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THE POWER OF DAILY DEVOTION

KEY TEXTS: Isaiah 40:31, Psalm 25:5, Luke 22:40

Machines require consistent maintenance, and they break down when neglected. The same principle applies to your spiritual life. You need to keep drawing strength and wisdom from God. Man is not self-sufficient; we are designed to seek and rely on God's guidance and personal devotion is one cardinal way to do so.

Isaiah 40:31 says, "But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." If you don't wait on God, you will faint, and neglecting Him leads to spiritual weakness.

The average person carefully monitors their phone battery to keep it from being completely depleted, yet may neglect their spiritual health. Many struggles Christians face are a result of inconsistent prayer and a lack of study of the Word. Psalm 25:5 says, "Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day." Waiting on God is intentional—it's a time to connect, be renewed, and recharged. Peter's failure in Luke 22:40 is a warning of the danger of neglecting personal devotion. His lack of devotion left him weak, which made him deny Jesus out of fear. Devotion is that thing that will empower you to fulfil God's purpose for your life. Without a life of consistent personal devotion, you'll likely fail.

True strength comes from time spent with God. Those who wait on Him will "run and not grow weary, walk and not faint." Devotion builds a foundation that keeps believers strong when everything else fails. If you feel weak or weary, the answer is clear: wait on the Lord. His strength will renew and revitalize you, enabling a fruitful Christian life.

CONFESSION

I have renewed strength as I wait on the Lord daily. My mind and body are not given to weakness.

FURTHER READING

Luke 22:39-62

THE POWER OF DAILY DEVOTION

KEY TEXT: Isaiah 40:28-31

As a believer, one of your top priorities should be establishing a consistent devotional life. Once this is in place, much of your Christian walk becomes easy. In our text, verse 28 reminds us that God never grows weary. It also reveals that God is infinitely wise. He has never needed to discover or learn anything because He is the source of all knowledge.

Verses 29 and 30 then go further to uncover a profound truth: God gives strength to the weary and power to the weak. He promises to renew the strength of those who wait on Him. This shows that when you rely on God, He sustains you and keeps you from growing weary.

The prophet Isaiah emphasizes that learning to wait on God is key to receiving His strength. Waiting on God is not doing Him a favour, it's taking advantage of His infinite strength and ability. Without devotion, we run the risk of getting dry. Your devotional time is a sacred part of your day, not to be interrupted by distractions or compromised by sleep. Guard it carefully, and let it be a time of true connection with God.

Your personal devotion time is essential. It can determine whether you'll obey God or fall short. For example, Apostle Peter didn't see the importance of shaking off sleep to pray, and as a result, he denied the Lord Jesus three times (Luke 22:40). After this experience, Peter likely resolved never to make the same mistake again. This is evident in Acts 6:3-4, where he and the other apostles appointed seven men of good reputation to serve tables. This was to allow them to dedicate themselves fully to prayer and the study of God's Word. Learn from Peter's experience, and don't compromise on your devotion.

PRAYER

Dear Father, teach me to prioritize prayer and the study of Your Word above all distractions, so I can walk in obedience and fulfill Your purpose for my life. Amen.

FURTHER READING

Isaiah 40:1-31

THE POWER OF DAILY DEVOTION

KEY TEXTS: Isaiah 40:31, Rev 19:11-13

Over the past few days, we discussed the importance of believers setting aside daily time with God. We've also seen how this helps prevent spiritual weariness. But why else should a believer maintain a devotional life?

God has not called us to frustrate us. And in His wisdom, He has designed a way for us to get acquainted with His plan for our lives—through the study of His Word. Our Lord Jesus is called the Living Word (Revelation 19:11-13), and to truly know Him, we must read and interact with His written Word. Devotion to the careful study of the Bible is the only way to know God. This is where revelation comes from. It's always the result of prayer and reading the Word.

If you want your Christian life to be full of revelation and insight into the Word, you must take your devotion seriously. The more time you spend consistently in the Word, the more you encourage the Spirit's work in you. However, an inconsistent or a lacklustre attitude to your devotion will make you rarely able to receive the Spirit's help.

In Colossians 3:6, the Bible instructs you to let the Word of God dwell in you richly. This is an apostolic admonition, and it's how God plans to feed you with revelation and transform your lives. Receiving revelations of divine truths is easier when you're full of the Word.

In Psalm 119:9 and 11, we see that God's Word helps us overcome sin and bad habits. You "hide God's Word in your heart" by reading it daily. In Luke 4:4, Jesus compares the Word to bread, emphasizing its importance for spiritual life. Devotion is God's wisdom for helping us live victorious Christian lives. We should never take it for granted.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, teach me to wait on You daily and prioritize my time with You.

FURTHER READING

Colossians 3:1-25

THE POWER OF DAILY DEVOTION

KEY TEXT: Ephesians 3:1-4, Psalm 119:18

The call of God on your life is huge and you can't get there on your own strength or your own timing. To get to where God is calling you to, you can't simply walk; there are times when we must run, and even fly. Achieving God's plan for your life is something you can only do by walking with Him daily. God's plan involves Him working through us to fulfill His purpose.

This means that daily devotion is something you must take seriously. It's a daily commitment. Just as you need food and water to sustain your physical life, your devotion sustains your spiritual growth. The only way for you not to fail or fall is to wait on the Lord. We must learn to practice devotion as the older Christians did before us. To ensure you stay committed to our devotion, make plans for it. Don't wing it. Devotion times should be scheduled and intentional.

When you have a daily devotion to the study of God's Word, the Word opens up and becomes real to you, and you'll grow in your understanding of it. In Ephesians 3:2-4, Apostle Paul highlights that the way to understand the words written in his epistles is to read and read again. The word "read" in verse 4 comes from the Greek word "anaginosko", which means to read repeatedly.

So, when you devote yourself to studying the Word, you position yourself to receive revelation. It is this revelation that will transform your life and make the Word become your experience. Make up your mind to study God's Word daily. The change you are looking for is already in His Word. Keep reading it until it "jumps out" at you—then you will truly see the Word as your reality.

CONFESSION

I am a man given to the study of God's Word. I stay with God's Word until it becomes my reality.

FURTHER READING

Ephesians 1:1-23

THE POWER OF DAILY DEVOTION

KEY TEXT: James 1:22-26

In your personal devotion, you should always aim for ‘gushers.’ These are moments where you are fully soaked in God’s Word or in prayer. Your time with God shouldn’t feel dry; it should be active and fervent. Your mind must be fully engaged during your devotion times. Deal with wandering thoughts and ensure your attention is on the Lord at all times. Prepare for your devotion. Gather your mind and focus it on what you’re about to do.

Find what works best for you during your devotion. Pay attention to when you are most focused—whether it’s morning, afternoon, or evening—and plan your devotion accordingly. You can choose to start with worship, then study, and end with prayer, or adjust the order to suit what helps you stay focused. The key is to be intentional. You can also make it a daily habit to listen to messages.

In today’s key text, you see that hearing and reading God’s Word are equally important. Both bring the same information to your mind. While reading is essential, listening to God’s Word is just as powerful. Make a habit of doing both. When you listen, take notes to help your mind stay focused and engaged. God designed His Word to be taught and read. What you hear often inspires what you see in your personal study. Listening to God’s Word will help shape your thinking to see as God sees.

You won’t go far in understanding the Bible without listening to God’s Word regularly. Schedule time every day to listen, just as you schedule time to read the Word. Whatever helps keep you inspired during your devotion, whether it’s worship, prayer, note-taking, or listening, do it. Your devotion time should be alive, active, and purposeful.

CONFESSION

I am transformed by God’s Word as I give myself to the study and listening of the Word.

FURTHER READING

James 1:1-27

BELIEVING GOD'S WORD

KEY TEXTS: Luke 1:26-37

The Word of God is true, and it can produce what it talks about. God's Word is the tool that transforms and changes circumstances. Impossible situations have been made possible by the Word of God. God's Word has been proven over time to have integrity, and you can depend on it with all of your heart. No matter the situation you're in, you can always trust that God's Word can bring a solution to it.

From our key text, the Angel Gabriel came to Mary with the news that she would conceive and bring forth a son. This was an impossible task because Mary had never been with a man, and it is medically impossible for a woman to conceive without a man. Mary asked the angel how this was going to be possible, and the angel answered and said, "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee and the power of the highest shall overshadow thee." In verse 37, the angel said, "For no word from God shall be void of power" (ASV).

This is the solution to all of life's problems. Your disposition to God's Word must be that of absolute trust and dependence. Mary had never seen this happen before, but she believed in all that the angel said, and she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

The Word of God carries inherent power to accomplish what it talks about. It is not your job to think about how God's Word will come to pass. Some people are very calculative instead of trusting. When they hear a Word from the Lord or read God's Word, they begin to doubt the possibilities of it happening. But you should not be like that; your duty is to believe God's Word wholeheartedly, doubting nothing, just like Mary did.

CONFESSION

I am a believer. I believe that God's Word has the power to do what it talks about. I believe it and I do not doubt.

FURTHER READING

Luke 1:1-37

BELIEVING GOD'S WORD

KEY TEXTS: Genesis 1:1, Luke 1:37

Yesterday, we began by saying that the Word of God can produce what it talks about; and total dependence and trust in the Word of God will make it work in your life. God's Word will work for anyone who believes it. The Word of God does not accommodate impossibility or failure. Anything it says can come to pass.

In Genesis 1:1, it was recorded that the earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved over the face of the waters. The condition of the earth in Genesis 1:1 is what you can call a helpless and hopeless situation. In that state of chaos and anarchy, one would think that nothing could be done. But it was in that same state that God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. In a blink of an eye, the chaos that had existed for years was ended by the word of God.

So, no matter how long a problem has stayed in your life, it can end when it collides with the Word of God. It may be an addiction, lack and poverty, sickness, barrenness, or low self-esteem; if you take up God's Word and believe it, it will produce what it talks about in your life. The Word of God is powerful enough to bring life to a dead situation.

Just like the darkness fled at the coming of light, your challenges and everything that has stopped you from being who God called you to be will flee when it encounters the Word. So your responsibility is to find out what God's Word has said concerning your matter, believe it, and see it work in your life.

PRAYER

Thank You, Father, for Your Word. Thank you for the ability of Your Word to change my life and circumstances. Help me, Lord, to believe everything Your Word has said about me. Amen!

FURTHER READING

Genesis 1:1-31

BELIEVING GOD'S WORD

KEY TEXT: Mark 5:25

The Word of God has inherent power to bring an end to whatever is wrong in your life, no matter how long the issue has stayed. A classical example is seen in Mark 5, the story of the woman with the issue of blood. This woman had suffered for twelve years with an incurable sickness. She visited many doctors and physicians, spent all she had, but never got better.

Some people make the mistake of thinking that money can solve all problems, but there are problems, just like what this woman had, that money can't solve. This woman spent all she had trying to make sure she was whole. It is often at this point that many people give up. But in verse 27 of Mark 5, it was recorded that the woman heard of Jesus and decided that she would touch the hem of Jesus' clothes to be made well.

She must have heard stories about Jesus being a healer and a miracle worker, and she wholly believed it. Her belief in God's Word and faith produced healing. Jesus acknowledged that it was her faith that made her whole. Your faith in God's Word must be like this woman's, who held on to the Word of God even when natural solutions failed. It is the faith we have in God's Word that produces victory.

So, if you are facing defeat in any area of your life, God's Word can produce victory if only you can believe it. It doesn't matter how insurmountable the challenge looks, all you need is to take a hold of the Word and then act on it. Faith is active and not passive. So if you believe the Word, you must act on it. The woman with the issue of blood acted on her faith and saw the result. When you act on the Word, you'll see it work. Glory to God!

CONFESSION

I believe in God's Word. I believe in its ability to change difficult situations. No circumstance is too difficult for the Word of God to change. I am not a doubter of God's Word but a believer. Hallelujah

FURTHER READING

Mark 5:1-43

BELIEVING GOD'S WORD

KEY TEXT: Hebrews 4:12-13

Some Christians claim they believe God's Word but are not seeing the results they want. This often makes them lose confidence in the Word. Sometimes they get offended when anyone tells them to believe the Word because to them they've been doing that without success. But the fault is never from the Word. The Word of God is faithful, and it has integrity. The Psalmist in Psalm 119:89 echoes, "For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven." God's Word is tested and tried. But, why do some believers not experience the Word?

One of the things you should know is that the Word of God judges you. It checks the state of your heart when you say you believe it. In Hebrews 4:12-13, the Bible says that God's Word is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. This means that the Word of God knows you. The Word knows when you are taking it seriously and when you are not.

God is not under pressure just because someone says they believe His Word. Some Christians who say they believe God's Word do not even have their minds on the Word. So they read the Word in the morning, and just before they get up from their chair, they have forgotten what they read. The Word will not work for such people. James calls them forgetful hearers.

But the man who wants to see the Word work in their lives must hear and do it. You must act on the Word. The Word of God that will change you is the one you believe and act on. So, decide today that you'll be a doer of the Word and not just a hearer.

CONFESSION

I am not a forgetful hearer of the Word. I am a doer. My faith in the Word is not passive but active. I will act on the Word and see the results in my life.

FURTHER READING

James 1:21-27

BELIEVING GOD'S WORD

KEY TEXT: Titus 1:2

God cannot lie, and so His Word cannot lie. The Word of God has integrity, and we can trust that God's Word will do exactly what it says it will do. Paul, writing to Titus, said, "In hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before the world began." That eternal life which was promised has now come to us. God keeps His Word, and if we believe what He has said in the Scriptures, we will see it work in our lives.

A clear instance of God keeping His Word is the giving of His Son Jesus Christ to the world. In the Old Testament, God spoke through the prophets that the Messiah would come. The prophets also spoke about His death and resurrection. When we come to the New Testament, we see the fulfillment of everything that the prophets spoke about.

God will not allow His word to fall to the ground, but you must believe the Word, act on it, and then see results. So God's Word does not lie, and if you believe in it, you will have the same results that men in time past had. As we conclude, you must understand that God's Word produces what it talks about. You must also understand that believing in God's Word is not a passive action.

You must act on the Word to see the results in your life. If you can follow the principles in God's Word, you will always be victorious in every area of your lives. Only do not doubt the Word in your heart and let your actions be consistent with what you say you believe. Be committed to seeing the Word work in your life. Stay with it, and your life will become a shining evidence that the Word works.

CONFESSION

The Word of God is true, and it does not change. What it was yesterday is what it is today and forever. I yield myself to the Word, and I see it work in my life.

FURTHER READING

Titus 1:1-16

THE CHRISTIAN LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

KEY TEXT: John 15:12

Walking in love is integral to being a Christian. The love walk is the badge of the believer. It's that one thing that our Lord Jesus instructs us to exhibit towards one another. The love that we are to display towards others is in the face of their negative traits, and not only when we consider them likeable. Anyone can love the loveable. But, the believer can show love even when the recipient is undeserving. This is one distinguishing factor about us.

We see in Romans 5:6-8 that God's love is unique because it is for ungodly and undeserving men. God manifested the nature of His love—He loved sinful men. He loved men who were His enemies. This is the nature of the love that has been shed abroad in your heart. You have the ability to love like God does because He has shed His love abroad in your heart. This love is still towards you, accommodating your flaws, failures, and weaknesses. So, you also can love others with their imperfections.

Walking in love means that your response towards others when they offend you will be in imitation of God. You don't respond the way the world will. You can choose to walk in the flesh or yield to the Spirit. You always have a choice. The Word of God instructs you to choose the highway of love.

If God can forgive someone, you too can. When we talk about Jesus' kind of love, we think of a love that endures. It means some situations and circumstances should naturally make you not want to love. However, your love standard is Jesus. As you have received His teaching and healing ministry, you can also love like He does.

CONFESSION

Love is the Christian badge, and I'm a Christian. God so loved me even in my worst state.
Loving people is natural to me; I choose to love like Jesus did.

FURTHER READING

Romans 5:1-10

THE CHRISTIAN LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

KEY TEXT: 1 Peter 4:8, Ephesians 4:26-32

We saw yesterday that love is the Christian's badge, and love is not only when you find the situation or person pleasant. The apostle Peter makes a bold statement; that love covers a multitude of sins. This means that your reaction when someone upsets you is a measure of how much of the influence the Word of God has over you. Sometimes you may need to pray and confess the Word before you can forgive someone. It may be appropriate for the meantime but eventually, you have to come to the point where forgiveness is your natural response to provocation.

The Word of God does not give you the option to choose to forgive sometimes and hold on to wrong other times. When someone wrongs you, not forgiving them shouldn't be part of the equation. People should be able to believe that you will forgive them. You are a recipient of God's kindness, and you cannot be stingy with that kindness.

Jesus, in Matt 5:43-48, tells us that we are to do good to those who hate us and pray for them. There is no justification to be offended. From verse 45, we see that one major thing that characterizes you as a child of God is your ability to love those who do not love you. Because you are a child of God, more is expected of you. If you do good to only those who do good to you, then you are not walking as a Christian should.

Remember, you are in this world but you're not of this world. And so at all points, God's Word should form your opinions. The world celebrates unforgiveness and revenge as strength and sees forgiveness as weakness. But this is not what we see in the Word of God. The Almighty God loves and forgives the undeserving. As His child, you're to imitate Him. Hallelujah!

CONFESSION

I am a recipient of God's love, and there is no one I cannot love. Unforgiveness is alien to me, and I refuse it. I am not averse to corrections; I walk in love always.

FURTHER READING

Matthew 5:40-48

THE CHRISTIAN LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

KEY TEXTS: Romans 5:5- 8, 1 John 3:23

Paul explains that the love of God has been poured out in the heart of the Christian. This means that the believer is capable of loving as God. Biblical forgiveness is the standard of forgiveness. From our second key text, you are commanded and mandated to love. The Lord expects you to love and forgive.

When people offend you, they should know that you will forgive them, just as you know God has forgiven you. The gravity of the Christian love walk is such that if someone offends you, God will judge them for offending you, but He will also judge you if you decide not to forgive them. Love has such gravity that you will answer for your conduct even when someone offends you. That's why it doesn't matter whose fault it is. The Christian badge is love.

Love is not a suggestion, it's a commandment. There should not be times and seasons in your life when you dwell on offence. You cannot believe in God's salvation and God's gift of forgiveness, and remain in offence. The message you preach does not allow you to be offended. You preach a message of forgiveness, so you are bound to forgive others.

In 1 John 3:14-16, you will notice that John did not factor in the offender. It's up to you to forgive. Have no business with unforgiveness, no matter how justifiable it seems. As a Christian, you are not permitted to deal with unforgiveness. Unforgiveness breeds offence, and offence is not acceptable; it's a proof of a lack of spiritual growth. You have no right to be offended, and even though there was a legitimate hurt, you are instructed to love and forgive.

CONFESSION

I am a believer, I have no business with unforgiveness, it is not acceptable to me. I choose to love and forgive people irrespective of what they have done. I cannot be brought under the reign of offence and unforgiveness.

FURTHER READING

1 John 3:1-16

THE CHRISTIAN LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

KEY TEXT: Ephesians 5:1-2, Romans 5:5

The cardinal way to imitate God is by walking in love. A man's inability to walk in love shows that he does not recognize what has been done for him. That is why people who walk in offence find it difficult to walk in the knowledge of the love of God. You cannot be a recipient of the kindness of God and have unforgiveness towards people.

A man who has received the grace of God does not have the right to not extend that grace. The love of God has been shed abroad in your heart. You have the spirit of God dwelling in you, so by default, you were made to walk in love. From Hebrews 12:14-15, we see that your conduct is meant to reflect your Christianity. People should see the Lord through your conduct. If you do not follow peace, you are not walking in the grace that is available to you.

When a man is not walking in love and peace, the root of bitterness comes, and everything becomes corrupted. The believer is a fountain, a fountain of life to bless the world. When you allow offence and unforgiveness, the water becomes bitter and corrupted. People come around you, and they do not grow; they leave the church, or their commitment drops. Offence can corrupt your whole ministry.

Even in marriage, if couples simply do the Word and walk in love, there would be no need for divorce. Just do the Word, and you will not give in to offense. You owe people love and forgiveness. Whether they ask for it or not, give it to them. People should be comfortable around you, to talk to you freely or use your property. They should not walk on eggshells around you. Let people know that they have forgiveness with you.

PRAYER

Lord, help me to see that your love has been shed abroad in my heart and that I can love just like you. I submit my heart to the spirit of God, and I choose to love my brethren.

FURTHER READING

Ephesians 4:25-32

THE CHRISTIAN LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

KEY TEXTS: Hebrews 13:1, Romans 12:10

The man in Christ is not helpless. He is not at the mercy of anything. The believer, by his new birth, has dominion over sin and all the works of the flesh.. You cannot be bound by anger or unforgiveness, or offense. As a believer, you should not be saying things like “I can never like this person” or “I just cannot flow with this person.” Your disposition and stance as a Christian should be that of love and forgiveness. Your brethren must not even apologize to you before you forgive them.

From our text, the author of Hebrews shows us that love is a commandment. You are commanded to let brotherly love continue. This is an instruction, yet a revelation of who God has made you. In Galatians 5:22, we see that one of the fruits of your Spirit is love, and another is goodness. You have what it takes to love anybody just like God loves.

We see the example of Stephen in Acts 7:60, he forgave his offenders even while they stoned him. Jesus, our Lord and Saviour, who is our model example, shows us this same character. He also did not take account of the sins of the men who nailed Him to the cross; rather, He forgave them.

This love of God has become your reality. You have what it takes to forgive your greatest offender. Paul, in Romans 5:6-8, tells us how God displayed love towards us. He loved us in our worst state; while we were yet sinners. Jesus not only paid for your sins, but also gave you the gift of forgiveness (Ephesians 1:7, Colossians 2:13-14). As a believer, there is nobody you cannot love, there is nobody you cannot forgive. You have enough love for the whole world.

CONFESSION

I am a love child of a love God. I am like my Father God; forgiving people is natural to me. Loving men is what I do. I am not given to offence or unforgiveness. I have enough love for every man I meet.

FURTHER READING

Romans 12:1-21

BUILDING FAITH FOR HEALING

KEY TEXTS: James 1:5-8, Mark 5:25-34

We live in a world where people tend to talk down or even doubt the fact that God's power is available for them. It's common for people to become discouraged and stop believing God's Word on healing when they don't see rapid progress. As a result of this, doubt and uncertainty can hinder one's faith, making it harder to receive healing from God.

From our key text, we see that giving is the character of God. God gives liberally; He upbraideth not. The phrase "upbraideth not" means to not find fault. This means that God gives to all men freely without finding fault. So, when it comes to receiving healing, God is a giving God. He does not find fault when He gives. A person's inability to receive from God has nothing to do with God's giving. God is the constant; He gives all the time.

However, faith is a principal thing when it comes to receiving from God. Consider the woman with the issue of blood; she had that infirmity for 12 years of her life. The Bible records that she "suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse." The change happened when she heard about Jesus. To get to Jesus, she first had to clear her mind of the long-held sickness and start seeing the possibility of her being healed.

In the case of this woman, you'll realize that God's power was so constant that Jesus didn't regulate it. The woman received her healing by faith. In the healing equation, the variable is not God but the man. On God's part, He always wants us to receive. Healing has always been a part of what God does. Your responsibility is to build your faith on the truth that God wants you well.

CONFESSION

I reject every thought of discouragement and unbelief that tries to hinder my faith. I know that God gives liberally and finds no fault in giving. Hallelujah!

FURTHER READING

Mark 5:1-34

BUILDING FAITH FOR HEALING

KEY TEXT: Romans 10:8-10, Matthew 8:5-13

Faith for healing has a cardinal place in our human experience and the work of ministry. At some point in life, sickness is something you have to deal with, both in your life and in the lives of people. This is why it is vital to start the training on believing God for healing early enough. Don't wait for crisis moments.

You must understand that faith is the only way to receive from God. For faith to have results, the fact that healing is yours has to be absolute in your mind. In Matthew 8, when the centurion approached Jesus for the healing of his servant, he told Jesus to command the sickness to leave. This shows that he believed Jesus could heal his servant, even without him being physically present and Jesus commended him for the faith he exercised.

Faith is vital when it comes to God's dealings with us. In Romans 10:9, you'll see that one of the principles of faith is speaking, using words. In this case, using the Word of God. At the point of salvation, words were communicated, and words were also used to receive the gospel. That saving power of God is made available through words. This means words must truly be powerful. Prayer is done via words, and preaching is also done via words. Words open the door for God's power. So, with your words, you can either cooperate with God's power or with the sickness.

The use of words has a profound way of building your faith. In the story of the woman with the issue of blood, one of the things that built her faith was her words. The Bible records that she said, "If I may touch but His clothes, I shall be whole". Understanding the power of your words is vital, especially when it comes to building your faith.

CONFESSION

I am conscious of the fact that my words are important when it comes to building my faith. I don't use my words to side with sickness but with God's Word.

FURTHER READING

Romans 10:1-21, Romans 1:16-17

BUILDING FAITH FOR HEALING

KEY TEXTS: Romans 4:17, Mark 5:35-36

Abraham's story is another outstanding example of someone who received from God through faith. From our key text, you will see again that the way God operates is via words. He operates by “calling those things that be not as though they were.” Physically, Abraham couldn't bear children at that age, yet he stuck to God's promise. Faith sees the result before seeing the manifestation physically. Faith will ignore certain facts when they are contrary to God's Word.

Bringing it down to healing, faith means that you are not considering the pain. It means you will rather declare that you are healed. It therefore means that you stay on God's Word regarding healing as your right. It means you are choosing not to side with the symptoms but rather with the Word. Sometimes, in healing, you would have to fight your way through. You take God's Word and hold onto it until you see the result you desire.

In the case of Jarius, when he came to Jesus for his daughter's healing, the Bible mentions that certain people came from his house to inform him that his daughter had died. Immediately Jesus heard that information, Jesus told him not to be afraid, and only believe. Fear came to that man by what he heard, but Jesus intervened. Jesus understood the significance of words in shaping a man's faith.

When it comes to believing God for healing, you must learn to put away information that will affect your faith negatively, or that cause unbelief. You must learn to put away every piece of information contrary to God's Word. Speaking God's Word to the situation immediately is also vital. Since words will bring in the power of God, you must choose to speak God's Word and be conscious of what you let into your heart.

CONFESSION

I understand the significance of words in shaping my faith, and I will be mindful of what I speak and what I let into my heart. Amen.

FURTHER READING

Mark 5:1-43

BUILDING FAITH FOR HEALING

KEY TEXTS: Jude 1:3

Every Christian ought to have faith in the healing power of God, and that faith must come from the Word of God. In Jude 1:3, Jude says, “contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.” In other words, don't allow the world to compromise the faith that has been delivered to you. In this case, don't allow the circumstances that you see around you to shut down your faith in God's healing power. As a believer, you've got to understand that there's a conflict against walking in healing. Jude said to contend for that faith that has been delivered to us. So you must fight to keep its purity. Fight to see healing become a reality in your body.

In Mark 11:23-24, you will see the power of faith, and what happens when you keep insisting until you see the desired result. Faith believes even in the face of the situation. One way to help build your faith is to keep speaking God's Word over that situation again and again. A lot of times, speaking creates an image first. Again, in the example of the woman with the issue of blood, the change started when she heard about Jesus. She kept speaking until she began to see herself well.

A key identifier of faith is the ability to mentally picture the reality of what you're saying. When you believe God's Word concerning that sickness, you must see it before receiving healing for it.

Understand that action is born of faith. Actions don't produce faith; rather faith acts. Your actions must be built on faith. The woman who came to Jesus had built her faith; she kept speaking until her mind saw the possibility of being healed. So, before she acted, she had seen herself healed. You must learn to see the possibility of God's healing power. Stay with the Word until the image you see changes, and your healing manifests in your body.

CONFESSION

I refuse to back down from God's healing power. I see the possibility of God's healing power, and I stand firm till I see the desired result.

FURTHER READING

Mark 11:11-24

BUILDING FAITH FOR HEALING

KEY TEXT: James 1:1-8, Romans 12:2

From our study yesterday, we saw clearly that faith is coming to a place where you can see yourself well and healed, even before the physical manifestation of that healing appears. It is not just about hoping or wishing for something to happen. This means that your faith is not dependent on what you can see or feel physically. Instead, it's based on what God has said in His Word.

Faith is based on the character of God; it's based on the confidence that God will do what He has said. In James 1:6, the Bible instructs to "ask in faith, nothing wavering." It goes on to explain that when the man wavers, in other words, when he begins to doubt, he will never receive anything from God. This means that if you don't have faith that God freely gives, then you cannot believe Him. Lack of confidence in God's character will affect your receiving from Him.

In the topic of building faith for healing, what you feed on is very important. If you keep feeding on the fact that God will never give you whatever you ask for, you will never receive what you desire. Romans 12:2 tells you to renew your mind with God's Word. Remind yourself that God delights in giving and He does not find fault.

This also implies that you must learn to put away information that will contradict God's Word. You cannot have faith if you allow your mind to wander. If your mind is full of information contrary to God's Word, believing God will be tough. So, you must have your mind stayed on God's Word all the time. When you want to walk in healing, faith sometimes becomes a struggle. But, you must learn to fight through and insist on God's Word. Hallelujah!

CONFESSION

I believe that God is a giving God, and I receive from Him because I believe in His Word. I know to put away thoughts and information that contradict God's Word, and I will keep my mind stayed on His Word. Amen!

FURTHER READING

Romans 4:1-21

THE DILIGENT SEEKER

KEY TEXTS: Hebrews 11:6

One thing a Christian should be known for is their hunger for the things they believe in. A genuine desire to grow and change is how progress begins. When you desire to change, you can be assured that God wants that for you as well. In Romans 12:2, Paul writes, “Be not conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” This shows clearly that change and transformation are part of God's plan for every believer.

Some people fear change, perhaps because it will require them to do things they have not done before or maybe make them begin to walk on new terrain. For some others, they are ashamed to even ask God for a change. But seeing that God wants you to change and become better should make you bold in demanding for a change in your life.

When you want God to touch your life and change it, you should not be ashamed. You should not be ashamed to do what is required to make your life better. For example, the person who wants to begin to walk with the Lord must lose the fear and shame of what their friends think. Maybe you have been apathetic towards God in the past, but now you want to burn for the Lord. You must be willing to go at it with everything you’ve got.

You must have a sense of a new direction in your life. It means you decide how you want your life to go from now on. You must then set your face as a flint, pursue the change until you see your life experiencing all that the Word of God said. Don’t let the mockery of the world stop you from seeking the Lord. Do not let their applause or the absence of it deter you from what you must do to change. Stay at it.

CONFESSION

I am willing to change and I am also willing to do what is required to see that change in my life

FURTHER READING

Romans 12:1-3

THE DILIGENT SEEKER

KEY TEXTS: Exodus 33:15

The man who desires a changed life must be bold enough to seek the Lord for it. His actions should align with his intentions. It is not enough to want something different if your choices don't support that desire. One of the blessings of coming before God with genuine hunger is that He never turns away the one who seeks Him. Those who are hungry will always be filled.

Many people today try to hide their hunger for God. Deep down, they long for more of Him, but they are not willing to pursue Him as they should. There is a space in every heart that only God can fill, yet many are unwilling to draw near and allow Him to take His place. Rather than acknowledge their need, they mask it with distractions and excuses.

Scripture gives us examples of people who were bold in seeking the Lord. One such example is Moses. In Exodus 33:15, he asked God to show him His glory. This was not a common request, and to some, it may have seemed excessive. But Moses was not concerned with appearances, he knew what he wanted, and he asked for it with confidence. God honoured his request and revealed Himself in a way that marked Moses forever.

There are still believers today who hesitate to ask the Lord for more. They worry that their prayers are too ambitious or that God will reject their requests. But there is nothing in God that is off-limits to the one who seeks Him with sincerity. God responds to hunger. He draws near to those who draw near to Him. If there are places in Him you desire to walk in, or experiences with Him you long to have, you only need to seek Him earnestly. He is always ready to meet those who truly want more of Him.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank you for the privilege you have given to me to seek you and find you.
Today I receive strength to seek your face more. Amen

FURTHER READING

Exodus 33:1-23

THE DILIGENT SEEKER

KEY TEXTS: Hebrews 11:6

We've been looking at how our desires must be followed by the action of seeking the Lord in order to receive what we long for. No one finds God by chance. He is found by those who make the effort to seek Him. But it is also important to understand that there is a way to seek the Lord. Hebrews 11:6 makes it clear that God doesn't respond to every form of seeking. He is a King. He doesn't beg or compromise. Rather, He sets the standard, and it is up to us to rise to meet it.

God has given us the liberty to dream big in Him, to want more, and to press in for greater things. But He must be sought with all our hearts. It is not the casual or distracted seeker that God rewards. He is the rewarder of those who seek Him with diligence, with intention, and with full attention of heart.

There are some who seek the Lord, but not fully. They want to see God's hand at work, but they are not willing to pray, to study, or to wait on Him in meditation. They are drawn to the results—the flow of the spirit, the influence of the spirit in their words, the miracles—but they do not want to commit to the process. They want to skip the seeking and still enjoy the fruits of it. But that kind of person cannot have what they desire.

In Psalm 63:1–3, David gives a picture of what true seeking looks like. His longing for the Lord was tied to a deep hunger to see God's power and glory. Until he saw it, he wasn't going to stop seeking. That is the mindset every believer should carry. It involves setting apart time for prayer, for study, and for quiet pursuit of God. David said he would seek the Lord early, intentionally, consistently. That same posture is what keeps a heart aligned with God and positioned to receive from Him.

CONFESSION

I love to seek the Lord. I will early in the morning when I am at my best and seek the face of the Lord.

FURTHER READING

Hebrews 11:1-6, Psalm 63:1-11

THE DILIGENT SEEKER

KEY TEXTS: Acts 15:17

Man was created to seek the Lord. That was God's original design. Man was made with limits. He was made to need help. He was made to depend on God. This understanding should make it clear that seeking the Lord is not strange or excessive, it is simply normal for the believer. There is nothing unusual about giving everything in pursuit of God. It is the natural response of someone who understands his frame.

The man who does not seek the Lord is full of pride and arrogance because he thinks that he can exist on his own. The one who does not seek God is saying that he does not need God and can take care of himself. From our key Texts, we see that the residue of men are supposed to seek the Lord.

It is also important to note that seeking the Lord is not a one time affair. Some Christians ask the question, "How long do I have to seek the Lord?" The answer is that seeking the Lord is a lifelong event. No man can claim he has completely and exhaustively known God. No man can claim he has seen God enough. No matter the level of growth you have attained, seeking the Lord should never be a past event for you.

A typical example is Apostle Paul. In Philippians 3:10, he cried, "that I may know him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His suffering...." This statement seems to boggle the minds of certain Christians. How can Paul, the mighty Apostle, after so many years in ministry with all the special miracles, signs and wonders that were wrought by him, still say that he wanted to know the Lord. What is there again to know for the man who has all these ministry results? To some people, he had reached the zenith of his ministry but he still cried for more. This should instruct you, that seeking the Lord never ends.

PRAYER

Lord, help me to see that seeking you never ends. Let me never come to the point in my life where I think I have fully known you. Put a hunger in my heart that makes me run after you continually. Amen.

FURTHER READING

Acts 15:1-17, Philippians 3:1-12

THE DILIGENT SEEKER

KEY TEXT: 2 Kings 2:1-12

One thing you must keep in mind is that man was made to seek the Lord. In the example of Elijah and Elisha, we see what diligent seeking can look like. Elijah was about to be taken by the Lord, and Elisha was aware. Although Elijah repeatedly told Elisha to stay behind, Elisha insisted on following him to the end. From one location to another, both Elijah and the sons of the prophets tried to dissuade him. But Elisha was unmoved.

Anyone who truly desires to seek the Lord must settle it in their heart that the voices of men cannot be their guide. Elisha could have given in to the pressure. He could have chosen the easier path and stayed behind with the others. But his focus was clear. He remained steadfast. At a point, his persistence may have looked unnecessary. Why was he still following Elijah? Why wasn't he with the others? But Elisha's diligence was not without result: he received a double portion of Elijah's spirit.

2 Kings 2:10 makes it clear that what Elisha asked for was not a light request. Yet, by that point, the difficulty no longer mattered. Elisha had fulfilled the requirement—he followed diligently, and he received what he asked.

Let your heart be like Elisha's. Make up your mind that in seeking the Lord, you will not be swayed by what others say or do. Do not let applause or criticism distract you. The Lord rewards those who seek Him with all their heart. He satisfies the soul that remains hungry for Him.

CONFESSION

I won't allow the voices, criticisms, and mockery of men stop me from pursuing after the Lord. I refuse to be discouraged. I continue in seeking the Lord and I will have my reward.

FURTHER READING

2 Kings 2:1-25

OPEN TO GOD'S MOVE

KEY TEXTS: 1 Cor 12:31

Passionate people always find a way, don't they? They'll do whatever it takes to get what they want. God wants you to have that same kind of passion when it comes to spiritual things. He wants it to consume your thoughts, whether you're awake or asleep. Paul, inspired by the Holy Spirit, wrote in 1 Corinthians 12:31, "But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way." What does that mean? Paul is saying that the key to getting the most out of spiritual gifts is to desire them passionately. That "more excellent way" he mentioned? It's not about replacing spiritual gifts with love, as some think. Instead, it's about love being the best way to use those gifts.

So, love isn't a substitute for spiritual gifts, it's what makes the gifts work in the most powerful and impactful way. Imagine walking into a hospital as a Christian, and all you can offer the sick is pity. Think about Jesus, when He heard about Lazarus' death, He didn't just cry out of pity; He raised him from the dead. Love wasn't just a feeling for Jesus, it moved Him to act in power.

This is what Apostle Paul emphasizes: the gifts of the Spirit shouldn't be used out of pride or strife but out of love. Healing the sick or performing miracles isn't about showing off or proving you're "the big deal." It's about helping people because you love them. True love compels action, and spiritual gifts are a powerful way to express that love.

That's why you should desire spiritual gifts. You should want to flow with the Spirit, not for recognition but because you care about others. God hasn't retired from doing miracles, and as His child, you shouldn't either.

CONFESSION

I am passionate about spiritual gifts. God's love and power flow through me into people's lives.

FURTHER READING

John 11:1-44

OPEN TO GOD'S MOVE

KEY TEXTS: 1 Cor 12:1

Today, not many people walk in the power of God, and the reason is clear; many lack an earnest desire for it. You can't walk in God's power by accident or without intention. In our key text, we see that the Spirit of God does not want us to remain uninformed about walking in His power. Ignorance is not an option; God wants His people equipped, not acting like novices in matters of the Spirit.

Unfortunately, when the power of God is discussed, many believers have little to no understanding of what it truly means. If you examine the text closely, you'll notice that the word "gifts" is italicized, indicating that it was added by translators for clarity but wasn't part of the original manuscript. Without it, the verse reads: "Now concerning spiritual, brethren, I would not have you ignorant." This phrasing highlights Paul's intention to address all things related to the Spirit, not just spiritual gifts. Paul wants you to know about the unseen realm and its influence in our lives as believers.

The passage goes beyond the nine gifts of the Spirit; it speaks about being wise and discerning in all matters of the Spirit. When someone is spiritually wise, they can recognize and carry spiritual burdens, receive more from divine encounters, and effectively steward the power of God. Being wise concerning spirituals isn't always about knowing everything; sometimes it's in your attitude. It could be adjusting your stance when you pray, really leaning into it with everything you've got. When life knocks you around, instead of getting frustrated, try rejoicing. Sometimes, what it takes is confessing God's promises when everything around you seems gloomy.

Walking in God's power requires more than just knowledge, it requires passion, understanding, and intentionality. God desires that His people move in His power with wisdom, faith, and boldness, bringing transformation, healing, and hope wherever they go.

CONFESSION

I'm not ignorant when it comes to spirituals. I desire earnestly all that God has given through His Spirit within me. Glory to God!

FURTHER READING

Philippians 4:1-7

OPEN TO GOD'S MOVE

KEY TEXTS: Acts 2:15

Being passionate means staying open to God's Spirit. Your mindset should always be: if it's God's Spirit, then I'm open. That's how a believer should live; open to however God chooses to move, even if it feels unusual or unexpected. Sometimes, God's move might seem "weird." It could come as uncontrollable laughter, and when it does, don't hold back or try to act reserved—lean into it. It might show up as a heavy, stomping dance that doesn't seem "normal." But that's okay! As a believer, your response should be simple: be all in.

Think about what happened in Acts when the Holy Spirit was poured out. The people were so filled with the Spirit that Peter had to explain, "These are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day." This tells us that their behavior—likely filled with laughter, joy, and uncoordinated actions—looked strange to onlookers. But that was God moving!

Yes, it might feel odd at times, but God's Spirit can work in ways that challenge your expectations. When you're in a meeting or gathering where God's presence is strong, don't just stand on the sidelines—dive in. Let God's glory completely saturate you. Don't just get a little sprinkle; let the rain of His presence drench you fully.

God's bar is open, and it's stocked with everything you need—peace, joy, healing, strength, and power. Why settle for a sip when you can gulp it all down? Let His Spirit fill you so completely that it drowns out every trace of fear, depression, or doubt. Take as many "shots" as you want—there's no limit. God's bar is overflowing with healing, hope, and transformation. Whatever you need, it's right there. So don't hold back—step in, drink deeply, and let His Spirit completely transform your life.

CONFESSION

I am open to the move of God's Spirit in my life. I yield completely to His presence, no matter how it comes. I refuse to hold back or stay reserved—I am fully immersed in God's glory. I drink deeply from the well of His Spirit, and I am drenched in His glory.

FURTHER READING

Acts 2:1-21

OPEN TO GOD'S MOVE

KEY TEXTS: 1 Cor 12:2, 1 Cor 2:9-16

When it comes to the flow of the Spirit, God doesn't want you to be ignorant. Why? Because the stakes are high, and the consequences of not knowing are severe. If God says you can miss out on His move because of ignorance, that means the enemy can easily take advantage of you in those moments. Ignorance isn't just a lack of knowledge; it's a missed opportunity to align with what God is doing. And that's a huge cost to pay.

God wants you alert, aware, and fully in tune with His Spirit. It's not just about being present; it's about being ready to flow with Him. The spiritual isn't meant to be spooky or mysterious. Yes, it's unseen, but it's something you can know, relate to, and experience. Apostle Paul points this out in 1 Corinthians 12:2 when he reminds the believers of their past: "You know that when you were pagans, you were led off after speechless idols, however you were led off [whether by impulse or habit]." (AMP).

Back then, they were deceived by the dark side of the unseen. Sadly, this same deception is still common today. Many believers know more about the dark side of the spiritual than they do about the truth. Movies and media often glorify the dark side, making it seem powerful and fascinating, and as a result, people's minds have been misguided.

But here's the good news: God wants to re-educate you. He wants to replace the lies with truth and enlighten you about the real unseen world. What you've seen or heard about the negative supernatural is nothing compared to God's move and His power. The unseen world isn't dominated by darkness—it belongs to God (Elohim), and He wants you to walk in the fullness of that understanding.

CONFESSION

Lord, I am open to you re-educating my senses. I receive your Word wholeheartedly, and I flow much more in all you have for me. Hallelujah!

FURTHER READING

Psalm 119:18, 1 Cor 2:9-16

OPEN TO GOD'S MOVE

KEY TEXTS: Psalms 2:4

God's Word is the cure for spiritual ignorance. As a believer, God should always be bigger in your mind than the devil and his cohorts. If the devil seems larger than life to you, that's already a losing mindset, a warped mindset. A native doctor's words shouldn't carry more weight in your heart than the words of your Pastor, spoken under the influence of the Holy Spirit. Don't let the negative influences and experiences of this world shape your thinking.

If they already have, there's still hope. Get into the Word of God. Stay with it, meditate on it, and let it renew your mind until it becomes the only thing you see and believe. That's God's school: a school where ignorance is replaced with truth, and fear is replaced with faith. Attend that school faithfully, and you'll never find yourself sidelined or deceived. God wants you informed, empowered, and ready for His move.

The world often tells stories that make us hesitant about God's move and the spiritual. But you need to be wise. Satan plays the long game—he plants ideas that distort your view of the supernatural. He'll have you believe that only possessed people fall under the power of God or create scenes in movies where witches laugh, twisting what's true.

By the time you want to flow with God's Spirit, nothing happens, and you're left wondering why. It's because your mind has been slowly remodeled to resist the move of God. Don't let that stand. Take your mind back and school it with the Word of God. The Bible says, "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh"—and you are seated with Christ. That means laughter is yours, not for witches or any other deception of the enemy. Re-educate yourself with the truth, renew your mind, and watch how you begin to participate in every spiritual flow.

CONFESSION

I declare that my mind is schooled by Your Word, and I flow freely in the Spirit, unhindered by fear or doubt.

FURTHER READING

Psalms 2:1-12

THE LOVE WALK OF THE BELIEVER

KEY TEXTS: 2 Corinthians 5:13-14, 1 Cor 3:13-14

Your conduct as a believer matters and it will certainly be tried. 2 Cor 5:10 says that all of us will appear before Jesus. We will all stand to give account on the last day for what we did with this body. So, our love work has an eternal reward or loss of reward. A part of what God will judge is how you treat fellow believers. Believers are God's children. That's why Jesus said in Matthew 25:40, "Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Whatever you do to His brethren, you do to Him. This must settle in your mind. Whatever you do to believers, you do to the Lord. When Paul encountered Jesus on the way to Damascus, Jesus told him that in persecuting the church, he was also persecuting Him. The church and Jesus are one. In Philippians 1:10, Paul says that when you cause a believer to stumble, you sin against Christ. This is why the believer's love work is one of the most repeated commands in the Bible.

Eph 5:1-2, the word "follow" is from "mimetes" in the Greek, which means to imitate. Paul says if you want to copy God, then you will walk in love. How did Christ love us? In Rom 5:8, we see that while we were yet in sin, God loved us and gave His son to die for us.

God didn't wait for you to change before Jesus died. If you are going to love the way God loves, you must not wait for them to act first. Your love for people will be such that you can't exactly find out what makes them deserving of your love. You love expecting nothing in return. When you are confident in God's love, you can love anyone.

CONFESSION

God has shown me so great a love. And that love is poured out in my heart, empowering me to love anyone. Hallelujah!

FURTHER READING

Ephesians 5:1-21