 LEB.*

Being raised together with Christ we’re currently much more alive by the operation of the faith of God in our human spirit. God raised us to life when He raised Christ from death, but it became a reality the very moment you put your faith in Christ Jesus. The scripture likewise attests, “*And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus*” *Ephesians 2:6 NIV.* Right now you are seated with Christ in the heavenly realm. Seating with Christ in the heavenly realm implies occupying the place of authority in the spiritual realm. Thus you are actually reigning with Christ.

However, unbelievers are still dead in sin. As the scripture opines, “*As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient*” *Ephesians 2:1-2 NIV.* Notice the above scripture refers to unbelievers as disobedient, and they are ruled by the spirits of the devil. Because they follow the ways of the world, serving the devil, who is the ruler of this sinful world. That’s why it

is so important to accept Christ now to be your Lord and Savior if you haven't done so. So, you too can be made alive in Christ!

***Prophetic Prayers***

*Moment of worship!*

*Please see the last page in case you want to be born again!*

*Renounce any work of the devil in any phase of your life!*

***Morning Reading: Galatians 5:1-26***

***Evening Reading: Numbers 21***

**SEPTEMBER 25 WEDNESDAY**

**PURSUE PERSONAL GROWTH**

But speaking the truth in love [in all things—both our speech and our lives expressing His truth], let us grow up in all things into Him [following His example] who is the Head—Christ Ephesians 4:15 AMP.

I like the above translation of that scripture. We should grow up in all things into being like Christ. In other words, we should endeavor to become like the Lord Jesus in our attitudes. That's more reason why we should set personal growth and development as our major goal. Paul says, "*Not that I have already obtained it [this goal of being Christ like] or have already been made perfect, but I actively press on so that I may take hold of that [perfection] for which Christ Jesus took hold of me and made me His own*" *Philippians 3:12 AMP*.

As a child of God, you have to prioritize personal growth and development. Make it your ultimate value and desire. Desire to grow in the knowledge of God's Word and in the person you have chosen to become. See developing godly character as a priority. Get your mental capacity developed so you can create unlimited wealth and an ideal environment for yourself and those around you. Pursuing money is like going after a wind. The wisest man advised, "*Don't wear yourself out trying to get rich; restrain yourself! Riches disappear in the blink of an eye; wealth sprouts wings and flies off into the wild blue yonder*" *Proverbs 23:4-5 MSG*. They can fly off into the thin air if you haven't grown capacity to invest them wisely.

Personal growth and development aims to help you discover and release your potentials to the full extent. You can never become

who God wants you want to be by pursuing money and success. Those who just pursue money or success will end up being poor people with fat bank account. We have already enough of such persons in our society today – they are there in our political offices ruining the economy of the country. Right now the society is tired of them and want to get rid of them from political offices. The global world is becoming more revolutionized technologically, scientifically and philosophically every day. The society isn't just looking for those who have plenty money, but those who have creative ideas – solutions to human problems. Nigeria needs those who can fix our economy. You can be the man!

***Prophetic Prayers***

*Moment of worship!*

*Pray that you may grow in your knowledge of God's Word!*

*Try to discover your potentials!*

***Morning Reading: Galatians 6:1-18***

***Evening Reading: Numbers 22***

**SEPTEMBER 26 THURSDAY**

**YOU ARE BEING BUILT IN CHRIST**

*And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit Ephesians 2:22 NIV.*

God is working in your life. The Scripture above testifies that you are being built, as you fellowship together with others, to become a house of God through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. The phrase “are being built” shows a present continuous tense. The whole idea is a process – it's on going. So God is building you a spiritual structure in Christ for His personal habitation. More so, the scripture affirms, “*In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord*” Ephesians 2:21 NIV.

You're God's building. The Lord Jesus is the Architect. To build is to set up, to establish or to raise up. The Lord is raising you up into a divine structure. The church of Christ is the overall divine Meta structure – the gathering of the saints. The Lord Jesus is fabricating us to become God's holy temple. The Word of God

affirms, “*Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?*” *1 Corinthians 3:16.*

Notice that you are planted in Christ forever. You live in Christ; in Him you do your business, marry in Him, you sleep in Him, wake up in Him, and walk in Him. You are hidden in Christ and He is living in you by His Spirit, no devil can destroy you. The scripture attests, “*For in him we live and move and have our being.*” *As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring’ Acts 17:28 NIV.* You’re an offspring of God. Offspring means that you are born of God. Praise God! No matter how rough or bad your life has been, the Lord Jesus can fix it. He can build a brand new person.

### ***Prophetic Prayers***

*Moment of worship!*

*Pray that you may be built by God!*

*Pray that God will deliver your destiny from the hands of the destiny destroyers!*

***Morning Reading: Ephesians 1:1-23***

***Evening Reading: Numbers 23 & 24***

## ***SEPTEMBER 27 FRIDAY***

### ***BE COMMITTED TO YOUR DUTY***

*And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, in the law and in the commandment, to seek his God, he did it with all his heart. So he prospered 2Chro 31:21 NKJV.*

Commitment has always been the major key to achieve success in business and other human endeavors. Dictionary defines commitment thus: "Being bound emotionally or intellectually to a course of action or to another person or persons." It implies being constant and faithful to a course of actions or whatever you are called upon to do. Commitment to a course or an assignment or to God requires consistency, punctuality, competence, and faithfulness. 2 Chronicles 31:20 testifies, "*And thus did Hezekiah throughout all Judah, and wrought that which was good and right and truth before the LORD his God.*"

Notably, Hezekiah was committed to God and to the service of the kingdom of Israel. To be committed to God requires you to have

confidence in God and in His Word. The Jews asked the Lord one day, “What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?”. The Lord replied to them, “*This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent*” *John 6:29 NKJV*. Having full confidence in God, believing that the Bible is God’s Word and it’s reliable, and God is able and willing to fulfill all His promises is your obligation and a sign of commitment to God.

Thus our theme scripture attests that Hezekiah committed his entire being to serve his people and God. Hezekiah was consistent, competent, and faithful to God and to the people he ruled. For you to be proven to be committed, you must be punctual, for lateness is a sign of lack of commitment. You also need to be competent. Competence means you have what it takes to deliver your job excellently. Faithfulness means you are regular, truthful, and you can deliver accurate account of how you carry out your assignment. 2Chronicles 19:9 says, “*Thus shall ye do in the fear of the LORD, faithfully, and with a perfect heart.*” Anything you do for God without being faithful and without perfect (pure) heart, God may not accept it. Try all you can to be fully committed in anything you do, both in the church and in your place of work, and at home.

### ***Prophetic Prayers***

*Moment of worship!*

*Pray for the spirit of commitment to come upon you!*

*Take authority against the spirit of unfaithfulness!*

***Morning Reading: Ephesians 2:1-22***

***Evening Reading: Numbers 25***

## **SEPTEMBER 28 SATURDAY**

### ***BENEFITS OF COMMITMENTS***

*Do you see someone skilled in their work? They will serve before kings; they will not serve before officials of low rank Proverbs 22:29 NIV.*

It’s commonly understood in all fields of work that commitments pay a great deal of dividends. And lack of it causes failures, disappointment and frustration. Many believers have been frustrated out of faith because they had faith without corresponding works.

1 Timothy 1:19 says, “*Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck*”.

Thus being committed to every task you undertake alone shows that you are on the path of success. A failure isn’t necessarily absence of success, but lack of commitment. So when you are committed, you are close to success. Another benefit is, it gives you opportunity to become expert in your fields of service. Aristotle was once quoted saying, “You are what you repeatedly do. Excellence then is not an act but a habit”. Our theme scripture talks about diligent or skilled in work. That results from commitment to duty. It makes you a Pro. The Word of God says, “*The diligent find freedom in their work; the lazy are oppressed by work*” Pro 12:24 MSG. Some persons are oppressed by what they do because they lack the required skills. They have been doing a particular thing for many years, but you still have to teach them the same thing again and again.

Other benefits include earning respects, promotion, and honor, like our theme scripture puts it. Skilled workers are in high demands everywhere. Read the same verse in Message Bible, “Observe people who are good at their work— skilled workers are always in demand and admired; they don’t take a backseat to anyone” Pro 22:29 MSG. Commitment gives you a platform to rule. It attracts favor and make people to celebrate you.

### ***Prophetic Prayers***

*Moment of worship!*

*Pray that your works will be rewarded!*

*Pray for anointing to serve!*

***Morning Reading: Ephesians 3:1-21***

***Evening Reading: Numbers 26***

## **SEPTEMBER 29 SUNDAY**

***NT-TOPIC: PAUL IN THE REGIONS OF SYRIA AND CILICIA***

***MEMORY VERSE: Gal 1:21 NKJV “Afterward I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia”.***

***TEXT: Galatians 1:21-24***

*Then I went to Syria and Cilicia. I was personally unknown to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. They only heard the report: “The*

*man who formerly persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy.” And they praised God because of me (Gal 1:21-24 NIV).*

**LESSON:** The Apostle continues to narrate the story of his call to the ministry. We learnt from last Sunday that he returned to Jerusalem after spending three years in Araba and Damascus. When he came to Jerusalem he tried to join the church but they were afraid of him, they were skeptical about his conversion. Notice this is first time they’re seeing him since his conversion. They only heard about it, but not certain. While he was in Jerusalem some Jews conspired to kill him, but some brethren took him and brought him to Caesarea, from there he traveled to the regions of Syria and Cilicia, where he was born). When the church at Jerusalem heard about Paul’s conversion they rejoice and thank God, but when he visited them, they became afraid of him. (See Acts 9:28-30, 22:3 for further study). If you are born again you should be able to narrate the story. Born again is a personal encounter with the Lord Jesus Christ – an experience you can never forget. Paul never forgot his own. He used the testimony of his conversion to preach to others. You too can use your own to preach to others.

**OT-TOPIC: THE WHOLE EARTH CAN BEAR WITNESS THAT GOD IS IN CONTROL OF ALL THINGS**

**TEXT:** Read Job 12:7-9

*But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish in the sea inform you. Which of all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? Job 12:7-9 NIV.*

**LESSON:** Job has learnt more about the nature and ways of God and has better understanding regarding the doctrine of retribution through the things he suffers more than his friends. He could teach retributory theology with the universal application rather than being confined to the traditional view – which postulates that the wicked suffer, while the righteous enjoy, which his friends only know about. Job could now avow that God is in control over everything that happens on earth, both what happens to the wicked and the righteous. It is obvious to Job that the righteous can suffer, even when he is not to be blamed.

Job affirms that everything under the sun and in waters know that God is over all – good and bad. There are kinds of evil. The origin of all evil could be traceable to Satan and man, but God permits evil to happen to the righteous for good purpose (Rom 8:28).

**Morning Reading: Ephesians 4:1-32**

**Evening Reading: Numbers 27 & 28**

## **SEPTEMBER 30 MONDAY**

### **OPERATING BY THE SPIRIT OF FAITH**

*And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, “I believed and therefore I spoke,” we also believe and therefore speak 2Corinthians 4:13 NKJV.*

The Bible teaches that faith comes by hearing or studying the Word of God. Christian faith is spiritual because it proceeds from God. Operating by the spirit of faith is walking in the atmosphere of faith. The spirit of faith is a working faith. The spirit of faith is the faith that is at work. Dormant faith is dead, it is ineffective. Paul said that he and his friends have the same spirit of faith that Old Testament prophets had. The prophet writing about the spirit of faith declared, “*I believed, therefore I spoke*” *Ps 116:10 NKJV*. Paul joined the prophets and declared, “We also believe and therefore speak”. I too join the prophet and declare, I believe and therefore speak.

Faith has its own language. You can't walk in faith successfully without speaking the language. Spirit of faith implies that faith is alive, it isn't a dead thing or feeling that something good is going to happen. The Bible describes faith as “*the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen*” *Hebrews 11:1 NKJV*. Substance signifies that faith is a reality, it does exist.

Faith can never fail because it's a reality – a reality of the things we believe that God has given us even though we haven't received them physically. If you operate this way, your faith will always get you what you pray for. Elijah, Moses, Abraham and all the righteous in the Bible operated by this spirit of faith. The Bible testifies that by the spirit of faith “the elders obtained a good testimony” *Hebrews 11:2 NKJV*. Thus as you operate by the spirit of faith you will achieve your dreams.

***Prophetic Prayers****Moment of worship!**Pray that God will fill you with the spirit of faith!**Pray over anything you want God to do for you!****Morning Reading: Ephesians 5:1-33******Evening Reading: Numbers 29*****OCTOBER 1 TUESDAY****BE A SERVANT OF THE WORD**

*Just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word Luke 1:2 NIV.*

The scripture above demonstrates an important fact about the life of the early disciples that's wanting in today's church. They were servants of the Word. It's important to understand how these believers served the Word. If we're going to serve the Word in this our time, then we need to study those things that made them servants of the Word. The apostles said to those Christians struggling for food, *"Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word" Acts 6:3-4 NIV.*

They gave all their attention to prayers and to the teaching and practicing of the Word. That's, they studied the Word, they preached and taught the Word, and they prayed the Word as well. So important to note this here. A servant of the Word is that believer or preacher who has given himself over to the studying, reading, listening, preaching, and doing the Word. Most importantly, he's a practitioner of the Word. You need to give yourself wholly to the Word until the Word becomes your life. The Scripture declares that the Word isn't *"just idle words for you—they are your life. By them you will live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to possess"* Deut 32:47 NIV. The scripture encourages you to make the Word your life, your behavior, and your confessions.

On the contrary, it seems that many are masters of the Word in this our time. We want to preach, teach and hear the Word, but we don't want to be doers of the Word (Jam 1:22-25). We want God's

blessings, but don't want God Himself because there're plenty things the Word wants to address in our lives. However, being a servant of the Word implies that you are led, controlled, and guided by the Word and the Spirit of the Author of the Word. It also indicates that all your life – marriage, career, faith, and attitude - is built on the principles of the Word. That's what it means to be a servant of the Word. You can't be a servant of God without yielding to the authority of His Word – doing what the Word says.

### ***Prophetic Prayers***

*Moment of worship!*

*Commit and dedicate this Month to God's hands!*

*Pray for God's leading upon your life!*

***Morning Reading: Ephesians 6:1-24***

***Evening Reading: Numbers 30***

## **OCTOBER 2 WEDNESDAY**

### ***DON'T TALK MUCH***

*In all labour there is profit: but the talk of the lips tendeth only to penury Pro 14:23 ASV.*

When you talk too much you lose your vitality. This is inner strength in every individual that spurs them to take necessary actions in time of need. Words are spirits, and they're life. You are one with your words. Whenever you talk, life comes out from inside you and goes out of your mouth. That life in form of words is the energy that sustains you. Proverbs 13:3 says, "*He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.*"

Anyone who receives your words shares in your life. If such one continues to listen to you, with time he will begin to behave like you, talk like you, and eventually become like you. That's why the highest vocation is teaching. Words are alive; they don't die. The Lord Jesus says, "*The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life*" John 6:63 NIV.

Most of us don't know that teaching is more than impartation of knowledge. It's, in essence, an impartation of life. Teachers impart their lives to their students. Proverbs 18:4 says, "*The words of a man's*

mouth are as deep waters, and the wellspring of wisdom as a flowing brook.” Thus when you talk a lot you talk away the spirit of inspiration in you. You become empty of ideas and revelations. The best way to conduct yourself is to hear more and talk less. Guard your spirit-man. Speak inspiring words, words that edify the hearers. James 1:19 says, “Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath”.

### ***Prophetic Prayers***

*Moment of worship!*

*Pray that any hanging evil words over your life should return to hell!*

*Pray that you will be filled with God's wisdom!*

***Morning Reading: Philippians 1:1-30***

***Evening Reading: Numbers 31***

## **OCTOBER 3 THURSDAY**

### ***DON'T TALK MUCH TWO***

*In all labor there is profit, but idle talk leads only to poverty Proverbs 14:23 AMPC.*

However, talking idle words or talking too much rid you of creative power, it leaves you empty of vital energy. Our theme scripture argues that too much talk leads to poverty, but hard work tends to wealth creation. How can talking make you poor?

It's because when you talk a lot you lose the energy meant to labor for wealth creation. For example, if you receive a new idea or revelation don't broadcast it because someone may use it before you or some familiar spirits may go behind you to work things against you so that you won't be able to materialize the idea any more. How many time have you received an idea but never be able to follow it up. The wisest man advised, “*He who guards his mouth and his tongue keeps himself from troubles*” *Prov 21:23 AMPC.*

Not that you won't share it with concerned persons, but you must be careful about who you share your dreams and ideas with. Proverbs 29:20 says, “*Seest thou a man that is hasty in his words? There is more hope of a fool than of him.*” There are dream killers. Guard your mouth, talk only when it's necessary. Don't be in a haste to talk, but to listen. When you talk, number your words.

***Prophetic Prayers****Moment of worship!**Pray for your spiritual leaders!**Pray for God's blessings upon your family!****Morning Reading: Philippians 2:1-30******Evening Reading: Numbers 32*****OCTOBER 4 FRIDAY*****BE NOT SEPARATED FROM THE LIFE OF GOD***

*They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts Ephesians 4:18 NIV.*

Being born of God, you have partaken in the life of God in Christ Jesus. You have the life of God in your human spirit, which is eternal life. Eternal life is God's life. And only Christ has power to give this kind of life to those who come to God through Him. The Lord declares, *"For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him"* John 17:2 NIV. Do you have Christ in your heart? Then you have got eternal life, for Christ is Eternal Life.

Thus your human life has been swallowed up by the Life of God in your human spirit. A lot believers don't have this knowledge in them, thus their human life or sinful nature keeps on overshadowing the Life of God in their spirits. Thus they can't live out the life of God in them. That's why the Lord taught that you must lose your sinful life before you can be full of eternal life. Carefully read this scripture, *"Whoever finds his [lower] life will lose it [the higher life], and whoever loses his [lower] life on My account will find it [the higher life]"* Matthew 10:39 AMPC. Notice the Amplified Classic refers to the human life a lower life because it's sinful. And it calls the life you will find "the higher" life because it's God's life.

Thus you must strive to retain eternal life in you. Our theme scripture warns that you shouldn't walk as unbelievers do because they're separated from the life of God. So walking like them will separate you from the life of God. The same scripture says, *"This therefore I say and testify in the Lord, that you no longer walk as the*

*Gentiles walk: in the futility of their mind” Ephesians 4:17 LEB.* You need to live by the life of God in your spirit. It’s the way of victory, true prosperity and success, and everlasting life.

***Prophetic Prayers***

*Moment of worship!*

*Pray that you may live by the life of God!*

*Submit yourself to the power of the Holy Spirit!*

***Morning Reading: Philippians 3:1-21***

***Evening Reading: Numbers 33***

***OCTOBER 5 SATURDAY***

***YOU CAN MAKE THINGS TO HAPPEN***

*If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land 2Chro 7:14 NIV.*

As a believer, you don't have to become a governor, president, senator or one of the wealthiest men in town before you could make things to happen. There might be a governor ruling over your state and president over your country, but the real ruler is that man who knows how to engage God into the affairs of men. The real rulers are those who rule by prayers. They touch the world through prayer. That is why God made every believer a priest and a king. Read this Bible portion, *"And has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen" Revelation 1:6 NKJV.*

What does it mean to be a priest and king at the same time? It indicates that believers are intercessors and God's anointed. In the Old Testament, the Bible calls kings of Israel the Lord's anointed. Because it was God who has chosen them to rule. 1 Samuel 26:9 says, *"And David said to Abishai, Destroy him not: for who can stretch forth his hand against the LORD'S anointed, and be guiltless?"* David called Saul, in the above scripture, the Lord's anointed. Now Christ Jesus has made us both priests and kings. We are the true rulers.

They make things to happen by prayers. You too can rule as you make things to happen by prayers. Yes, prayer. You can work out

your miracles by prayer. This evidently agrees with our theme scripture. Setting out time to pray to God over your problems is a way of humbling yourself before God. It changes you, and it can change any situation. Our theme scripture agrees with it. Taking your time to pray to God over your problems is a high way of humbling yourself before God. It changes any situation. Additionally, you can receive your healing by a prayer of faith in the Word of God. The Scripture affirms, *“Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops” James 5:17-18 NIV.* Though there was a king in Israel during the time of Elijah, but Elijah was the real ruler in the realm of the spirit. Elijah ruled by prayer. You too can bring deliverance to your family and entire nation by engaging yourself with fervent prayers and intercessions.

### ***Prophetic Prayers***

*Moment of worship!*

*Pray that God will use you to deliver your family!*

*Decree things you want to happen in any aspect of your life!*

***Morning Reading: Philippians 4:1-23***

***Evening Reading: Numbers 34 & 35***

## **OCTOBER 6 SUNDAY**

### **NT-TOPIC: PAUL AND BARNABAS ON APOSTOLIC VISIT TO JERUSALEM**

**MEMORY VERSE:** *Gal 2:2 “Then fourteen years after I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and took Titus with me also.”*

**TEXT:** *Read Galatians 2:1-2*

*Then after fourteen years, I went up again to Jerusalem, this time with Barnabas. I took Titus along also. I went in response to a revelation and, meeting privately with those esteemed as leaders, I presented to them the gospel that I preach among the Gentiles. I wanted to be sure I was not running and had not been running my race in vain Gal 2:1-2 NIV.*

**LESSON:** You need to refer to the previous lesson for better understanding. “Then after fourteen years I went up again to

Jerusalem”, perhaps from the time he left Jerusalem for the regions of Syria and Cilicia. He was at Cilicia till the time Barnabas came looking for him. We learned from Acts 11:26 how Barnabas traveled to Tarsus in Cilicia to look for Paul and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch, where they taught the church for a whole year. In Acts 11:30 Luke noted that Barnabas and Paul traveled to Jerusalem to send financial aids to the church at Jerusalem. Some believed that this is the visit the Apostle is referring to here. But this couldn't be the visit he intends, with many reasons which I may not explain here on the account of space and time limitations. However, Acts 13 records the beginning of the missionary works of the Apostles Paul and Barnabas. More so, Acts 15 notes that Paul and Barnabas along with other brothers attended church council meeting at Jerusalem. This is most likely the visit Paul is talking about that happened fourteen years after he visited Jerusalem. Paul took Titus for a reason, and it's in line with Luke accounts in Acts 15, though Luke didn't specifically mention Titus. The Apostle posits that he went to Jerusalem to meet with the leaders of the church based on the revelation he has and to show them the gospel he preached to the Gentiles.

Take note of this: there were two classes of Christians in the early church; the Jewish or circumcised Christians and Gentile or uncircumcised Christians (see Gal 2:7). Circumcised Christians were those who were converted from Judaism to Christianity. They believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, but still believed in the observance of ceremonial laws such as circumcision, holy Sabbath etc., and they attended temple services. Some of these Jewish Christians were ardent judaizers; they believed and preached that the Gentile Christians must be circumcised and observe the Law of Moses before they would be saved. These Judaizers were always in conflict with Apostle Paul, and this is the reason the church at Antioch sent Paul, Barnabas and others to Jerusalem. They came to Antioch and caused confusions. When they arrived at Galatia they attempted to destroy believers' faith with their false teachings, which is the major reason Paul wrote to Galatians (see Acts 15:1, 5, Gal 1:6). On the other hand, uncircumcised Christians were non-Jewish persons converted to

Christianity from among the Gentiles, mostly idol worshippers. The word Gentile is of Latin origin, constructed from the Greek <ethnos> meaning ‘nations’. According to its usage, a Gentile is person who is not a Jew. Most of the churches in other nations were mixture of circumcised and uncircumcised Christians. We shall learn more of these in the subsequent lessons. The objective of this study is to give you background understanding of the gospel you have believed. And for you to have adequate understanding of the nature of the church at its stage of inception.

***OT-TOPIC: LIFE OF EVERYTHING IS IN THE HAND OF GOD***

***TEXT: Read Job 12:10-12***

*In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind. Does not the ear test words as the tongue tastes food? Is not wisdom found among the aged? Does not long life bring understanding? Job 12:10-12 NIV.*

***LESSON:*** Once again Job emphasizes that life of every living thing and being is on under God’s control and power. God is the owner of all living things and the spirits of all humans. Ears try words even as mouth tastes food. Old people are reputed with wisdom and understanding. This is because writing was rare in those days. The aged people ought to teach the young ones from oral tradition as it is handed over to them by the previous generation. While those who lived long ought to teach the youths out of their wealth of experiences. That’s why old people are expected to communicate wisdom and those gifted with long life are expected to have more understanding than young people.

Job is convinced that every person has ability to know right from wrong, therefore, they should apply their sense of judgment aright, hence “ear test words”. Believers shouldn’t view critical thinking as a seed of opposition to the truth of the gospel. God created brain, He made man not only a spiritual being, but also an intellectual being. The Scripture instructs us to judge, thus you should judge everything before rejecting or accepting it (1Cor 14:29, 1John 4:1). Thank God, we’re in the dispensation when access to information and knowledge has been digitalized. Job’s time experienced traditional rationalism and sense perception as the only sources of knowledge.

But today we have the Word of God in different formats. You can't be justified if you say that someone has deceived you to believe lies.

***Morning Reading: Colossians 1:1-29***

***Evening Reading: Numbers 36 & Deuteronomy 1***

## **OCTOBER 7 MONDAY**

### ***DON'T EXALT YOURSELF***

*Do not lift your horn on high; do not speak with a stiffness, for exaltation come neither from the east nor from the west nor from the south Psalm 75:5-6 NKJV.*

Anything potentially good about a person and whatever good he can ever become comes from God. If you think critically, you will realize that there is absolutely no reason for one to exalt himself. You see, no one can receive or be anything good unless it is given to him by God, therefore no need for self-glorification. John 3:27 NKJV says, "A man can receive nothing unless it has been given to him from heaven."

Notice if we can always see God in everything in our lives, we will always see reasons to give all the glory to Him and there will be no room for manifestation of pride. James 4:6 says, "But he giveth more grace, wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble."

A proud man is an enemy of God, while God furnish the humble with more grace. God exalts those who meet the conditions at the appropriate time. Humility is what attract God's hand to uplift the humble, but when you exalt yourself He will debase you. Luke 14:11 says, "For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted." Learn to be humble, don't puff up yourself, and wait until God exalt you.

### ***Prophetic Prayers***

*Moment of Worship!*

*Pray that you may be humble!*

*Pray that God will change your level!*

***Morning Reading: Colossians 2:1-23***

***Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 2***

**OCTOBER 8 TUESDAY****CHRIST IS YOUR PEACE**

*For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility Ephesians 2:14 NIV.*

The scripture cited above affirms that the Lord Jesus Christ is our peace. The Lord has been identified in the Bible as the Prince of peace. Isaiah 9:6 declares, *“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.”*

Isaiah the Prophet saw the vision many years before the Lord Jesus was born here in Bethlehem Judah. Then Apostle Paul in our theme scripture, as it’s given to him by the Holy Spirit, describes how the Lord fought our battle against the enemy of our souls and brought us peace. That’s why Isaiah surnamed Him the Prince of peace. Prince of peace implies author of peace. He has power to give anyone peace. Isaiah further wrote that *“the chastisement needful to obtain peace and well-being for us was upon Him” Isaiah 53:5 AMPC.*

Thus the Lord Jesus is your peace if you have Him in your life. So your heart can be at rest as long as He is in you. As far as He continues to live in you, He will continue to produce and fill your heart with peace. That’s why He is called the Prince of peace. The Lord Himself made this statement, *“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid” John 14:27 NIV.* The Lord has given us His peace, but it doesn’t necessarily mean freedom from troubles and challenges. It simply means that He has given you key to solve all your problems and unlock prosperity. Both Hebrew and Greek word for peace means rest, well-being, and prosperity. Basically what God wants to give you is complete rest from troubles, sorrows, sickness, satanic oppression, burden of sins, and poverty.

***Prophetic Prayers***

*Moment of worship!*

*Pray against any force that wants to steal your peace!*

*Uproot the spirit of bitterness and anger in your life!*

***Morning Reading: Colossians 3:1-24***

***Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 3***

**OCTOBER 9 WEDNESDAY**

***BE CAREFUL HOW YOU LIVE***

*Look carefully then how you walk! Live purposefully and worthily and accurately, not as the unwise and witless, but as wise (sensible, intelligent people) Ephesians 5:15 AMPC.*

The above scripture is straightforward and instructional. The Scripture specifically instructs us to look carefully how we live. That's, you should be mindful of what you do, what you say and how you do it and how you say it. It is also teaching you to be mindful of people you walk with and kind of relationships you keep. The same scripture goes on to say, "*Making the very most of the time [buying up each opportunity], because the days are evil*" Ephesians 5:16 AMPC.

The above cited scripture explains reasons why you should be careful how you live. It tells us that the days we are in now are evil. We're living at the time the Bible describes as last days and perilous time. "*But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come*" 2Timothy 3:1 NKJV. Because we're in perilous time, you should therefore live purposefully and worthily and accurately. Be wise, select friends who can inspire your dreams, and be careful who you share your secrets and business plans with.

The scripture also says, "*Therefore do not be vague and thoughtless and foolish, but understanding and firmly grasping what the will of the Lord is*" Ephesians 5:17 AMPC. To be vague and thoughtless implies a state of not being able define clearly your purpose or plans; you're not definite. It's like living without direction, dreams and goals. That's why the scriptures insist that you must be wise, sensible and intelligent. You must be smart, but not tricky. Take enough time to stay with God through prayers, meditation, worship and quiet time so you can know precisely what the will of God for you is.

***Prophetic Prayers***

*Moment of worship!*

*Pray any spirit that want to thwart God's plan for you be destroyed!*

*Destroy the spirit of backwardness!*

**Morning Reading: Colossians 4:1-18**

**Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 4**

## **OCTOBER 10 THURSDAY**

### **YOU ARE OPERATING IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD**

*For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory 1Thessalonians 2:11-12 NIV.*

Notice believers in Christ are people who have been called out of the world to live and reign in the kingdom of God. That's why the scripture above encourages and urges us to live as the children of the kingdom. Thus we're operating in the kingdom and glory of God. The kingdom is made up of authority, power, glory, honor, wisdom, righteousness, peace, joy, prosperity, love and sovereignty. Apostle John saw the angels in heaven singing and proclaiming, "*Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!*" *Revelation 5:12 NIV.*

We reign with Christ in the kingdom of God. Kingdom has to do with king and sovereignty - reign. Wherever a king goes, he goes with his kingdom. If God is living in you by His Spirit, then His kingdom is in you. The Lord says in John 14:23, "*If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.*"

When your parents gave birth to you, you were born into the kingdom of this world. Thus when you got born again you were born into the kingdom of God (John 3:5). It's as simple as that. You may be physically living in this world, but spiritually, you are living in the kingdom of God. That's why you don't have to suffer like those in the world. Because in him we live and move and have our being. We are God's offspring Acts 17:28 NIV. For instance, when you are driving, walking or traveling on the road, in the sea or in the air you are in God. No weapon designed against you will ever succeed. That's why you can't die of accidents. From the scriptural perspective, you aren't operating from the kingdom of this sinful world, but from the

kingdom of God. People may see you as ordinary person, but you know who you are, where you are coming from and where you are going to.

***Prophetic Prayers***

*Moment of worship!*

*Pray that you may be filled with the glory of God!*

*Destroy any destiny destroyers!*

***Morning Reading: 1Thessalonians 1:1-10***

***Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 5 & 6***

***OCTOBER 11 FRIDAY***

***GREATER MEASURE OF FAITH***

When Jesus heard it, he marveled, and said to them that followed, verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel Mathew 8:10.

The faith of the centurion at the moment was in a great measure. The Lord Jesus confirms it by saying that He has never seen that kind faith in Israel. Every believer received the same measure of faith at the moment of redemption according to Rom 12:3, but our faith begins to differ as we grow individually in the service of the kingdom. *“For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.”*

As you can see, your faith grows in proportion with the measure of your commitment to God’s Word and kingdom services. There are folks who can’t believe unless they see or until you lay hands on them, or you give them something to support their faith with. The Lord says, *“Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed” John 20:29.*

Understand that the measure of your faith determines the magnitude of your miracle. The centurion didn’t wait for Jesus to come to his house and lay hands on his sick servant, but he only demands that He speaks a word from the distance and his servant would be healed. And instantly, at the same hour the Lord made the statement in our theme scripture, his servant was healed. That is great

faith indeed; faith that could call God's attention at once. God abandoned all His tilt schedules to attend to the centurion servant because he acted out by great faith. Jesus says in Mark 11:23, "*For verily I say unto you, that whosoever shall say unto this mountains. Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the see; and shall not doubt in his heart; but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatever he saith.*" Beloved, take more time to feed yourself prayerfully with the Word of God so that you can grow your faith. Then you will never doubt the Word. For you will always receive the evidences and manifestations of your faith. Praise God!

***Prophetic prayers***

*Moment of Worship!*

*Pray for greater measure of your faith!*

*Pray against enemy of faith!*

***Morning Reading: 1Thessalonians 2:1-20***

***Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 7 & 8***

**OCTOBER 12 SATURDAY**

**THE PRODUCTS OF FAITH**

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter Dan 3:16.

These men used faith to quench the fiery fire. Faith will always produce tangible results whenever it's put to work. Your faith can produce unimaginable results. Faith that can't produce tangible results isn't the faith of God. Mark 11:22 says, "*And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.*" To have faith in God is to operate with God's faith. Thus God gives us a bit of His faith to operate with.

It takes God's kind of faith to move mountains. You observe that each time the Bible talks about faith it usually links it with moving mountains. It implies that faith of God makes impossible possible. In Matthew 17:20 the Lord Jesus says, "*... for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.*"

A grain of mustard seed's faith is a bit of God's kind of faith. That's kind of faith the three Hebrew men operated with in our theme scripture. Quenching the fiery furnace is equal to moving a mountain. It requires God's kind of faith. God didn't come down to quench the fire, their faith quenched the fire. It's evident in their words and actions. They spoke to the king with confidence. When they're threatened with furnace of fire, they weren't moved because they were operating with the faith of God. Faith of God moves mountains - it produces miracles. This kind of faith defies all obstacles, quench fiery fire and can remove any mountain. Elijah the Prophet of Yahweh operated by this kind of faith. Note that the just will live by faith. Every progress and success made in the kingdom of God by great men were achieved by faith. Put your faith to work now, you will be amazed at great results it can produce.

### ***Prophetic Prayers***

*Moment of worship!*

*Any spirit of doubt or fear holding me back be destroyed!*

*Speak to the mountains in your life!*

***Morning Reading: 1Thessalonians 3:1-13***

***Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 9 & 10***

## **OCTOBER 13 SUNDAY**

### **NT-TOPIC: DON'T GIVE IN TO FALSE TEACHINGS**

**MEMORY VERSE:** *Gal 2:5 NLT "But we refused to give in to them for a single moment. We wanted to preserve the truth of the gospel message for you".*

**TEXT:** *Galatians 2:3-5*

*Yet not even Titus, who was with me, was compelled to be circumcised, even though he was a Greek. This matter arose because some false believers had infiltrated our ranks to spy on the freedom we have in Christ Jesus and to make us slaves. We did not give in to them for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you Gal 2:3-5 NIV.*

**LESSON:** Last Sunday we discussed how Paul and Barnabas went to Jerusalem to deliberate with the leaders of the church the gospel they preached to the Gentiles. We also discovered that Paul took Titus

along for a specific reason. We further talked about judaizers who came from Judah to Galatia, Antioch and other regions, creating confusion among the churches of the Gentiles. These are the people Paul refers to in the above cited scripture as false believers, and false apostles in 2 Corinthians. When they came to Galatia they attempted to overthrow faith of the believers by persuading them to circumcise and observe the law of Moses to be saved, thereby bringing them under the bondage of the law, from which Christ has set them free (Gal 5:1). In the Epistle of Galatia, Paul intends to enlighten the believers to know that these judaizers weren't sent from God nor from the leaders of the church at Jerusalem. They're on their own (see Acts 15:24). That receiving circumcision and keeping of Mosaic Law as a way of gaining salvation is false and can never save anyone. Salvation comes only by grace as you put your faith in Christ Jesus, not by obeying the law (see Eph 2:8-9). That's why Paul took Titus who was a Greek to see if the leadership of the church of Jerusalem would subject him to be circumcised, which they didn't. The Apostle states that they didn't give a breathing space to these judaizers to infiltrate the church with their false teachings. They did it to preserve the teachings of the gospel. There are many modernists and spiritualists preachers today who are filling the church with their motivational gospel and spiritual clairvoyance, which they call prophecy. You don't have to fall into their trap so that your faith won't be aborted. You must make every effort to see that the truth of the gospel is preserved in your time.

***OT-TOPIC: GOD IS ALL-POWERFUL; WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE BELONG TO HIM***

***TEXT: Read Job 12:13-15***

*To God belong wisdom and power; counsel and understanding are his. What he tears down cannot be rebuilt; those he imprisons cannot be released. If he holds back the waters, there is drought; if he lets them loose, they devastate the land Job 12:13-15 NIV.*

***LESSON:*** Job advocates profusely that all power belongs to God; sound wisdom, true counsel, and understanding belong to Him too. In other words, wisdom, counsel and understanding aren't necessarily the function of old age. God gives them to whoever He deems fit. God

alone can create a thing out of nothing. No matter how Satan or terrorists try they can't destroy what God has caused to exist. God alone has power to annihilate or destroy the earth. And anything God has destroyed nobody or Satan can rebuild it. Nobody, no being can free anyone whom God bound and nobody can bind whom God has loosed. If God withholds rain, the land suffers famine; if He let loose the rain, floods will destroy the earth (Gen 7:17-19, 2Kings 6:25). God has last word over any situation, anything, and over any being. This is more than enough for us to put all our trust in God and serve Him fervently and faithfully, believing He will do all He has promised.

***Morning Reading: 1Thessalonians 4:1-18***

***Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 11 & 12***

### **OCTOBER 14 MONDAY**

#### **THE UNCHANGEABLE GOD**

*Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today and forever Hebrews 13:28*

Time changes, people change, weather changes but God is unchangeable. He is the same all the time: He is the same God yesterday, He is the same God today and forevermore. God is always faithful, present, and a loving Father to us. When we say that God is unchangeable, we speak of His immutability. That implies that God's nature isn't susceptible to natural influences. He doesn't grow or increase in strength, knowledge, wisdom, power or intelligence. He is always the same. Malachi 3:6 says, "*For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.*"

The Word of God is the picture of His Personality; His acts are His character. When God makes promises He doesn't go back. Thus when He made promise to father Abraham He sealed it with an oath and a covenant. Hebrews 6:18 NKJV states "*that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.*"

Ultimately the scripture makes it clear that it is impossible for God to lie. To lie signifies to change His Word or fail to fulfill His promises. Undoubtedly, God can't change or withdraw His Word. He

can never be tired or get weak. Hebrews 1:12 NKJV says, “*Like a cloak You will fold them up, And they will be changed. But You are the same, And Your years will not fail.*” Humans and other beings can change with time. We’re all limited in knowledge, wisdom and power, including good angels and falling angels. Job 4:18 CJB says, “[*God*] *doesn’t trust his own servants, he finds fault even with his angels*”. On the contrary, God is unchangeable. You can put your trust in Him. You can put your life, career, family and everything concerning you in His hands.

### ***Prophetic Prayers***

*Moment of worship!*

*Pray for grace to put your trust in God’s Word!*

*Destroy anything that attacks your faith!*

***Morning Reading: 1Thessalonians 5:1-28***

***Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 13 & 14***

## **OCTOBER 15 TUESDAY**

### **COMFORTED TO COMFORT OTHERS**

*Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God 2Corinthians 1:4.*

We, believers, are comforted to comfort others. The Holy Spirit is our comforter. He comforts us in times of distress. We are equipped to offer genuine support, compassion and sympathy to those around us. Our opening Scripture attests that the Holy Spirit is our comforter even as John 14:26 declares, “*But the comforter which is the Holy Ghost*”. On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was sent to be with the believers. Also, John 14:16 points out, “*And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever*”. The Holy Spirit is in you as your comforter to comfort and encourage you in times of difficulty or pains. You can rely on Him.

Comforter is someone who gives comfort to someone who is suffering. The Holy Spirit does the work of comforts in our spirits by giving us inner peace in time of trouble. He also gives us comfort through the words of consolation from the Holy Scriptures. For there is a Word to confront every problem you might face as child of God.

Then we who have received our hope and comfort from the Holy Spirit are equipped to render comfort to others.

Apostle Paul testified of Brother Titus in 2Cor 7:6, “*Nevertheless God, that comforteth those that are cast down, comforted us by the coming of Titus*”. The coming of Brother Titus was a huge comfort to the apostles. So you are supposed to be comfort to others.

***Prophetic prayers***

*Moment of Worship!*

*Pray that the Holy Spirit will comfort you in that problem you are passing through!*

*Pray to be a source of comfort to others!*

***Morning Reading: 2Thessalonians 1:1-12***

***Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 15 & 16***

**OCTOBER 16 WEDNESDAY**

**QUEST FOR GOD**

*O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is Psalm 62:1.*

Dictionary defines quest as “a journey or effort in pursuit of a goal (often lengthy, ambitious, or fervent); a mission.” Quest is a strong desire to achieve a goal, ambition or pursuit. Quest for God simply means having a burning desire to know God and do His will.

In our opening text, David desired to seek God. He confessed that his soul thirsted for God and his flesh longed for God even in a difficult time. What do you really quest for, God or material thing? Many who have quest for material things had their souls exchanged with materials, fame and success. But those who long for God live and enjoy His blessings forever.

The Psalmist wrote, “*As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?*” *Psalm 43:1–2*. A soul that yearns for God is committed to God’s service without looking back. He has no excuse for God’s work. And

nobody has ever longed for God and couldn't find Him (Matt 7:7-8). And when you find God, He will make you rich and successful in life.

***Prophetic Prayers***

*Moment of worship!*

*Pray for the spirit to seek God!*

*Pray for God's blessings upon your life!*

***Morning Reading: 2Thessalonians 2:1-17***

***Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 17 & 18***

***OCTOBER 17 THURSDAY***

***DON'T STOP SAYING IT***

*For verily I say unto you, That 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 Mark 11:23.*

Our opening scripture instructs us to keep on speaking God's Word to our situations. The above scripture says, "Whosoever shall say unto this mountain". "To say" to mountains here means to speak God's Word with authority to your circumstances or to yourself. It is in saying that cause miracle to happen. Anything you don't claim in prayer and positive confession can't be yours. God won't come down from heaven to perform miracle for us again, rather he wants us to speak out our miracles by faith. You can speak your miracles into existence.

The Bible says In the book of Matt 21:21, "*Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done.*" Here the Lord Jesus told His disciples that if they have faith and doubt not they will speak to the fig tree and it will dry up, just as He did in verse 19 of Matthew 21. The Bible says, "*And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward forever. And presently the fig tree withered away*".

Our Lord Jesus dried up a fig tree with just a word, and He instructs us to do the same to our problems. Beloved, there is power in your tongue. Your tongue is given to you to create your needs into existence and to control your situation through speaking of God's Word directly to that problem. When you address the spirit behind that problem by the power of God's Word the problem will dry up like the fig tree and you will experience God's power in all aspects of your life. Keep on saying it, don't stop saying it and you will always have your miracles.

***Prophetic prayers***

*Moment of Worship!*

*Address that problem with God's Word!*

*Speak that miracle you are looking for into existence!*

***Morning Reading: 2Thessalonians 3:1-18***

***Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 19 & 20***

***OCTOBER 18 FRIDAY***

***LET YOUR LIFE SPEAK***

*You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia 1Thess 1:6-7.*

Your life is meant to speak of whom you are, whom you believe and follow. Since you believe in Christ and follow Him, your life should speak of Him. Reason being that Christ is your life and perfect example (Col 3:4, 1Pet 2:21). In our opening Scripture, Apostle Paul admonished Thessalonian brethren to be good examples to other believers, not just in confessions, but also in living out the life of Christ whom they believed and confessed. The life we live speaks more than our preaching. Apostle Paul advised in verse eight of 1Thessalonians chapter one, "*For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing*".

In the above scripture, Paul said that their lives spoke of the Word so they needed not to talk more about their faith in Christ. We

should know that we, the believers, are the Bible the unbelievers read. Therefore our characters and words should speak of our Lord Jesus Christ whom we profess. Timothy was advised in 1Timothy 4:12 to be “*an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity*”.

When your life speaks positive, our Lord Jesus is glorified and soul will be won over into the kingdom of God. Let your life so speak of Christ today that people may see your light and glorify your Father in heaven. Praise God!

***Prophetic prayers***

*Moment of Worship!*

*Pray that the life of Christ will reflect in your character!*

*Pray against bad influence!*

***Morning Reading: 1Timothy 1:1-20***

***Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 21 & 22***

***OCTOBER 19 SATURDAY***

***BEWARE OF THE PRAISES OF MEN***

*But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all men John 2:24.*

The praises of men could be dangerous. Men can praise you depending on what they stand to gain from you. The same men who praised you yesterday can destroy your image and reputation tomorrow. Persons who aren't authentic usually seek for men's praises and approval. Because they don't know who they are, so they try to please everyone. Thus the scripture admonishes, “*Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people*” *Ephesians 6:6-7 NIV.*

We need to seek for God's praise and approval rather than a mere man's praise. Our opening Scripture affirms that the Lord Jesus did not commit Himself unto the Jews because He knew all men. He knows that man is weak, imperfect, and can change so fast. If men praise you, it's because you please them. Note that you can't please men and please God at the same time. Paul said, “*Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please*

people? *If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ” Galatians 1:10 NIV.* The Apostle puts it forthright that no one can please men and still serve God. Men can give you credit when God is angry with you. But if God gives you credit, it will be authentic; whether men praise you or not is immaterial.

Many came to the Lord Jesus because of the miracles they saw He did to the sick and the demoniac people. Some came to Him because they wanted bread and fishes to end hunger. The Lord did not give men platform to rain glory on Him and give Him credit as a miracle worker. When you are praised be careful, lest you receive their praises. You may not stop people from praising you, but you can decide not to receive their praises.

### ***Prophetic Prayers***

*Moment of worship!*

*Pray that you may be God pleaser!*

*Pray that God will cut off your pride!*

***Morning Reading: 1Timothy 2:1-15***

***Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 23 & 24***

## **OCTOBER 20 SUNDAY**

### ***NT-TOPIC: PEOPLE APPRAISAL IS NOT THE FINAL***

***MEMORY VERSE:*** Gal 2:6 NIV “*As for those who were held in high esteem—whatever they were makes no difference to me; God does not show favoritism—they added nothing to my message.*”

***TEXT:*** Read Galatians 2:6-7

*As for those who were held in high esteem—whatever they were makes no difference to me; God does not show favoritism—they added nothing to my message. On the contrary, they recognized that I had been entrusted with the task of preaching the gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been to the circumcised Gal 2:6-7 NIV.*

**LESSON:** People’s evaluation or praises aren’t as important as God’s approval of our works. “As for those who were held in high esteem”. It’s essentially important to understand those whom Paul is referring to here as “those who were held in high esteem”. You remember at some point some Corinthians chose Peter over Paul. And Peter, John,

and James – the Lord’s brother were so distinguished among the entire church of Jerusalem and reputed to be the leaders of the church. Believers all over the then world held them at high esteem, in fact more than Apostle Paul because of their position in the church and for the fact that Paul wasn’t among the twelve apostles. This is what led Paul to make that statement. Paul postulates that position doesn’t recommend a person to God and it doesn’t add value to the gospel, and God isn’t favoritistic or tribalistic. Anyone who is faithful to God’s call upon him is approved by God. The apostles and elders of the church of Jerusalem themselves acknowledged the call of God upon Apostle Paul after the Apostle recounted the working of God in His ministry to the Gentiles. They realized that God is fully at work in the ministry of Paul to the Gentiles (in performing miracles, signs and wonders) as He is to Peter to the Jews. God confirms that Peter is in no way greater than Paul. Both are doing the works of God at different locations. God sent Peter to minister to the Jews and Paul to the Gentile. Both are equal in anointing and before the sight of Him, who called them. We must realize this and stop segregating and creating divisions in the church and among ministers.

***OT-TOPIC: STRENGTH AND WISDOM BELONG TO GOD***

***TEXT:*** Read Job 12:16-18

*With him is strength and wisdom: the deceived and the deceiver are his. He leadeth counselors away spoiled, and maketh the judges fools. He looseth the bond of kings, and girdeth their loins with a girdle.*

***LESSON:*** Job reiterates that God is self-sufficient – doesn’t need support. He possesses all power. He is the source of perfect wisdom, rather intellectual ability, for that’s the meaning of the Hebrew word. Only God can give perfect wisdom to human beings. Or intelligence is the function of God. NIV translated the verse thus, “To him belong strength and insight”. Furthermore, Job affirms that “both deceived and deceiver are his”. That’s, the personality that deceives people and those people he deceives are in God’s power. Even the astuteness that the deceiver deceives with was given to him by God. Many believe that the deceiver is the devil and the deceived are Adam and Eve. Just as the scripture posits, “For both the one who sanctifies and the ones who are sanctified are all from one, for which reason he is not

ashamed to call them brothers” Hebrews 2:11 LEB. Satan deceived humanity, the Lord Jesus sanctified them with His blood, Spirit and Word. Those who have been sanctified are free from satanic deception. They walk in the light of God – knowledge of God’s Word (John 8:30-32). Again, God can take away the wisdom of counselors and makes fools of judges. He can take away from kings their glory and turn them into slaves. He can enthrone anyone, or dethrone those, in authority. In other words, Job is teaching us that all power and intelligence belong to God.

***Morning Reading: 1Timothy 3:1-16***

***Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 25, 26, 27***

### **OCTOBER 21 MONDAY**

#### ***YOU ARE A SON AND NOT A BASTARD***

*But if ye are without chastening, whereof all have been made partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons Hebrews 12:8 ASV.*

Bastard according to our main text is a believer without discipline, correction and instruction. In other words, if you can’t be instructed or corrected, then you are an illegitimate child – a bastard according to the scripture above. That is, a believer who reject discipline or correction either from God’s Word or from his spiritual leaders isn’t a son of God. However, those who receive instructions, corrections and discipline from God’s Word or human leaders are sons of God. Hebrew 12:7 says, *“If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?”*

Children of God are known by the way they receive and respond to corrections. As a born again Christian, you are God’s son just like the children of Israel are firstborn of God. Exodus 4:22 affirms, *“And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel is my son, even my firstborn”*. The Israelites were examples of sons of God, God corrected them when they erred. Every son of God must be corrected and disciplined whenever he goes astray, but bastards can’t be corrected because they will never submit to God’s authority or human authority. They are proud and authority to themselves.

But you are a son and not a bastard. I trust God you won't rebel against divine instructions and God's corrections. The purpose of chastisement is to establish you to God's perfect will for your life. Note that God has empowered you to do His will and live like Him on earth. John 5:26–27 says, "*For just as the Father has life in himself, thus also he has granted to the Son to have life in himself. And he has granted him authority to carry out judgment, because he is the Son of Man.*" You represent your Father here on earth, you're heirs of God. Praise God!

***Prophetic prayers***

*Moment of Worship!*

*Take your position as a child of God!*

*Confess you're a son of God!*

***Morning Reading: 1 Timothy 4:1-16***

***Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 28***

**OCTOBER 22 TUESDAY**

**CHARACTERISTICS OF SONS**

*For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of GOD Romans 8:14 AMPC.*

Sons of God are known by their fruits. Our opening Scripture declares that sons of God are led by the Spirit of their Father. So the ability to submit to the leadership of the Holy Spirit makes you a son of God. Bastards can't be led by the Spirit because they are in their own and they do their own things. Hebrews 12:8 says, "*But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.*" Sons of God aren't only led by the Holy Spirit, they are also instructed, corrected and disciplined by the Spirit. And God can use human instruments to instruct, correct, and discipline you. Thus as a son, you must submit to the authority of God's Word.

Again sons manifest to destroy the works of the devil 1John 3:8 says, "*For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil*". It isn't God's business anymore to destroy the scheme of the devil since after the death of the Lord Jesus Christ, but the sons' duty. As a Son, Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil. And He did it through His death on the cross and

resurrection. Thereafter, He gave those who believed on Him power to continue His work, having made them sons of God. John 1:12 says, “*But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name*”. Notice that the devil himself is a bastard. Therefore bastard can’t destroy bastard, otherwise his kingdom will be divided and collapsed. It takes sons of God to destroy the works of the devil.

Lastly, sons are heirs to their Father’s kingdom, but bastards have no share in the kingdom because they are strangers. The Bible further says in Colossians 1:13, “*Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son*”. Here the Lord Jesus redeemed us from the place of bastard and elevated us to the position of sons. We’re sons, we have right to our Father’s throne and inheritances. That’s why we reign with God in His kingdom. Most Christians don’t know this. Some are just beggars, as a result of ignorance, when they ought to lend to people. God is instructing you right now to rise up in your spirit and take your rightful position in Christ as a son of God. Begin to claim your rights and walk in the authority attached to the sons of God. You’re a son, not a bastard.

### ***Prophetic prayers***

*Moment of Worship!*

*Confess, I am a son and not a bastard!*

*Renounce enemy’s attack against your life!*

***Morning Reading: 1Timothy 5:1-25***

***Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 29 & 30***

## **OCTOBER 23 WEDNESDAY**

### **MORE CHARACTERISTICS OF SONS**

And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever John 8:35 KJV

The scripture cited above postulates that sons remain in the family forever because the house belongs to them. But bastards are slaves; they serve sons who are the heirs of the house. But I am talking about spiritual bastards. Bastards are not always in the house because they are not disciplined. Thus a believer loses his right of sonship in the

kingdom of God as a result of indiscipline. Again son knows the secret of his father, but bastards can't. And son does also what he sees the Father doing. John 5:20 reads, "*For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these that ye may marvel*". The secret things of God are revealed to the son's (Deut 29:29).

When the Lord Jesus says in John 14:12, "*Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father*" He is referring to the sons of God, not everybody in the church. Because sons of God are empowered by the Holy Ghost to represent God in accomplishing His works on earth. But bastards are not so because they don't know God as their Father. Sons believe and practice the Word of their Father, but bastards can't believe. They are doubters. They may believe men of God, prophecies, holy water, mantle, pool of Bethesda, but they can't believe God's Word because they don't have the Spirit of the Father in their spirits.

Lastly sons obey when they are corrected; they can hear their Father's instructions and keep them. Prov 29:17 affirms, "*Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; Yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul*". You can't correct a bastard otherwise he hates you. Prov 9:8 confirms it, "*Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: Rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee*". Ability to accept corrections makes one a son of God. A son of God is born of God.

### ***Prophetic prayers***

*Moment of Worship!*

*Pray against spirit of disobedience!*

*Pray for the grace to receive corrections in good faith!*

***Morning Reading: 1Timothy 6:1-21***

***Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 31***

**OCTOBER 24 THURSDAY****QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENROLMENT INTO SONSHIP**

*But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name John 1:12.*

Dictionary defines qualification as “an ability or attribute that aids someone's chances of qualifying for something; specifically, completed professional training.” Qualification is something that makes you fit for appointment or reward. It's something that is necessary in order for you to do, have or be a part of something. There are things that qualify you to become a son of God.

Our opening Scripture has revealed one of the qualities of the sons of God, which is believing and receiving Jesus Christ into your heart. Believing and accepting Christ into your life gives you right to the kingdom of God. Receiving the love of Christ through the irrevocable Word of God is another qualification, 1John 3:1 affirms, “*Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not*”. Christ demonstrated unspeakable love for us on the cross. Whosoever embrace this love into his life signs up to become a son of God.

When we love Him and obey His commandments, we're sons. The Scripture confirms in verse 2 of 1John 3, “*Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is*”. Praise God! Loving Christ gives you access to sonship. When you love God with all your heart, you will obtain victory over the world, Revelations 21:7 opines, “He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son”.

***Prophetic prayers***

*Moment of Worship!*

*You can enroll into the sonship now, through your prayers!*

*Declare boldly “I am a son!*

***Morning Reading: 2Timothy 1:1-18***

***Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 32***

**OCTOBER 25 FRIDAY*****DON'T FOCUS ON THE STORM***

*But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me Matthew 14:30.*

To focus means to lay particular attention to something. Storm is one of the devil's schemes, which he can use to distract you. You are supposed to focus on the Lord Jesus according to our Opening Scripture, rather than focusing on your storm. Storm can be that problem, difficult situation, financial crisis, martial challenges etc. Many Christians focus on the storm of their lives rather than looking unto God, who can calm the storm.

Hebrew 12:2 says, "*Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God*". Here, the Bible tells us to look unto the Lord Jesus rather than looking at our storms. Storms are wavering and fearful, when we look at it we will be disappointed, because they come in our life to overwhelm us and drive us away from Christ our source. Apostle Peter in our opening Scripture beckons on the Lord Jesus to allow him to have the same experience of walking on sea.

The Lord bid him to come, but when he stepped out of the boat to walk on the water, he saw that the wind was boisterous – he saw the wind terrifying because his eyes were on the wave and not on Christ who called him to come. This is the problem of many folks today, they see the size of their storms, but can't see the size of their God. No matter the heaviness of your problem, we have a God who is mightier than all. Praise God!

***Prophetic prayers***

*Moment of Worship!*

*Bring that problem to God in prayers!*

*Pray and command every storm to be quiet in the name of Jesus.*

***Morning Reading: 2Timothy 2:1-26***

***Evening Reading: Deuteronomy 33 & 34***

**OCTOBER 26 SATURDAY**  
**YOU LACK NOTHING**

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want Psalm 23:1.

The Lord is your shepherd, you will not lack anything good. Shepherd is someone who watches over, looks after or guides sheep. The man David understood the position of God in his life. He realized by experience what it means to be a shepherd because he was a shepherd. And he used to take good care of his sheep. He oftentimes put his life in line to protect the sheep from marauding beasts. He really meant his words when he said, *“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me: Your rod and Your staff comfort me”* Psalms 23:4 TLV. He was fully convinced that God would protect him from all evil and dangers. David knew that God is ever ready and able to heal, save, and to provide all his needs in due time.

We can declare with David today, “The Lord Jesus is our chief Shepherd, so we shall not want.” Apostle Paul in Philippians 4:19 shared the same experience. He said, *“But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”* Paul declared it with all confidence because he has seen God do it million times. And he strongly believed that God will continue to do so till eternity comes.

You need to believe that you can't lack any good thing in Christ. Because you're full in Christ. Don't worry over any need especially what to eat, what to wear... for God takes good care of you. Your primary business is to do the will of God, then He will perfect your little efforts with miracles. I trust God's divine providence. Consider Mathew 6:26, 3, *“Behold the fowls of the air; for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns, yet your heavenly father feedeth them, Are ye not much better than they? Therefore take no thought, saying, what shall we eat? Or, what shall we drink? Or where withal shall we be clothed?”* God is bigger than your needs. Worrying is mocking God, and God can't be mocked. You need to trust in His sufficiency to settle your lack.

***Prophetic prayers***

***Moment of Worship!***

*Pray for your needs!*

*Pray against spirit of lack!*

***Morning Reading: 2Timothy 3:1-17***

***Evening Reading: Joshua 1 & 2***

### **OCTOBER 27 SUNDAY**

#### **NT-TOPIC: IT IS GOD WHO APPROVES OUR WORK**

**MEMORY VERSE:** Gal 2:8 “For the same God who worked through Peter as the apostle to the Jews also worked through me as the apostle to the Gentiles.”

**TEXT:** Read Galatians 2:8

*For God, who was at work in Peter as an apostle to the circumcised, was also at work in me as an apostle to the Gentiles (Gal 2:8 NIV).*

**LESSON:** God approves Peter’s ministry to the Jews by granting him ability to perform miracles. Notice the circumcised is a word often used by Apostle Paul to refer to the Jews. In the same way, God confirms Paul’s ministry to the Gentiles with miracles. Apostle is primarily identified with ministry characterized of miracles, signs and wonders. Paul isn’t inferior to Peter or any of the twelve apostles, not even James who was the ecclesiastical leader of the church of Jerusalem. For God has shown that He had called him to be an apostle to the Gentile by performing mighty miracles through his ministry. Though these men have been Christians long before Paul was converted and they were privilege to be part in Christ’s earthly ministry. Yet these things can’t get anyone approval before God. God approves our works, not necessarily our titles or positions in the church. Paul is certain about what really makes a person an apostle, which is the call of God upon the person. “For it is not he who commends and praises himself who is approved [by God], but it is the one whom the Lord commends and praises” 2Cor10:18 AMP.

#### **OT-TOPIC: EVERY SOUL IS UNDER GOD’S SOVEREIGNTY**

**TEXT:** Read Job 12:19-21

*He leadeth princes away spoiled, and overthroweth the mighty. He removeth away the speech of the trusty, and taketh away the understanding of the aged. He poureth contempt upon princes, and weakeneth the strength of the mighty Job 12:19-21.*

**LESSON:** God is supreme over the entire universe and all humans; every creature is subject to Him. He can do and undo. He can stripe the rulers of their glory and power. Though the Hebrew says “He leads the priests. KJV and some reliable Versions say princes. The reason being the Hebrew word <kohen> literally means an officiating “one”, that’s a priest, chief, ruler or prince. KJV and some other Versions translated it princes based on the subject of discussion in the passage. Thus Job is talking about high-profile men. That God can stripe them of their glory and positions in the society. And He can overthrow kings, priests, and powerful men. These things have happened several times. We have seen kings, presidents, governors, great men and priests being overthrown by wars, death, through the process of impeachments, arrest, and other means. Job adds that God can deprive the professional public speakers their eloquence, and rob the aged men of their understanding. God can make the wealthy lose their wealth and come down to the level of the poor, and make the strong become weak like ordinary people. God can do all these and nothing can be impossible to Him. If we have this understanding in us we will not lack power and courage to carry out God’s will for us and we will not puff up because of wealth God has given us ability to acquire, or positions He has placed us.

**Morning Reading: 2Timothy 4:1-22**

**Evening Reading: Joshua 3 & 4**

### **OCTOBER 28 MONDAY**

#### **HOLD UNTO THE RIGHT TEACHINGS**

*Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed John 8:31 NKJV.*

It’s so important that you stick to the right teaching. Sticking to the right teaching of the Word helps to keep your salvation secure in Christ Jesus. You need to understand that you are saved by receiving the true teaching of the Word and you can only remain saved by continuing feeding on the Word. The Lord puts it strength forward in the scripture above, *“If you abide in My word [continually obeying My teachings and living in accordance with them, then] you are truly My disciples John 8.31.AMP.*

Notice to hold unto the right teaching is to submit completely and unreservedly continually to the fundamental principles of the gospel. Apostle Paul noted in 1Corinthians 15:1-2 NIV, “*Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.*” According to the above scripture, you must take your stand on the true teaching you have received otherwise you lose not only your salvation but also other promises of God. Note that you can access the promises of God, such as divine health, divine protection, success, prosperity, peace of the mind, joy of salvation and lots more as you hold firmly to the true teachings of the World of God.

Standing firm in the true teachings is a way to remain steadfast, without deviating, in the doctrines of Christ. The reason being there are a lot of false teachings out there, both in social media platforms and in churches. The Lord maintains that only those who stick to His Words are His true disciples. Thus it’s logical to say if there are true disciples, then there must be false disciples. And true disciples are made by true teachings of the Word. Likewise false disciples are made by false teachings. Thus the kind of teaching you hold unto determines the kind of disciple you become. My earnest prayer for you is that you may remain firmly in the right teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ so that you can become a true disciple.

### ***Prophetic Prayers***

*Moment of worship!*

*Pray for grace to understand and remain in the teachings of Christ!*

*Pray that Holy Spirit will show you the secret things of God for your uplifting!*

***Morning Reading: Titus 1:1-16***

***Evening Reading: Joshua 5 & 6***

**OCTOBER 29 TUESDAY****WHAT FEAR OF GOD CAN DO IN YOUR LIFE**

*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom and the knowledge of the holy is understanding Prov 9:10.*

When we live in the fear of the Lord we will enjoy express access to God's knowledge and perfect wisdom. Psalm 2:5 affirms, "Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God." What is your biggest fear? Whatever you fear replaces God in your life. Psalms 27:1 says, "The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" The Psalmist is convinced that nothing is capable of putting him to fear because he fears God. Thus he refused to allow fear of man or devils to throw him off-balance.

Fear of God leads to life and whoever has it will enjoy the peace of the Holy Ghost. Psalms 27:3 says, "Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident." Imagine your confidence rises greatly when you are faced with troublesome situations. That's exactly what fear of God can do in your life. A man who fears God has nothing to be afraid of in this lie. We can only fear God if we love Him and do His will daily, because fear of God will subject you to obey His commands. As you fear God, your problems will fear you.

***Prophetic Prayers***

*Moment of worship!*

*Pray for the spirit of the fear of God to overtake you!*

*Take authority against any spirit that's threatening your peace!*

***Morning Reading: Titus 2:1-15***

***Evening Reading: Joshua 7 & 8***

**OCTOBER 30 WEDNESDAY****YOU WILL HAVE WHAT YOU SEEK**

*To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life Rom 2:7 NIVM.*

The scripture cited above is clearly emphatic. Everyone who seek will certainly get what he seeks for. Those who patently seek glory will find it, those who seek honor will be honored, and those who seek

immortality through relentless service to the kingdom of God will be rewarded with eternal life. Wow! This is amazing! You will get what you seek if you seek it diligently and patiently. Matthew 7:7 NKJV opined, “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.”

It’s left for you to decide what to seek and how to seek it. There are several ways to seek for something. Some persons seek for things that are capable of jeopardizing their health, peace, relationship or even cut them off from God. Some persons seek money or success, hoping that they will get happiness and satisfaction when they get it. And it has led some into shady activities, which they regretted at the end. Romans 2:6 NIV says, “God will repay each person according to what they have done.”

Since I know what the spiritual law says, I’m careful about what I seek. I have decided to seek only the will of God for my life. Matthew 7:8 AMP says, “For everyone who keeps on asking receives, and he who keeps on seeking finds, and to him who keeps on knocking, it will be opened.” This scripture isn’t just a promise. It’s a spiritual law. If you are careful to observe the law it will work for you. If you seek eagerly for God’s will for your life, marriage or career you will certainly find it. One outstanding characteristic of laws is that they work for everyone at anywhere and all the time, as long as you comply accordingly. If it worked for Peter in the Bible it will work for you now. You will surely find if you seek persistently and diligently.

### ***Prophetic Prayers***

*Moment of worship!*

*Tell God what you want Him to do for you!*

*Pray that you may know God’s plans for you!*

***Morning Reading: Titus 3:1-15***

***Evening Reading: Joshua 9***

**OCTOBER 31 THURSDAY**  
**BE COURAGEOUS**

*Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage: be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goes Joshua 1:9.*

Any Christian who is courageous will go far in his walk with the Lord. Fear can as well bring one down, but the Word of God encourages you. It inspires confidence in you so that you can be bold and confident to face your problems and challenges every time. The Psalmist says *“In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust, I will not fear what flesh can do unto me” Ps 56:4.* Having fear of weapons of men or the devil is lack of courage in God. Fear is enemy of courage and it destroys purpose and potentials.

To be courageous means to possess the ability to dare to do the impossible and confront your fears. It will help you become successful as a good soldier of the cross. Courageous Christians will always be victorious because their battles are God’s battle. In our opening Scripture, God told Joshua, Moses’ successor, to be courageous so as to overcome challenges that might come on his way as he led the Israelites to the promise land. These words of encouragement from the Lord gave Joshua confidence to withstand oppositions from the enemies, conquer them, and was able to divide the land among the children of Israel. Josh1:6 reads, *“Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I share unto their fathers to give them.”*

Being courageous as a Christian gives you the ability to maintain your confession of Christ and get deliverance from enemies’ oppression, and overcome intimidation from your environments. Many a Christian has backslidden today because of cowardice – lack of courage, but a courageous Christian wins always (Rev 21:8). He can stand firm in time of challenges. Get encouragement from God’s Word. Be courageous and fulfil your purpose on earth.

***Prophetic prayer***

*Moment of Worship*

*Pray against spirit of fear*

*Pray for the Spirit of courage*

*Morning Reading: Hebrews 1:1-25*

*Evening Reading: Joshua 10*

**PRAYER OF SALVATION**

O! Lord God, I confess my sins to you today! Forgive me all my sins. I open my heart to receive the Lord Jesus today as my Lord and Savior. Delete my name from the Book of Death and write it in the Book of Life. I now receive salvation by grace through faith. I pray in Jesus name! Amen!

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