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Daily Devotional

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LIVING PURPOSEFULLY

KEY TEXTS: 2 Corinthians 5:7-10, Romans 14:8-12

God has called you to a life of purpose. You're not here by chance. There's a specific reason you're alive at this particular time. This is exactly why you need direction in your life. You see, God doesn't only have general plans; He also has specific purposes for everyone, especially believers. He wants you to thrive and bless your world, flourishing within His perfect will for your life.

There are people out there whose salvation, healing, miracles, spiritual growth, and success are connected to your life. And without you, they may never experience what God has for them. If you understand this truth, it will change how you live. This is important because God's plan for your life won't come to pass automatically. He needs your active participation to bring them to life.

The Scriptures say something powerful in Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." But, not every believer experiences this reality, because what you get out of life depends entirely on how you live it; whether you choose to live purposefully or not. Simply wanting something isn't enough; your actions need to match what you say you want.

At the end of your life, you'll give an account of everything you did during your time on earth. Understanding this should motivate you to live purposefully. It should make you want your life on earth to bring joy to the Father. It's like an employee who is to report back on their assigned task. The employee will work with purpose because they know they'll give an account of their actions. God has given you both life and responsibilities. When your time here is done, you'll give an account to Him. So start living purposefully today, knowing that this accountability is real.

PRAYER

Dear Father, keep me focused on Your purpose. Help me live according to Your Word and not give in to worldly distractions. Amen.

FURTHER READING

1 Corinthians 3:1-23

LIVING PURPOSEFULLY

KEY TEXTS: Hebrews 12:1-3, Luke 10:17-20

If you want to accomplish God's plan for your life, living purposefully isn't optional. It's vital because your time is limited. Think about it. You also have limited focus and limited energy. This means you simply can't do everything that comes to mind. The key is to focus your mind, time, and energy on what truly matters. If you're going to live purposefully, you'll need to discover the important things in God's Word and channel all your energy toward them.

You will stand before God to give an account of your life. This means you need to start preparing now to meet the Lord. It's time to rearrange how you live. You can't afford to live like everyone else around you. God has already given you His template for living in His Word. Don't let the world dictate how you should live or what you should consider important.

From our key text, we see that Jesus had made up His mind about what would bring Him joy, and that is the salvation of people. His purpose was crystal clear—that people would be saved. This is what brought joy to His heart. You need to decide ahead of time what your goal is and find your joy in it. Jesus taught His disciples to find joy in the salvation of others. That's why, even when facing persecution, they remained joyful (Acts 5:41-42).

Make up your mind that serving the Lord will be your source of happiness. Train yourself to get excited about seeing people saved. Become someone who finds deep satisfaction in watching others grow spiritually. When you train your heart to find joy in serving God, it won't just be something you do dutifully, even though your happiness is somewhere else. Yes, there's nothing wrong with living purposefully. But there's something even better: finding joy in living for your purpose.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, may I find my greatest delight in the purpose You've given my life, to serve You and help others do the same.

FURTHER READING

2 John 1:1-13

LIVING PURPOSEFULLY

KEY TEXT: 3 John 1:1-4

Yesterday, we talked about finding joy in living for your purpose. Let's look at Apostle John. He was a man who truly understood this. In our key text, he says, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth." Nothing made John more joyful and happy than seeing the people he was raising walking in the light of God's Word. This shows us something powerful: you can find real joy in pursuing what God considers important.

Purposeful living doesn't mean having a dull life. When you start finding joy in what matters to God, you'll discover you're living an amazing life. Yes, people around you might think your life is boring, but you'll know deep down there's no other life you'd rather have. The things God is asking you to do might seem difficult, but that's because they're part of purposeful living. When you have a clear purpose before you, even the hard work becomes bearable.

You need to decide what you want in your life and go for it. You see, people who don't have a purpose are often the ones complaining about everything around them. A purposeful person isn't looking for convenience; they're focused on results. Don't give in to comfort. Your purpose should push you out of your comfort zone. Master the art of staying up late when needed, spending time in God's Word and prayer, and reaching out to people with the gospel. Yes, living purposefully will cost you something, but it's worth it.

To achieve your purpose, you must have clear goals. Your goals will determine everything else, even the people you'll associate with. Have a goal and work towards it. Remember, you don't wish your way through life; you work your way through it. Wishes alone aren't enough. There must be actions to back them up.

CONFESSION

My life has a purpose. I refuse to be lazy or passive about my life's pursuit. I will achieve my goals

FURTHER READING

1 John 4:1-21

LIVING PURPOSEFULLY

KEY TEXT: 1 Corinthians 3:5-14

What God has done in you and expects from you demands that you become a person of purpose. Some young people think that because they're young, they can afford to waste time. However, life has a way of suddenly catching up with people who think like that. One day, they think they're too young to be serious, and before they know it, they realize they're too old. As a believer, you must never think like this. Don't sit around with wishes and dreams, waiting to get serious sometime in your future. It's time to get to work.

Set goals for the things you want to accomplish. For example, set goals for the number of souls you want to win, and set goals for the people you want to see established in church. These goals will drive you to do evangelism and follow up via teaching. Make sure your goals are attainable and back them up with real actions. Know exactly what you want and go after it. This is what purposeful living means.

Learn to enjoy work: hours of prayer, days of fasting, etc. Learn to enjoy work because of work itself. Live with purpose because when there's no purpose, the work becomes difficult. When there's a reason for something, hard work naturally follows. Living purposefully might not mean doing new things, it could just be about how you approach the old things you've been doing. You need to be deliberate about these old things. Be consistent, be purposeful, and have a clear target.

In your spiritual life, push aside all distractions and make up your mind that you must get done what needs to be done. This applies to your secular life, too. If you're a student, decide what grade you want. In your career, have a clear plan for who you want to become, and don't leave it as just wishes.

CONFESSION

Today and always, I choose to live with purpose. I am consistent and committed to having a productive, fruitful life in both ministry and secular work.

FURTHER READING

Romans 14:8-2

LIVING PURPOSEFULLY

KEY TEXT: 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

Have you ever watched a leaf drifting aimlessly in the wind? It is purposeless. That's not how we're meant to live our lives. Think about driving a car. Even on the straightest highway, you need to keep your hands on the wheel and stay focused. The moment you let go, you risk drifting off course. Life works the same way. Apostle Paul gives us a powerful perspective on purposeful living. He describes our physical bodies as temporary dwellings, like tents that will one day be replaced by permanent homes. This isn't meant to discourage us, but to inspire quick action!

Knowing that we have an eternal future with God should motivate us to make our time here count. But what does living purposefully actually mean? It's about recognizing that God has entrusted us with a mission of reconciliation. Every day presents opportunities to share His love and message with others. This isn't about earning our way to heaven. That's already secured through Christ. Rather, it's about living gratefully and purposefully because we've been given this incredible gift of salvation.

Think of each day as a blank canvas. We can either let it fill up with whatever comes our way, or we can intentionally create something meaningful. God has given each of us unique gifts and opportunities to make a difference in others' lives. Whether through small acts of kindness, sharing our faith, or using our talents to serve others, every action can have eternal significance.

Living purposefully isn't only about grand gestures; it's about consistent, intentional choices that align with God's purpose for our lives. It's about waking up each morning with the awareness that today matters, and we have the privilege of participating in God's work in the earth. You have been called to partner with God on the earth, so you must live your life intentionally.

PRAYER

Father, thank You for giving my life purpose. Help me to live intentionally today, making choices that reflect Your love and advance Your kingdom.

FURTHER READING

John 3:15-18, John 5:17-21

THE RIGHT TO CHANGE

KEY TEXTS: 2 Corinthians 5:17, Colossians 3:9-10

Transformation is at the heart of the Christian faith. At salvation, a person's spirit is changed. So, right from salvation, God has started to change the believer's life. He takes a person who was spiritually dead and gives them eternal life when they believe in Jesus. That itself is a drastic change.

Looking at 2 Corinthians 5:17, the Bible tells us that the man in Christ is a new creature; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. This means that from the very point the man accepts the gospel, God produces a transformed life. This is a very fundamental truth. The faith of Jesus Christ emphasises the fact that a man's life can change.

Apostle Paul, writing in Colossians 3, from verse 9, was simply saying that because the believer has put off the old man and has put on the new man, there will be a difference in their character. This means that the work of God in your spirit does not only have an inward effect. It also includes an outward and visible change. God is not only able to change your spirit, He's able to change your mind and your character. He's able to change how you think, how you speak, and how you conduct yourself.

Looking at the world today, it's not easy to change a man's character, but the gospel of Jesus guarantees that people's characters can be transformed. The Christian faith is transformational. It summarizes the very fact that you, as a believer, have a right to change. It implies that you can change the description of your life if it does not align with God's Word. You can choose to change any undesirable trait to what is acceptable in God's Word.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, I thank you for the transformation that occurred in my life the moment I accepted the gospel. I ask that You help me to acknowledge Your work in me as I align my life with Your Word and to choose change wherever it is needed in my life.

FURTHER READING

John 3:1-16

THE RIGHT TO CHANGE

KEY TEXTS: Philemon 1:10-13, Colossians 4:7-9

From our study yesterday, we saw that the faith of Jesus Christ is emphatic on transformation. And this transformation does not happen in the believer's spirit alone. It also affects their character. So, there's a process of transformation where your character changes as well.

Today, we will look at an example of a changed life in the Bible. In Philemon 1:10, Paul talks about a certain believer named Onesimus, whom he met in prison. He was Philemon's runaway servant. Now, one thing you must understand is that Onesimus was not in prison for the same reason as Paul. Paul was in prison for preaching the gospel, while Onesimus was not. He likely stole from his master and other people, and finally ended up in jail. But by the time Paul was writing to Philemon, Paul had gotten him saved, and his life had changed.

In another chapter of the Bible, in Colossians 4:9, Paul used the word "faithful" to describe Onesimus. This explains that he had been tested and tried in ministry. So, the Onesimus that Paul met in prison was no more; he had changed. He went from being a runaway slave to being a faithful minister of the gospel.

God saw Onesimus' life as worthy of transformation. He had the right to change, and he accepted Jesus' offer of change. Just like Onesimus, your life is worthy of the transformation the Bible talks about. If God could change the life of a slave criminal, how much more you? One of the wonderful things the gospel affords you is the right to change. You don't have to remain the way you were before you got saved. You have the right to change your life's experiences if they don't agree with God's Word.

CONFESSION

From today, I receive God's right to change. I don't allow my past experiences to hold me back. I am walking in all that God has spoken about me in His Word. Hallelujah!

FURTHER READING

Philemon 1:7-25

THE RIGHT TO CHANGE

KEY TEXT: Luke 5:1-11

In our key text, Apostle Peter is another example of a man who accepted Jesus's right to change. His first experience with Jesus was one that changed his whole life. The Bible records that he had toiled all night and he caught nothing, but when Jesus came to him, He told him to cast his net again into the deep. The miracle of the “great multitude of fishes” happened right after Peter obeyed Jesus' instruction.

The Bible also mentions in verse 8 that Peter “fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” After Peter had experienced that great miracle, he stated that he was a sinful person, and he had no right to be with Jesus. However, Jesus told him to follow Him that He would make him a “fisher of men”(Matthew 4:19). Peter came to Jesus, and he was honest, but he also believed that if Jesus wanted to change him, then so be it.

Peter took Jesus' offer of change. He believed that if Jesus was willing to work on him, then he was willing to be worked on. A lot of people don't think they have the right to accept God's offer of change, but God offers it based on His kindness. He gives you the right to change.

In Christ Jesus, you can make a second impression. You can go from being irrelevant to becoming relevant. So, don't accept the way your life has been if it is not in line with God's Word. God has given you the right to change, to redefine your life in Christ Jesus. You have the right to walk in all that God has said about you in His Word.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, just like Apostle Peter, I accept your offer of change. I believe that you can redefine my life and make me relevant to your plan on the earth. Thank you for giving me the right to change, to walk in all that you have said about me in Your Word.

FURTHER READING

Matthew 4:18-22, Mark 4:16-20

CHANGE IS FOR YOU

KEY TEXT: Luke 5:1-11, Isaiah 60:1

Some people don't think their life is worthy of transformation. Sometimes, they're even afraid of change and don't think they're worthy enough. So, whenever they hear their lives can change, they prefer to stay in what they're familiar with. However, there's something important you need to see from Apostle Peter's life: he had to accept the change Jesus offered him to fulfill God's plan for his life. This allowed him to accomplish the mighty things he did for God, even after he denied Jesus.

In Acts 2:41, after Peter had preached his first sermon, three thousand people got saved on that day. In Acts chapter 5, the Bible records that "Peter's shadow healed the sick." Peter took his chances with Jesus, and that produced a great result in his life.

In one of our key texts, the only instruction is to arise. You will not shine until you have taken responsibility. Until you decide to arise, you won't shine. Just like Apostle Peter, you have the right to walk in all that God has said about you in His Word: casting out devils, praying for the sick, and handling the works of the devil. But you will not experience all that God has said about you until you take responsibility. You may make little progress, but you cannot rise to God's call on your life by that alone. You must give it your all because you can't experience the kind of change that God plans for you passively.

Apostle Peter took the chance to change his life experiences. Jesus gave him the right to dream. In the same way, if your life does not align with God's Word, God has given you the right to make a change and transform your life completely. So, don't sit down and excuse yourself. God has a glorious plan for your life. But it will only be fulfilled when you rise up and take responsibility.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, help me to understand that the change You expect from me requires my active participation and not passivity. Give me the courage to dream and to take hold of all that You've planned for me. Amen!

FURTHER READING

Acts 2:1-47, Acts 5:12-16

CHANGE IS FOR YOU

KEY TEXT: Philippians 3:8-14

When God gave you His Word, He gave you the right to change. You can determine what your life will be by what you decide to do with it. You can determine the outcome of your life; you can change it and become whatever you choose to be in God.

In our key text, Apostle Paul was publicly passionate about his desire to know more about Jesus. At the point he wrote this letter, he was in prison, but he was still “pressing towards the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.” He chose not to settle and kept going after more of what God had called him to do. Apostle Paul wanted to know Jesus, and he wasn't hiding it. He was committed to the plan and purpose of God for his life. He was very active about fulfilling all of God's plan for his life.

In Jeremiah 29:13, the Bible tells us that in seeking God, we must do it with all our hearts. Half-heartedness in seeking the Lord isn't the way to go. When you seek the Lord half-heartedly, you won't see all of Him. A lackluster desire for God will prevent you from doing all that He has called you to do. Yes, God offers the right for change, but it demands a wholehearted pursuit.

God's desire to change your life is not just for yourself; it's also for the people that he has called you to reach. This should drive you to be deliberate to allow God to change your life. If you commit to seeing change in every area of your life, then you will be able to fulfill all of God's plan for your life. God has given you His Word. Will you rise up and insist on seeing it come to pass in your life?

CONFESSION

I understand that God's desire to change my life is not just for my own benefit. So, I choose to seek God wholeheartedly and be deliberate to allow Him to change my life, so that I can effectively fulfill His plan for me.

FURTHER READING

Jeremiah 29:11-13, Philippians 3:1-21

GOD WANTS YOU TO PROSPER

KEY TEXT: 2 Corinthians 9:8

God's Word is the basis for faith. Faith is based on facts, and it's difficult to believe without facts. Everyone has faith in something. For example, you have faith that the chair you sit on can bear your weight, and that is why you can sit on it comfortably, believing that you won't fall. From our key text, the term "abounding unto good works" refers to giving, both to the work of ministry and to others.

God's will for you is that you have all sufficiency, meaning that you're not in lack and can give because you have enough. In 2 Corinthians 8:1-5, Apostle Paul cites the Macedonian church as an example of a people who gave even in deep poverty. A lot of believers find it difficult to give because they just don't believe that God can meet their needs. But God wants you to have enough, so much so that you can give.

The Bible has records of people who were very wealthy and walked with God. God is not averse to having wealthy people walk with Him. What God doesn't support is materialism, when you place money over Him and people. One thing we see in the Scriptures is that all the wealthy people who walked with God were distinct in their attitude and dealings with material things. You could see that God had a first place in their lives.

God's plan for the believer is, first of all, that he grows up spiritually and that he is effective in the work of ministry. But He also wants you to prosper in your finances (3 John 1:2). God wants you to have, and not just that, He wants you to have enough to meet your own needs, and to give to His work and those in need. You can believe God to prosper your finances today.

CONFESSION

God is able to make all grace abound towards me. God is able. He can supernaturally supply my needs. He is my Father, and He takes care of me.

FURTHER READING

2 Corinthians 9:1-15

GOD WANTS YOU TO PROSPER

KEY TEXT: 2 Corinthians 9:8

Yesterday, we saw that not only is God concerned about our spiritual growth and effectiveness, but He also wants us to prosper financially. He wants us to have enough to give. Today, we're going to look at examples of men who walked with God and yet were very wealthy.

Abraham was a very wealthy man, but what distinguished him was his walk with God. In Genesis 20:7, God described Abraham as a prophet. God didn't describe him as a wealthy man, but as a prophet. Reading further in Genesis 20, you'll find that God brought healing to Abimelech and his family through Abraham. and this was the first record of a man praying for people to receive healing in scriptures.

In Genesis 13:1-4, we see that Abraham had an altar of prayer. He was a man of prayer. In verse 14, we see that he was a man who heard from God. He had visions, he had angelic encounters, and he had a solid walk with God. In Genesis 15:6, God counted Abraham as righteous because he believed His promise. Abraham clearly had a deep walk with God. He was more a man of God than he was wealthy. He didn't allow his wealth to get in the way of his walk with God.

Isaac, like his father Abraham, had a vibrant walk with God. In Genesis 24:63, we see that he had a pattern of meditating on God's Word. In Genesis 25:20-21, we see that Isaac was able to prayerfully bring healing to his wife, who was barren. In verses 22-23, even his wife Rebekah heard from God! These men were great men of God who experienced the supernatural again and again. This only emphasizes the fact that God doesn't have a problem with you being rich. In fact, He blesses the works of your hands.

CONFESSION

God is not averse to me having. He wants me to have enough to give to the work of ministry and to those in need. He blesses the works of my hands, so I receive all my needs being met today. Hallelujah!

FURTHER READING

Genesis 20:1-18

GOD WANTS YOU TO PROSPER

KEY TEXTS: Genesis 26: 12-14

In the course of this study, you've seen through scripture that God is interested in your finances, and that He is not averse to your being wealthy. We started looking at examples of men in the Scriptures who were wealthy and walked with God. Abraham and Isaac were our case studies yesterday. Today, we're going to see men who God met their needs supernaturally.

From our key text, we see that the Bible recorded that God blessed Isaac so much that an entire nation envied him! In Genesis 26:1, we're told that it was a time of famine. Famine is usually a time of dryness and great want, but God blessed Isaac so much that he had a 100-fold harvest! God also provided water in every well he dug in a time when water was hard to come by. Every time the Philistines fought over the well, he left it, dug another well, and got water. This showed Isaac's trust in the Lord to provide water for him even in hard times.

Another example is the Israelites when they left Egypt. In Exodus 16, the children of Israel complained against Moses, and he went to the Lord, and He provided! He rained manna for them every day for 40 years! In Numbers 11:18, the Israelites began to complain that they wanted meat, and God provided bountifully. God does great miracles of provision.

In 2 Kings 4, a widow came to Elisha to ask for help. Her husband had just died, and the creditors were going to take her sons. She had no way to pay off the debts, but the prophet gave her an instruction through which God met her needs over and beyond. God meets needs, and He does so bountifully. He can meet yours today!

CONFESSION

God wants me to have enough to meet my needs and to give. I choose to trust that God cares about me and can meet my needs.

FURTHER READING

Genesis 26:1-35

GOD WANTS YOU TO PROSPER

KEY TEXT: 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12

For the past few days, we've been reassured that God cares about our finances and that He meets our needs. Now, we're going to see what God expects the believer to be like in their secular life.

Even though God meets needs and is concerned about our finances, He doesn't endorse laziness. God doesn't expect the believer to be comfortable doing nothing. He expects the believer to work with their hands. In 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12, Paul commands that the man who is not ready to work should not eat.

We saw examples of people who experienced supernatural provision, but each time, it was either God blessing the works of people's hands or God providing in times when there was no natural way out. Isaac was a case study. God gave him a 100-fold harvest, but that would not have been possible if he hadn't sown his seeds (Genesis 26:12). The children of Israel in the wilderness could do nothing to meet their needs, so God provided all they needed supernaturally (Exodus 16). But the moment they got to the promised land, the manna ceased (Joshua 5:12). The moment they got to a place where they could work and produce their food, God stopped sending down manna because He expected them to work!

When a person can fend for themselves but decides to fold their hands and do nothing, God can't bless anything because they're doing nothing. Sitting down and doing nothing is not proof of faith. It's laziness. God expects you to eat from your own work. It is a biblical principle that if you're not willing to work, then you shouldn't eat either. So, faith is not idle. God blesses the works of your hand, but you have to get to work.

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you because You care about every aspect of my life, even my finances. Help me to see that laziness is not Your plan for me, and to push to work with my own hands because that is what You want for me. Thank You, Father, because I'm becoming better in my secular endeavors with Your help. Amen

FURTHER READING

2 Thessalonians 3:10-12, Joshua 5:12

GOD WANTS YOU TO PROSPER

KEY TEXTS: Ephesians 4:28, 1 Timothy 6:1

The Bible is pro-work. God wants you to work and to do so honestly. The Bible encourages work. In the key text, Paul instructs that you work so that you can have enough to give. That is God's plan for you. God doesn't want you lazy.

In Proverbs 6:6-11, Solomon uses the ant to teach a principle of work. The ant knows that it's small, and because of its size, it wouldn't be able to withstand the rain, and so it works to gather enough food for the rainy days. If you don't want a life of lack and want, then you must work. God would not have anything to bless when you don't work.

The lazy man always has excuses; he is wasteful (Proverbs 18:9). God does not want you doing barely enough; He wants you to be hardworking. He wants you to be successful. You can learn to enjoy success, to be excellent. God's wisdom is that you work. 1 Timothy 6:1 says that if you work for someone, you're representing God there. You are to be an example of how the believer should be. Your attitude at work can cause people to blaspheme your faith, so you must be careful to represent God well there.

Laziness is a sign of disorderliness. Don't try to spiritualize it. Don't try to justify laziness by doing spiritual activities or planning spiritual activities in place of your work. Laziness would rob you of all the resources God has made available to you and would keep you mediocre. You have the responsibility to build a good work ethic that adorns the doctrine of God. You have no excuse for laziness. Push yourself and work. You still have a responsibility to give to others and the work of the Lord, so get to work!

CONFESSION

I am hardworking. I have no desire for poverty. I hate laziness. I hate wasting my life. I have a purpose, and I am disciplined!

FURTHER READING

Ephesians 4:28, Proverbs 6:1-35

THE WORD EXPOSES THE HEART

KEY TEXTS: James 1:5-8

The Bible is very clear about how we can receive from God. The Bible tells us that God gives freely and without fault-finding. However, it also says we must ask in faith without doubting. Here's the key: it doesn't say God won't give if you doubt, it says you won't receive. And there's a big difference between the two.

God is constant. His Word is unchanging, but to receive from Him, you must be stable. If you're stuck thinking God won't give because of something you did 15 years ago, you're creating a barrier. Dwelling on past mistakes or failures makes receiving from God difficult, not because He hasn't given, but because you're not in a position to take hold of it.

Some people spend years waiting for answers that God provided long ago. Why? They keep wavering. They let doubts linger, replaying questions and hesitations in their minds. But every time you encounter God's Word, it's testing your heart. The question is: are you ready to align yourself with what it says?

Think of it this way: someone could receive God's promise today, while another waits 10 years because they only align with the Word later. Why wait? Why not be among those who receive today? In 1 Thessalonians 2:13, Paul commended the Thessalonian church because they didn't treat his message as mere human words. They received it as God's Word, and because they believed, it worked in their lives. This shows that believing—your attitude toward the Word—is the key to receiving. So, take a moment to evaluate your attitude. Are you doubting, or are you fully trusting? The right attitude opens the door for God's promises to manifest in your life.

CONFESSION

I am quick to receive from God. My faith is unwavering, and my focus is on who I am in Christ.
His promises work in my life every day.

FURTHER READING

James 1:1-27

THE WORD EXPOSES THE HEART

KEY TEXT: Psalm 1:1-6

We've learned that our attitude toward God's Word determines what we receive from Him. Now, it's time to reflect on how you approach His Word. The first question to ask is: How much time do you spend with God's Word?

In Psalm 1:1-3, the psalmist tells us that the person who meditates on God's Word day and night is like a tree planted by rivers of water, bearing fruit in its season. This shows that staying with the Word consistently helps you obey and apply it in your life. To develop this habit, create a system for reading and listening to God's Word daily. Devotionals can help, but you also need extensive, personal routines that ensure faithfulness to the Word.

Consider Job's commitment to God's Word. In Job 23:12, he says, "I have esteemed the words of His mouth more than my necessary food." This means Job valued God's Word more than his daily meals. If Job ate three times a day, he likely spent as much time or more with God's Word. If we claim to value God's Word, but spend no time in it. Our actions reveal the truth about our attitude. Jeremiah 15:16 gives us another example. Jeremiah said, "Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and Thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of my heart." Jeremiah didn't just read the Word; he absorbed it fully, finding joy and delight in it.

Many believers struggle to recognize when God is speaking because they don't know His Word. How can you recognize someone's voice if you don't spend time with them? Similarly, if you don't know God's Word, it'll be difficult to discern His voice. Commit to spending time with God's Word every day. The more you know His Word, the more you'll know Him and the more His Word will work in your life.

CONFESSION

I commit myself to the study of the Word. I receive all God gives me with the right attitude.

FURTHER READING

Psalm 1:1-6, Jeremiah 15:1-21

THE WORD EXPOSES THE HEART

KEY TEXTS: 2 Cor 7:8-11, Matthew 27:3-5

The Word of God is not to be read once. As a believer, you're not even to read Christian books only once. Rather, you revisit them again and again, especially the ones that have impacted your life. This should be your attitude toward God's Word—a desire to give more and more time to it.

God wants your attitude toward His Word to keep improving. Along the way, you might regret missed opportunities to do better, but remember, discouragement is not from God. There's a difference between godly sorrow, which leads to repentance and change, and hopeless sorrow, which leaves you feeling helpless. The latter is never from God.

Take Judas and Peter as examples. After Judas betrayed Jesus, satan took advantage of his guilt, leading him to destruction. On the other hand, Peter, though he also denied Jesus, didn't fall into hopelessness. Jesus had prayed for him, and he found restoration. To avoid satan's traps, you need to know God's Word so you can recognize when satan is speaking. God will never sponsor feelings of helplessness or hopelessness. His Word is living, powerful, and full of hope.

In Hebrews 4:12, we see that God's Word is alive and active, able to discern the thoughts and intentions of the heart. This means the Word has its own power, it doesn't depend on anyone's actions to work. For example, when God created the world, He simply spoke, and everything came into existence. The Word carried the power to produce results all by itself.

This is why your attitude to the Word matters so much. Treat it with reverence, return to it constantly, and let it guide your life. The Word has the power to transform you, but only if you stay with it and allow it to work in your heart.

PRAYER

Lord, help me treat Your Word with reverence. Help me to stay consistent and let it transform me

FURTHER READING

2 Corinthians 7:1-16

THE WORD EXPOSES THE HEART

KEY TEXTS: Hebrews 4:12-13, Eph 4:17-18

God's Word is powerful and discerning. In Hebrews 4:13, it's described with a personal pronoun, showing that it's not just text on a page; it's alive and active, able to penetrate to the deepest parts of the heart. Nothing is hidden from it. When God's Word comes into your life, it reveals the true condition of your heart, exposing your real motives and intentions.

Jesus spoke about this in John 3:19-20, explaining that light came into the world, but people chose darkness because their actions were evil. The truth was right in front of them, but their response (marked by rejection and hostility) showed where their hearts truly were. They didn't just ignore the light; they actively resisted it. This serves as a powerful reminder that the way we respond to God's Word reveals much more than we may think.

God's Word doesn't just skim the surface, it dives deep, uncovering our true intent. It shows whether we're genuinely seeking truth or just going through the motions. When we don't show proper reverence for God's Word, it's an attitude that can have serious consequences. Just look at King Ahab. His judgment was delayed because of his humble response, while Eli's family faced destruction because of their lack of action. (1 Kings 21:27-29, As James 4:6 tells us, "God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble." Imagine having God Himself stand against you. Now, that's a barrier you don't want.

Satan works to blind the minds of those who reject the truth, as seen in 2 Corinthians 4:3-4. But here's the good news: blindness doesn't have to last forever. Even believers can experience moments of spiritual blindness, but that's often a matter of attitude—whether we're open to God's will or resisting it. The more you open yourself to the Word, the more God's power will work on your behalf.

CONFESSION

My heart honours God's Word. I will always treat it with reverence, never with disregard or dishonour.

FURTHER READING

2 Cor 4:1-7

THE WORD EXPOSES THE HEART

KEY TEXT: Numbers 14:22-23

Yesterday, we talked about how even believers can have an attitude that resists God's Word. That means, as a saved person, your attitude directly affects how you receive from God. In Hebrews 4:2, we see that the same gospel was preached to the children of Israel, but it didn't benefit them because of their attitude. This highlights just how much your attitude matters if you want God's Word to work in your life.

When God tells you what to do and you choose disobedience, you're essentially accepting the consequences that come with it. The same happens when God offers you something and you turn it down. That won't change the fact that He is good. However, how you respond to His Word will determine whether you experience His power.

You can have a great attitude about the gospel that saved you, but struggle with other areas of God's Word. For instance, some believers have a wrong attitude about walking in love; others wrestle with their attitude toward healing, spiritual growth, or giving. When you resist or have a bad attitude about any part of God's Word, it blocks your growth in that area. God, in His goodness, will never force His Word into your life without your consent. If He did, it would no longer be goodness. It would be manipulation.

To experience God's Word fully, you must be willing to embrace it in every area of your life. You can't treat His Word casually or inconsistently and expect it to work for you. God is not obligated to you; He rewards those who come to Him with the right attitude. Your attitude toward God's Word shows how much you value it. When you prioritize it and approach it with reverence and consistency, it will bring lasting transformation in every part of your life.

CONFESSON

I have the right attitude toward God's Word; I treat it with reverence and never casually.

FURTHER READING

Psalms 1:1-6, Numbers 14:1-45

LINEAGE OF POWER

KEY TEXTS: Gen 1:1-3, Psalms 33:6

When you read the Bible, you'll discover that the Christian faith is undeniably supernatural. Right from the very first chapter, we are introduced to the miraculous. "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." He said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God spoke, and the universe came into existence. His Words carried creative power, producing all that we see today.

The Bible is, without question, a miracle book. It is impossible to read the bible and conclude that miracles are not real. It is a book filled with accounts of God's power at work. God is an all-powerful God, but His intention has always been for men to walk in His supernatural power. Not only does God perform miracles, but He also works miracles through men. In Scripture, we see examples of ordinary people who were empowered by God to do extraordinary things.

One of such people was Moses. While tending to his sheep in the wilderness, Moses encountered God in a burning bush. From that moment, God commissioned him to deliver Israel from Egypt. All he had was a rod and God's Words to him. With that rod, Moses performed mighty signs and wonders. God brought plagues upon Egypt and split the Red Sea. Despite the hardness of Pharaoh's heart, God delivered the Israelites from Egypt.

While in the wilderness, manna fell from heaven for 40 years. They ate quail that fell from the sky, water flowed from a rock, and their shoes never wore out. These were spectacular displays of God's power. The God of the Bible is your God, your Father. You belong to a lineage of power, a supernatural heritage. Over the next few days, we will explore the lives of men of faith, men from this same heritage. This is to inspire you to embrace the supernatural life that is your inheritance in Christ.

CONFESSION

The God of the Bible is my Father. I belong to the family of God. The supernatural is my birthright in Christ. I choose to walk in what is mine in Christ.

FURTHER READING

Exodus 4:1-17

LINEAGE OF POWER

KEY TEXTS: James 5:17-19, 1 Kings 18:41-46

“Elijah was a man of like passion and he prayed...” This is another example of a man of faith that understood how to harness the supernatural power of God. In Elijah’s time, Israel had fallen into idolatry, worshiping Baal. He knew that to turn the people back to God, he had to do something supernatural. He prayed, and by his word, a famine came upon the land, lasting three and a half years.

Afterward, he challenged the prophets of Baal to a contest to prove to the Israelites that God is the true living God. The prophets of Baal called on their god from morning till evening, but nothing happened. Then Elijah stepped forward, rebuilt the Lord’s altar, and prayed. Fire fell from heaven, consuming the sacrifice, the wood, and even the stones of the altar. The people then declared, “The Lord, He is God!” Through one man’s demonstration of God’s power, a nation was turned back to Him. But, Elijah didn’t stop there. He went up to Mount Carmel and prayed. He prayed seven times until the heavens opened and rain fell.

Elijah stood boldly for God in his generation, and he did so by demonstrating God’s power. Elisha, who served Elijah, was determined to walk in the same power. When Elijah was about to be taken up to heaven, Elisha refused to leave him, determined to receive a double portion of his anointing. His persistence was rewarded when Elijah’s mantle fell to him. With it, Elisha parted the Jordan and began his miraculous ministry. So great was the power of God in his life that even in death, his bones raised the dead.

Like Elisha, we should be shamelessly desirous of the power of God. Today, as many turn away from God to pursue other things, will you rise to the challenge of leading men back to Him? Elijah has shown you the way; it is by power!

PRAYER

Oh Lord, I desire to see your power working through me. I shamelessly pursue after the miraculous, to see lives changed by your power.

FURTHER READING

2 King 2:9-15

LINEAGE OF POWER

KEY TEXTS: Acts 2:22, Acts 10:38

Looking at the life of Jesus, in our key text, Peter testified that Jesus was approved by God by the miracles, signs, and wonders He performed. It was well known that Jesus was a miracle worker. The Pharisees, even Herod, and all the people recognized it. Wherever Jesus went, crowds followed because of the miracles He did. They brought every kind of sick person to Him, and the Bible tells us that He healed them all. Jesus' healing ministry was so undeniable that even religions like Islam, which deny His resurrection, can't deny His miracles.

Jesus healed the sick, cast out demons, and raised the dead. By doing so, He showed us God's attitude toward the sick and the oppressed by the devil. In John 14:12, Jesus says that those who believe in Him will do the same works He did. In other words, we are meant to produce His order of miracles. You should not settle for just a headache or stomach pain. You can believe God to heal the blind, the deaf, and the lame through your ministry. Don't be afraid when you see such cases. Don't let the fear of failure stop you. Fear is a trap that'll keep anyone from walking in the supernatural.

Jesus promised that you will produce the same results as He did. So, when you stand before the blind, you stand in the authority of Jesus. Command their eyes to be opened. When you see someone sick with cancer, command the cancer to die, and it will respond to your command. This is the assurance you have in Christ.

Start from somewhere; pray for that person with stomach pain or a headache, but also pray for the blind and the deaf. Be bold! As you step out in faith, you will see more results.

CONFESSION

Jesus has called me to produce His order of miracles. I pursue after the miraculous until I have the same results as Jesus did. I refuse to fear. I am bold to demonstrate God's power

FURTHER READING

Luke 4:40-41, Matt 15:30-31

LINEAGE OF POWER

KEY TEXTS: Acts 1:8, Acts 3:1-8

The apostles took Jesus' Words seriously: "You shall receive power when the Holy Ghost comes upon you." This wasn't mere words to them; it became their reality. After Jesus' resurrection and their baptism in the Holy Spirit, Peter and John encountered a crippled man begging at the beautiful gate. Peter said to him, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I have I give you." He took the man by the hand and lifted him up. And a man who had been lame for forty years stood, leaping and walking.

The miracle caused such a stir that a crowd gathered. They were amazed at what had happened. Even the Pharisees admitted that a notable miracle had been done and could not be denied. (Acts 4:16). That day, 5,000 people were added to the church (Acts 4:4)

The apostles, after being persecuted, returned to their company to pray for boldness (Acts 4:23-33). They prayed for courage to continue preaching the gospel through signs and wonders. The Bible records that with great power, they bore witness to Jesus' resurrection. Peter's shadow healed the sick; he raised Dorcas (Tabitha) from the dead and healed Aeneas, a paralyzed man. The miraculous was not limited to the apostles alone. Stephen, a deacon full of faith and power, performed great wonders among the people. Philip went to Samaria, where his miracles turned an entire city to the Lord.

The same was the case for Apostle Paul. Through him, God worked special miracles; the sick were healed, and demons were cast out by the handkerchiefs and aprons he had laid hands on. The early church was a supernatural church. These men have given us the model to follow. They understood that the preaching of the gospel was incomplete without the supernatural. We, too, must embrace what is ours and refuse to settle for anything less.

CONFESSION

I've seen the examples of what God's power can do through the men God uses. If God worked miracles with them, He can do the same with me. I refuse to settle for a powerless Christianity. I go after all that is mine in Christ.

FURTHER READING

Acts 4:1-33

LINEAGE OF POWER

KEY TEXTS: Judges 6:11-16, Jude 1:3

Gideon asked a profound question that we should all consider: “If God is with us,... where be all His miracles which our fathers told us of...?” At that time, the Israelites were under the oppression of the Midianites. But Gideon had heard the stories of old, of how God delivered Israel from Egypt, and he knew that if God did it before, He could do it again.

Like Gideon, you must learn to ask the right questions. If Jesus said, “These signs will follow those who believe.” Why are they not following me? What am I missing? Why are miracles absent in my life? Throughout Scriptures, we see that everyone God sent, He sent with His power, and they produced undeniable results. If you have been sent by Jesus and you’re not seeing His power, you should ask yourself, “Why am I not seeing God’s power in my life and ministry?”

It was Gideon’s question that sparked what led to him becoming a judge and delivering Israel. You, too, must refuse to settle for anything less than what God has promised. You should desire to see His mighty power at work in your life and ministry. Don’t settle for a powerless Christianity. Apostle Jude tells us to “earnestly contend for the faith that was once delivered to the saints” (Jude 1:3). Yesterday, you saw that the Christianity passed down by the apostles is a supernatural one, and we are called to fight for it.

You shouldn’t be content with a life where weeks, months, or years pass without you walking in the supernatural—no sick person healed, no demons cast out, no visible demonstrations of God’s power. You are to covet earnestly, have a strong desire for the miraculous. Don’t accept a Christianity that is devoid of power. If Jesus said these signs would follow you, they should follow you. Don’t exempt yourself from this promise. Make up your mind today to see the power of God work in your life and ministry.

CONFESSION

Dear Lord, your Word has said supernatural signs follow me, and I must see these signs in my life. I must see the power of God work in my life and ministry. It is my heritage in Christ.

FURTHER READING

Mark 16:1-20

HONOUR FOR MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL

KEY TEXTS: Matthew 10:40-42, Romans 12:2

The world has strongly fought against the concept of honour for the ministers of the Gospel. In this 21st century, the concept of freedom of speech and expression makes many talk against men of God. Social media has also made it easier for people to write condescending narratives against the anointed of God. They also want to influence the church with the culture of dishonour.

Today's second key text tells you not to conform to this world, which implies that the believer can conform to standards and ways of doing things in this world. The church is the pillar and ground of truth (1 Timothy 3:15), and God's Word about honour remains the final opinion.

In the Christian faith, you are commanded to honour ministers of the gospel—men who God uses to advance His kingdom on earth. Honour for ministers of the gospel is important because Jesus said when you receive them, you receive Him; and when you reject them, you reject Him. Dishonour or familiarity will stop you from getting what God has put in those men for you.

You are also instructed to honour your physical parents. This commandment comes with a promise (Ephesians 6:2). Also, you are to honour your fellow believers because they have the spirit of God in them. Likewise, we honour believers' meetings because Jesus is right there among us when we gather in His name (Matthew 18:20). Lastly, we are instructed to honour physical authorities (1 Peter 2:17). Make up your mind to live a life of honour.

PRAYER

Dear heavenly Father, I will not lose out on Your plan for me. I refuse any attitude of dishonour and I receive from the men You have sent to me.

FURTHER READING

Matthew 13:53-58, Mark 6:1-6

HONOUR FOR MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL

KEY TEXTS: Mark 6:1-6, Matthew 28:18-20

Men are central in the plan of God for the world. For example, the salvation of souls, which is the most important to God, was committed to men. In our key text today, when Jesus was about to go to the Father, He committed His ministry to His disciples. He did not give it to an angel to run it. They were charged with the responsibility of spreading the gospel. And rejecting them automatically means rejecting the gospel.

Jesus gave men His power to use here on earth, power against all sicknesses and diseases and to cast out devils. The fellow who does not like the man God is using in working miracles, if sick, will possibly die sick because he has failed to recognize who God is using and to receive from Him.

God's plan to grow and mature you will be administered through men. In Colossians 1:27-29, you see that Christ in you is the hope of glory. However, growing in this awareness requires the instrumentation of men. It is a man who will make you pray when you do not want to. It is a man who will lead you to evangelise. God has given men the ability to help you. Men are responsible for your spiritual growth. They are charged with the responsibility of presenting you perfect in Christ. So, if you dishonour the men God has appointed to perfect you, your growth will be stunted.

Jesus, God in the flesh, could not do any mighty work in His hometown because of dishonour. The flow of the power of God towards the people there was limited because of their dishonour. Familiarity is a great breeder of dishonour. They knew His earthly parents, siblings, and occupation. In their minds, they would say, "How will this man we know be doing so many miracles?" The Bible called their dishonour unbelief. Honour is required to receive from God and the men He has chosen.

PRAYER

Familiarity will not prevent me from receiving from God through the men He has given me. I watch my heart and get rid of every dishonour. Amen.

FURTHER READING

Ephesians 4:5-14, 1 Corinthians 12:28-30

HONOUR FOR MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL

KEY TEXTS: Numbers 12:1-16, Romans 15:4

The Scriptures were written for our example, so we can learn from them. Today, we will be looking at some biblical examples of honour and dishonour. God used Moses mightily to bring the Israelites out of Egypt. He had supernatural encounters and a great relationship with God. At a point his siblings, Aaron and Miriam, accused him of marrying an Ethiopian woman. Although he had indeed married an Ethiopian woman, it was not in their place to correct him, especially not by gossiping about it. When God called them for judgment, He asked them whether they were not afraid to speak against His servant, Moses, and when God's judgment came, Miriam became leprous and was sent outside the camp. That was the end of her ministry.

It's unwise to speak against ministers of the gospel, especially those who have laboured over your life. In Deuteronomy 34:9-10, Joshua was full of the Spirit because Moses had laid his hands on him. Joshua was outstanding because he partook of Moses' grace. While Moses' siblings were dishonourable, Joshua followed well and served him steadfastly.

Samuel is another example of honour. Eli was failing in ministry. His sons were terrible, but Samuel still honoured him. It's interesting that although Eli wasn't doing well as God's priest, God still called Samuel in his voice. Most of the time, God will speak to you through the man you honour. If Samuel considered the failings of Eli and decided not to honour him, there is a high tendency that he would have missed God's call.

In the case of Hannah, she did not care that the man of God called her a drunk. She did not react negatively or claim that she was right, but she humbled herself in honour. Hannah didn't defend herself or attack Eli because of the failure of his family. She honoured the grace of God upon his life. And because of that honour for Eli, her prayers were answered.

CONFESSION

I speak well of my pastors; I do not speak evil of them. I hold them in high esteem and I follow as they lead me.

FURTHER READING

1 Samuel 1:1-28, 1 Samuel 3:1-21

HONOUR FOR MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL

KEY TEXTS: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13, Hebrews 13:7,17

As a believer, one of your spiritual responsibilities is to honour and submit to your pastor and leaders. This is not merely about external actions or protocol, it's a reflection of your heart. Hebrews 13:17 makes it clear that spiritual leaders are entrusted with a serious task: watching over your soul. They are accountable to God for how they lead and guide you. That alone is a weighty responsibility.

When you choose to honour your pastor, you lighten that burden and help make their work a joy. This includes obeying their instructions, supporting their vision, praying for them, and showing them genuine love and appreciation. It's important to recognize that their authority is God-ordained, and rejecting it is, in essence, resisting God.

Honour also means giving. It means you don't wait for a special occasion to appreciate your pastor. You recognize that their spiritual labour in your life is worthy of material response (1 Corinthians 9:11). This giving is not charity; it's a response of value, a recognition of spiritual investment.

When your heart posture is right, honouring your pastor becomes a natural expression of love and gratitude. God takes note of how you treat those He has placed over you, and there are blessings tied to this honour. Let today be a reminder to examine your attitude, renew your commitment, and intentionally express honour to the one who watches over your soul.

CONFESSION

I have the help of God to live a life of honour. I know my place in the body of Christ, and I do not think of myself more highly than I ought to.

FURTHER READING

Ephessians 4:1-16, 1 Timothy 1:1-11

HONOUR FOR MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL

KEY TEXTS: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13, Galatians 6:6

Seeing the work that ministers of the Gospel do, it's important that you learn to honour them well. This begins with recognizing those who have laboured over your life—not just knowing their names or faces, but truly holding them in high esteem. Honour starts in the heart; it's a posture of esteem, not just a public display.

Your pastor may not be the most financially buoyant, but they have poured themselves out to serve you, teach you, and guide and ensure your spiritual growth. It's not right to lavish appreciation on a distant, more popular minister while neglecting the one who has directly laboured over you. In any gathering of pastors, others should be able to identify who your pastor is by the level of honour you consistently show.

1 Timothy 5:17-18 clearly instructs us to give "double honour" to those who labour in word and doctrine. In a previous study, we saw that the word honour here also refers to "price" (as seen in Matthew 27:6), which implies financial value. This means honouring your pastor includes giving materially, according to your ability.

You are to obey and submit to your pastor, and also give to them, as instructed in the Scriptures. Part of that obedience is keeping to their instructions. When they instruct you to do something, be obedient because they watch for your soul and will give an account for you.

CONFESSION

I know the ones who are labouring over my life. I esteem them very highly in my heart. I honour them by giving financially to them. I am also submitted and obedient to their instructions.

FURTHER READING

Hebrew 13:7,17, 1 Corinthians 9:7-14