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MON
1ST

TUES
2ND

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3RD

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5PM EACH DAY

THE PROGRAM

DAY 1: WORSHIP & WONDERS NIGHT! DAY 2: SHOWERS OF FINANCIAL BLESSINGS!

DAY 3: COMMUNION OF PRESERVATION!



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QUIET TIME PROGRAMME

Good Morning Jesus	1Min
Praise And Worship (Hymns & Songs)	6Mins
Power Seeds & Bible Reading	7Mins
Prayer For Self & Family	12Mins
Prayer For Church & Others	7Mins
Spiritual Warfare	5Mins
Quiet Moment To Listen For Divine Direction	5Mins
Final Song and Closing	2Mins
Total	45Mins



▶ INTRODUCTION

“And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.”

Mark 1:35

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GEORGE IZUNWA |

During King David's reign, the tabernacle (the movable tent) that Moses had made was erected at the high place in Gibeon. This tabernacle represented the presence of God among the people.

At one particular time when David sinned, he needed a more immediate and convenient altar, so God sent him to Ornan and told David to build on Ornan's threshing floor. **1 Chronicles 21:26** says, “*And David built there an altar to the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, and called on the LORD; and He answered him from heaven by fire on the altar of burnt offering.*”

Thanks to Jesus, the sacrificial system is out, the need to go through Levitical priests to get to God is out, and the need to stand before a particular altar whenever you pray is out. However, even though all those things are no more, the spirit of each part of David's worship is still necessary today.

You see, your body is now the temple. **1st Corinthians 6:19** says, “*Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit...?*”

It is your responsibility to build an altar to the Lord in your heart, maintain it, and visit it frequently! Receive grace!

Open your Bible and prepare to find the power of His presence as Pastor George Izunwa and Co-Pastor, Manuela Izunwa are set to take you on a journey through the Scriptures in this monthly devotional.



THE GATEWAY STRATEGY

This is Gateway International Church

Our mission is to help you genuinely encounter God.

There are three (3) values that drive everything we do in this church;

- i- We Love God Passionately,
- ii- We Love People Unconditionally, and
- iii- We Live Our Faith Intentionally!

There are four (4) things that define a true Jesus' follower;

- i- Every true disciple studies & **LEARNS** from the Bible!
- ii- Every true disciple **LIVES** in holiness before God!
- iii- Every true disciple **LOVES** & serves in the church!
- iv- Every true disciple **LEADS** others to Jesus Christ!

There are five (5) things that will help you get the best from this church;

- i- Always come expectant and worship with passion!



THE GATEWAY STRATEGY

- ii- Receive the man of God with an open heart!
- iii- Be regular and punctual in every church service!
- iv- Join a cell group & serve in a church department!
- v- Use our “Welcome Centre” for all your enquiries!

There are three (3) activities that define our God first culture as a church;

- I- God first quiet time!
- ii- God first yearly and monthly consecration!
- iii- God first tithing and first fruits!



2021 COVENANT CONFESSION

(Lift up your right hand and declare)

I AM GATEWAY!

God is first in everything in my life!

My covenant place is at the topmost top!

Today, I set my faith on Romans 10:9-10, which declares that a person is saved by believing in Jesus Christ!

Therefore, I confess that;

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died for my sins!

He rose from the dead on the third day!

His blood cleanses me from all sin!

His righteousness secures my eternal destiny!

I live in Him, through Him and for Him!

Yes, Jesus Christ is my Saviour and Lord!

Again, the Bible declares in John 1:12, that receiving Jesus Christ makes me a child of God!

Therefore, I confess that;

I am in the God-class!

The DNA of greatness is in me!

I am an heir of God, of the riches of God!

Spiritual forces are assisting me!

I walk in peace, purity, power, prosperity and purpose!

I achieve results with ease and speed!

God's irrevocable covenant defends my destiny!

The power of sin, sicknesses, curses, poverty, barrenness, witchcraft, premature death and all evil are broken over my life!

I have the dominion mandate over the earth!



2021

COVENANT CONFESSION

I am above and ahead of my competitors!
Favour and diligence distinguish me amongst my colleagues!
I cannot fail!
I will never know shame!
Only good things happen to me!

In Isaiah 55:10-11, God promises that His word over my life will never return void!

Therefore, today, I set my faith in agreement with my man of God

The Prophetic word will locate me
The anointing will rest on me!
My story will change on this mountain!
I am in Gateway International Church to encounter God!
This is my El-Shaddai covenant year of the joyful sound!
I invoke the covenant blessings of tithing, soul winning and kingdom service!
My heart is open!
My faith is expecting!
Every good word sent by God, through Pastor George Izunwa, will be established in my life!
I will never, never, ever go back the same!
There shall be no loss nor evil report in my life!
I am the evidence of El-Shaddai

Amen!

Jesus Exceeds Expectations!



2021 ▶ MONTHLY PROPHETIC DECLARATION

MARCH: TREASURES!

TEXT: ISA 60:9-22

TAKEOVER WORD: I AM A HIGH FAVOR MAGNATE; NOTHING CAN HINDER GOD'S WILL IN MY LIFE!

PROPHETIC DECLARATIONS:

- This is your month of the exceptional! Dimensions of grace will multiply! Results will exceed expectations!
- Expect heightened & hyper activities of ministering spirits!
- Make me happy! Cause my heart to rejoice in you! Bring souls into my house!
- This month, you will celebrate many undeserved & unexpected testimonies!
- Cast the thoughts of fear & demonic intimidation away; nothing shall by any means hurt you!
- I've asked you to revisit your dreams: if you will own them again, I will revive them for you!
- Remember, you cannot come into my celebration wearing filthy garments!



2021

▶ MONTHLY **PROPHETIC DECLARATION**

- Let go! Refuse to hold what is holding you back! Let it go!
- If you will ask, I will give you a peek into the future through my eyes!
- For the days are come in which I will distinguish my bride; this is the beginning of those days!

Jesus Exceeds Expectations!

GIVING—THE PROOF OF LOVE

KEY TEXT

1 Kg. 3:3-5 (NIV), "The king went to Gibeon to offer sacrifices, for that was the most important high place, and Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."

POWER THOUGHT

Nobody is remembered for what they receive but for the sacrifices they make.

It's not a new fact that when you carry a little baby and you start playing and smiling at the baby, the baby just smiles back at you and vice versa, if you frown at the baby, the baby begins to cry. These are what we call reflex actions. People most times reciprocate or react to whatever is done for or to them. When you continually pour love on a thing with time, affection begins to build. Try giving a beggar on the road money without him or her asking, you will find out that even when you don't give them they will greet and smile at you whenever they see you. This is a normal phenomenon of life.

If you love anybody or anything, you put that thing first and you make sacrifices for them. You can't say you love God when God is not a priority in your life. Love is proven in priority. Anything you love and prioritize, you can make sacrifices for. The proof of love many times, is sacrifice. How much you are willing to sacrifice for a thing shows how much value you place on that thing. You can't 'love' without giving. Giving is a prerequisite for any relationship. Many people want to love and be loved without making sacrifices, they just want to be at the receiving end. Nobody is remembered for what they receive but for the sacrifices they make.

Strive to make impact. The Bible says that God loves a cheerful giver. Don't count the cost, just give! If you love God, then give to Him; give Him your worship, your tithe, your service etc. No investment in God goes unrewarded. Give Him your best and receive His very best! Amen!



PRAYER

Oh Lord, thank You for the entrance of Your Word. I repent for all the times I have prioritized anything before You. I receive Your grace to give You my best at all times, in Jesus name.



ACTION POINT

Give God a fresh sacrifice before this week runs out.



DAILY BIBLE READING:

Psalms 7-8

THERE'S NO HUMILITY IN POVERTY!

KEY TEXT

3 John 2. Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers. (NASU)

POWER THOUGHT

The world is merciless to the moneyless and the powerless.

There are three things that make life worth living! They are three necessities for life on earth — wealth, health and wisdom. God called Abraham when he was 75 years old. No money, no name, no influence, nothing! But then, just by stepping out to work with God, God turned everything around and a few years later, Abraham was an international celebrity; known around the world. He became the most influential man of his generation and today he is still influencing the whole earth. It's never too late to be wealthy!

The world is merciless to the moneyless and the powerless. If you don't have money and you don't have power, this world doesn't pity you at all. People who are moneyless go through a lot of pain daily— they are constantly reminded of their incapacity! That is not your portion!

Some of the Pains moneyless people go through.

- Daily pressure of unmet needs.
- Limitation of life options.
- Oppression by richer people.
- Reduction of contribution.
- The frustration of comparison.

It is an error to go through life without money. It is impossible to function at full capacity of your destiny with a money deficiency. Money deficiency has caused destinies with great potentials to end up as mediocre. Don't glorify 'moneylessness' as being humble. There's no humility in poverty! God wants you to prosper. 2 Cor. 8:9 says that Christ became poor just so you can be rich. Rise up today and take hold of the riches laid in store for you. As you strive to walk in wealth today, may God bless the works of your hands!



Today, I declare that money comes to me. From anywhere and from everywhere! Money! Come forth!



What are doing at the moment to make money? Don't be idle!



Psalms 9

FAVOUR LOCATE ME TODAY!

COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

KEY TEXT

Ps. 102:13, "You will arise and have mercy on Zion; for the time to favour her, yes, the set time, has come."

Favour is the mystery behind quick results in life! Divine favour compels people and systems to voluntarily respond in goodwill for you! This will be your year for unusual favours and the release of destiny helpers!

PRAYER POINTS:

1. Lord Jesus, thank You for the covenant provision of favour and divine help in 2021! I will never be without help. This year must answer to me!
2. **Exo. 3:21** — In the name of Jesus, I invoke the release of the forces of favour over my life, business, finances, ministry, marriage and family!
3. **Ps. 5:12** — Let multiple channels of blessing be open to me in 2021! Testimonies everywhere! Whatever I do shall prosper!
4. **Zech. 9:11** — Father, let any family altar and witchcraft operations activating disfavours in my life, be swallowed by the blood of Jesus! No more rejection!
5. **Isa. 60:3-5** — Father in the name of Jesus, I destroy accusations, oppositions, spiritual body odour, negative ordinances and curses standing between me and my destiny helpers.
6. I declare over my family, 2021 will be marked by quick results. Everything will be fast and produce quality results on time. No more tortoise and snail spirit curses! We will return early this year!
7. Today, I command a continual open heaven. Let the siege over the heavens break. No more brass and iron. No more rain of dust. Let there be showers of blessing.
8. **Ps 138:8**— I declare that Gateway International Church will increase with multitudes of people. I declare that we are going higher on every side, in Jesus name.
9. Father, thank You for the life of Your servant, Pst. George Izunwa. I pray that more of Your grace and glory be made manifest in his life and ministry, in the name of Jesus.
10. I declare today that Nigeria will not fail. Every dead dream and goal is renewed by the spirit of God. Nigeria will go forward and achieve great success, in Jesus name.



DAILY BIBLE
READING:

Psalms 10-11

GOD ADVERTISEMENT

KEY TEXT

1 Pet 2:9, "But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;"

POWER THOUGHT

Everyone raised by God is a signboard for God.

Man is God's showcase to the world! A showcase is something that is used to exhibit something or someone in an attractive or favourable aspect. We (believers) are meant to showcase God's goodness, faithfulness, kindness, love and everything He does for us. The testimonies we get are not for our personal consumption but are tools God gives us to advertise Him and draw people to Him. Are you using them as they should?

You must make sure that your life is pointing towards God at every point in time. If you can't market God's business, why should He market you? When last did you talk about God or about the things He's done for you? The story of Hezekiah is a case study. God healed him so he can advertise God to the world but he never did, and he paid for it. Always remember that everyone raised by God is a signboard for God. You've been healed of a sickness, calamity was averted, you got a job, and you got a scholarship, whatever it is that you got use it to advertise God.

The Bible says in **1 Sam 2:9b**, "He protectively cares for his faithful friends, step by step, but leaves the wicked to stumble in the dark. No one makes it in this life by sheer muscle!" (MSG) If God didn't give it to you, you wouldn't have gotten it.

Don't let the devil deceive you into believing that it was your hard work that brought you to the point you are now. God can share anything but His glory must come to Him. Let your life constantly bring glory to His name.



PRAYER

Lift up your hand and say, Father with every blessing You give me, I will advertise You!



ACTION POINT

Have a rethink on past events and resolve to always showcase Jesus.



DAILY BIBLE READING

Psalms 12-13

KINGDOM PROSPERITY

KEY TEXT

Deut. 28:10-11 (AMP), "all the people of the earth shall see that you are called by the name [and in the presence of] The LORD, and they shall be afraid of you. And The LORD shall make you have a surplus of prosperity...."

POWER THOUGHT

People are not jealous over someone who has nothing.

It's not hard to spot Christians who are walking in the blessing of Kingdom Prosperity. You and I are called by God to be symbols of prosperity for all to see that will lead people to repentance (**Rom. 2:4**). They see the goodness of God on us and desire to walk in that same goodness. Isaac was a man who walked in the covenant of his father, Abraham. THE BLESSING of God was operating in him. Even during a time of famine, he still prospered. He sowed and reaped a hundredfold that same year (**Gen. 26:12**). **Vs 13-14** tell us, "The man began to prosper, and continued prospering until he became very prosperous; for he had possessions of flocks and possessions of herds and a great number of servants. So the Philistines envied him" People are not jealous over someone who has nothing. It was extremely evident that Isaac was extremely wealthy. The Philistines saw THE BLESSING of Kingdom prosperity all over him and could not stand being around him.

The blessing of kingdom prosperity can be seen on the Children of God. We are symbols and sources of prosperity for all to see and benefit from. Even in the worst, most difficult financial times, you and I wave like a banner in the wind, declaring that God is good and that He "will liberally supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus" (**Phi. 4:19**). When people come up to you and say, "I want what you have," be ready to lead them to the God who has blessed you beyond measure.



Father, I thank You for blessing me beyond my widest imaginations. Today, I call forth the manifestation of all-round prosperity in my life and family, in Jesus name.



Let your prosperity become an evangelism tool.



Psalms 14-15

BELIEVING IS RECEIVING

KEY TEXT

Mrk. 5:28-29, "For she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well. Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction."

POWER THOUGHT

Faith is like a spark and Jesus is the dynamite powder.

God's ways are not like the ways of the world. The world says, "If I can't feel it or see it, I cannot believe the miracle is here." God says, "If you believe it before you feel it or see it, you will see your miracle."

Believing first before seeing the evidence of what we believe for is called 'faith'. Faith is like a spark and Jesus is the dynamite powder. In the account of the woman with the issue of blood, there were many people who touched Jesus (**Mrk. 5:31**), but nothing happened to them. They didn't touch Him in faith. But when the woman who had been bleeding for 12 years came to Him and touched Him in faith, He felt power leave His body (**Mrk. 5:30**), and it sparked off an explosion of healing in the woman's body! Hearing about how good, kind and loving Jesus was fired her faith to believe that He could and would heal her. She was so convinced that she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well." Did she experience her healing first before she believed? No, she believed first in Jesus' goodness and power, acted in faith and only then felt the healing in her body.

God wants you to believe in His goodness towards you. He wants you to declare by faith that all is and shall be well with you, and to expect to see just that. No matter how long you have had the problem, an explosion of healing and restoration will take place, and you will receive what you are believing for!



Lord Jesus, forgive me for the times I have doubted Your power to bless and heal me. Today, I declare my faith in You. I shall see great things in this year!



Meditate on Mark Chp. 5



Psalm 16-17

UNLIMITED SUPERNATURAL SUPPLY

KEY TEXT

Phil. 4:19, "Phil 4:19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

POWER THOUGHT

When you align with His principles, you can fully access His products.

Our God is a supernatural Supplier. He is a Divine Provider and His products are anchored on the principles clearly stated in His Word. When you align with His principles, you can fully access His products. Today, as you live by His principles, may all your needs be supernaturally supplied.

SECRETS OF SUPERNATURAL SUPPLY—

- Love for God (the God-first mentality) — **(1 Kgs. 3:3).**
- Trust in God — **(Prov. 3:5-6).**
- Faith in God — **(Gal. 3:9).**
- Walking in knowledge — **(Prov. 13:18).**



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, help me to love You with greater passion than I have done, to trust in You and look up to no man or system as I receive the flow of Heaven's best.



Trust God for abundant supernatural supply this week.



Psalm 18

UNDESERVED PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT

KEY TEXT

Rom. 1:7, "...Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

POWER THOUGHT

God wants you to know that you have His favour...

When you fly first class in an airplane, the cabin crew gives you first-class treatment. They ask you, "Is everything okay with you, sir?" They ask you what magazines you want to read. They give you a blanket if you are cold. They give you preferential treatment compared to those traveling in economy class.

The grace of God is defined as "undeserved, unearned and unmerited favour." It also means "preferential treatment"! Today, God wants you to know that you have His favour on you. He wants you to know that He gives you preferential treatment which you do not deserve. And He wants you to take full advantage of it. God also wants you to know that His favour in your life can be increased. How? The Bible tells us in **2 Pet. 1:2** that God's grace (or favour) is multiplied to us "in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord." The more you behold Jesus and His love for you, the more you believe and confess that God's favour is on you, the more you will see His favour work for you. So if you are a doctor, you will find patients favoring you and you will have more patients than you

can handle. If you are a businessman, you will find people just wanting to do business with you because they like you and feel good about you.

So when people wonder and ask, "What is happening to you?" you can tell them, "It is the favor of God multiplied all over me!" And it is all undeserved, unearned and unmerited!



PRAYER

Father, baptize me today with favour that I do not deserve! May Your grace define and redefine my life and set me on the path to greatness!



ACTION
POINT

Show someone favour today as you expect yours.



DAILY BIBLE
READING:

Psalms 19

WE HAVE A SURE WORD!

KEY TEXT

Jn. 8:32, "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

POWER THOUGHT

FACTS CHANGE, BUT GOD'S WORD REMAINS

Consider the cold, hard facts that these two people faced: The aunt of a lady in our church saw her X-ray which showed that one of her two kidneys was cancerous and a couple in our church read their medical reports which said that they would never be able to produce a child. When such situations hit us and we allow the facts to settle in our hearts, we end up feeling greatly troubled. But when we let the truths of God's Word settle them all, we will sense the Holy Spirit bearing witness to the truths that we are believing.

He is the Spirit of truth (**Jn. 16:13**). He is not the Spirit of facts and does not bear witness to facts. It may be a fact that you are sick. The doctors say that you are sick. The X-ray film shows that you are sick. But God's Word says that by Jesus' stripes you are healed (**Isa. 53:5**)! What is the difference between fact and truth? Facts change, but truth —God's Word— remains! When God's people choose to defy the facts and walk instead in His truths regarding their situations, the Holy Spirit in them will bear witness to the truths that they are believing. The lady with the cancerous kidney was scheduled for an operation to remove the organ. But praise God! She received supernatural restoration as later X-rays showed two healthy kidneys instead of one! God formed a new kidney for her! The childless couple received their miracle bundle of joy after seven years. The next time you are hit by disturbing facts, let God's Word settle the truth about your situation and you will receive your miracle!



PRAYER

Oh Lord, your Word is higher than any circumstance in my life! I declare that I believe in what Your Word says about me and I will see the manifestation in my life.



ACTION POINT

What is God saying about your situation? Declare it today!



DAILY BIBLE READING:

Psalms 20-21

DESTINY HELPERS

COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

KEY TEXT

Gen. 39:20-23, "Then Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were confined. And he was there in the prison. But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him mercy, and He gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison."

No man is an Island! Every man on earth needs a divine helper at one point or the other in the journey of life. There is no better orchestrator and connector than God! He uses people as conduit pipes and channels to dispense help on earth. Today, your destiny helpers will locate you!

PRAYER POINTS:

1. **Ps. 100:4-5** — Lord Jesus, thank You for the help You have made available to me in times past. Thank You for the help I will see this year! My head carries your oil. I will never be without help. This year must answer to me!
2. 2021 will be a year of divine connections! Destiny vehicles will carry me to my prepared places! My ministry, career, finances, business etc will go higher by divine help!
3. Father, I declare that by Your oil upon my life, my destiny helpers are commanded to locate me! I will not miss my life portion! Anyone holding what should come to me must give it up this year!
4. **Ex. 32:2-6** — Father, reveal my destiny helpers to me in this season. Oh Lord, make them willing and generous! Their response must be positive!
5. **Isa. 60:3-5** — Father in the name of Jesus, I destroy accusations, oppositions, spiritual body odour, negative ordinances and curses standing between me and my destiny helpers.
6. Today, I declare that every evil wall separating my family members from divine connections be pulled down now by the fire of God. Kings are coming from afar to identify with us!
7. Today, I command a continual open heaven. Let the siege over the heavens break. No more brass and iron. No more rain of dust. Let there be showers of blessing.
8. **Ps 138:8**—I declare that Gateway International Church will increase with multitudes of people. I declare that we are going higher on every side, in Jesus name.
9. Father, thank You for the life of Your servant, Pst. George Izunwa. I pray that more of Your grace and glory be made manifest in his life and ministry, in the name of Jesus.
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Psalms 22

THE SLEEPING PARTNER WHO BENEFITS

KEY TEXT

Gen. 15:12, "Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram..."

POWER THOUGHT

You are simply a beneficiary of the new covenant.

In business, sleeping or silent partners don't work but still take home huge profits. Do you know that in your covenant with God, you are like the sleeping partner? When Abraham asked God how he would know for sure that he would inherit the land that God had promised him, God made a covenant with him **(Gen. 15:8-21)**. But instead of cutting the covenant with Abraham by walking in between the animal pieces with him, God put Abraham into a deep sleep and cut the covenant with Jesus instead.

Jesus, the light of the world, appeared as the pillar of fire and cut the covenant with God the Father who appeared as the pillar of cloud. In other words, Jesus took Abraham's place. He was perfect Man representing Abraham when He cut the covenant with His Father. By substituting Abraham with Jesus, God was being gracious because if Abraham had done it, he would also have been responsible for keeping the covenant. And Abraham, being a mere man, would fail. But God the Son can never fail! Abraham's blessings were therefore guaranteed because they did not depend on his performance but Jesus' performance! Abraham was literally a sleeping partner, a beneficiary of the covenant.

Today, God has also made a covenant with you, called the New Covenant. And like Abraham, you are a sleeping partner because the New Covenant was also cut between God the Father and God the Son at Calvary. You are simply a beneficiary of the new covenant. My friend, there is nothing left for you to do, but everything for you to believe. Don't try to work for your covenant blessings. Rest in the Son's finished work and receive them by faith!



PRAYER

Father, thank You for the blessings I benefit because of the New Covenant! I declare that my testimonies will not elude me, in Jesus name.



**ACTION
POINT**

Meditate on Gen. Chp 15.



**DAILY BIBLE
READING:**

Psalm 23-24

DON'T SWEAT IT, REST!

KEY TEXT

Ruth 3:18, "Then she said, "Sit still, my daughter, until you know how the matter will turn out; for the man will not rest until he has concluded the matter this day."

POWER THOUGHT

...the God-factor changes everything!

God does not want you to "sweat." Sweat here does not refer to your body's perspiration, but your self-reliance or self-effort. God does not want you to believe that if you don't do anything, nothing will happen. That may be true, in a different context. But the God-factor changes everything!

When you are resting in God, He works for you. In fact, when He works, you end up with more. He is the one who is giving to you. This was what happened to Ruth in the Old Testament. After labouring in the barley fields from morning to evening, she was able to glean one ephah of barley (**Ruth 2:17**), which was equivalent to a 10-day supply of barley. Certainly, this amount was a blessing to her. But when she rested at the feet of Boaz, her kinsman-redeemer, and did not labour, she received six ephahs of barley (**Ruth 3:15**), which was equivalent to a 60-day supply! When Ruth sought her own blessing, she obtained only one ephah. But when she sought the blesser, she received much more. Ruth's blessings did not stop there. Eventually, Boaz, married Ruth (Ruth 4). That meant no more measured wealth of six ephahs, but the yield of the whole barley field in total! Boaz is a picture of Jesus, our heavenly kinsman-redeemer. When we rest in the Lord, He will not rest. He will work on our behalf. What do we do then? Trust in and enjoy His love for us. Stop striving and be at rest. If salvation, the greatest work, comes to us by resting in Jesus' finished work, how much more will all the other blessings?



PRAYER

Oh God, I cast all my cares and burdens on You today. I refuse to continue to labour. I rest and trust in Your ever-sufficient grace!



ACTION POINT

Expect favour in the place of labour.



DAILY BIBLE READING:

Psalms 25

YOU MATTER TO GOD

KEY TEXT

Jn. 10:3, "To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out"

POWER THOUGHT

He knows you by name and has a personal love for you.

Do you sometimes feel like you are just a face in a crowd or a number in a system? You are identified by your social security number. Even when you see the doctor, you are called by your queue number. If you feel depersonalized and dehumanized, that is exactly how the devil wants you to feel — that you do not matter much to anyone, especially to God. But you **do** matter to God!

Beloved, Jesus cares for you and He will do for you what He did for the woman in Samaria. The Bible says that "**He *needed* to go through Samaria**" to get from Judea to Galilee (**Jn. 4:4**). Now, any Jew of His day would have taken a different and longer route to avoid going through Samaria because they hated the Samaritan. But Jesus deliberately took the shorter, avoided route, just so He could stop by Samaria to speak to the woman who had been searching for something all her life. Things had not been going right in her life. She was probably looking for answers and fulfillment, and must have felt ashamed about her failed marriages and current lifestyle. Yet, in spite of all this, she mattered to Jesus! He **needed** to go to her to minister to her. And indeed, after she met Jesus and she was transformed (**Jn. 4:28–29**).

Beloved, Jesus wants to meet you wherever you are in life and minister His grace to you. You certainly matter to Him. He knows you by name and has a personal love for you. And in spite of the mess that you might be in, He wants to meet your every need and make your life beautiful!



Lord Jesus, thank You for Your undiluted love for me. I open up my heart to receive your love today.



Remind yourself that you matter to God.



Psalms 26–27

THE PURPOSE OF PROSPERITY

KEY TEXT

2 Cor. 9:8. "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:"

POWER THOUGHT

Heaven has no need for stagnant ponds!

There's a big responsibility that comes with receiving "power to get wealth." God doesn't pour His blessings into our lives so we can become hoarders. He blesses us so we can touch people's lives with the love of Jesus. Heaven has no need for stagnant ponds! Be like the rivers of living water—continually flowing outward to a lost and needy world.

Some reasons why you should desire prosperity—

- To become an advertisement and witness for God's blessing.
- To become a ministry partner for kingdom advancement.
- To become a channel for your family and helper to the poor.



Father, I thank You for making me a blessing to my world. I make a commitment to be a blessing with every opportunity I get!



Look for ways to become a blessing this week.



Psalms 28-29

ABUNDANCE THROUGH JESUS' POVERTY

KEY TEXT

2 Cor. 8:9, "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich."

POWER THOUGHT

The presence of the Son of the living God in your life attracts good things.

Do you know that our Lord Jesus was actually born into a poor family? We know this from the offering His mother Mary brought to the temple after Jesus was born, according to the Law for purification (Lke. 2:22–24). She brought a pair of turtledoves, or young pigeons, which were the only type of offering the 'poor' could afford (**Lev. 12:2, 8**).

But with Jesus in their lives, Mary and her husband Joseph didn't remain poor. Wise men came to Jesus with treasures. Jesus' presence brought gold, frankincense and myrrh—two of the most expensive spices—to His family. The wise men must have come with quite an entourage for the Bible records how all Jerusalem was fearful when the wise men came to the city (**Matt. 2:3**). Can you imagine the amount of gold, frankincense and myrrh which accompanied that entourage, and which was given to Jesus' parents?

Beloved, the moment you are born again, you have Jesus in your life. And when you have Him in your life, get ready for His abundant supply to come your way! The presence of the Son of the living God in your life attracts good things. Because of His grace toward us, Jesus, though He was rich,

was made poor at the cross for your sake so that *"you through His poverty might become rich."*

Beloved, when you have Jesus in your life and when you know that He has paid the price for your abundance, you can boldly declare, "Jesus was made poor at the cross for my sake so that through His poverty, I am made rich in all things!"



PRAYER

Father, thank You for sending Your Son who took my place on Calvary. Because of Him, I can enjoy all-round abundance and prosperity. Thank You Jesus!



ACTION POINT

Walk and live in the knowledge of who you are and what you have.



DAILY BIBLE READING:

Psalms 30

THE GOD-FIRST DEMAND

KEY TEXT

Rom. 11:16, "it says if the first fruit be holy, the lump is also holy."

POWER THOUGHT

What you put first affects the rest

The first demand of grace that connects us to God's covenant is the God-first demand. What you put first in life matters! It demonstrates your devotion; it predicts your destination in life. It points to what is foundational in your life. It shows your true values and priorities. Whatever you put first shows us how you rank authority and very importantly, **what you put first affects the rest.**

When you're working with God, note that God is emotionally invested in being number one. God doesn't do number two, doesn't know how to do number two, has never done number two before, and will rather scatter everything than do number two. He's either Lord of all or He's not Lord at all! When He gave the law to Moses, He said to him, paraphrased, "the first commandment is; I am the Lord thy God, you will have no other God beside Me; you will love Me with all your strength, with all your heart, with all your might, with all your soul." Ah!! You are the one making the law and you put yourself as number one? He said that is me!

There are three things that define our God-first devotion in Gateway Int'l Church—

- a. Our God first quiet time
- b. Our monthly and yearly consecration
- c. Our first fruit.

I sincerely hope that you can also make the above listed a personal habit if you intend to live a God-first lifestyle. You can be rest assured that the dividends are 100% guaranteed! Do you want to walk in covenant with God? Do you want your life to make meaning? Do you want to live a stress and pressure-free life? Then, put God first!



PRAYER

Oh Lord, help me to always put You first. I dethrone every other god that has taken Your rightful place in my life and I enthrone You as the Lord over my life.



ACTION POINT

in all you do, put God first!



DAILY BIBLE READING:

1 Samuel 1

THE DELAY MUST BREAK!

COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

KEY TEXT

1 Ki. 18:46, "Then the hand of the Lord came upon Elijah; and he girded up his loins and ran ahead of Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel."

The journey of life demands strength and speed. Whenever a man is weak and slow, he will make little or no impact in life! Only the swift and vigorous can fulfil and complete their destiny assignment and appointments. Today, the anointing for strength and speed will be imparted on you!

PRAYER POINTS:

1. Father, thank You for the promise of quick results this year. Thank You for grace and strength for my destiny journey.
2. Today, I receive the Spirit of might. I receive the capacity to give life whatever it demands. I receive quickening in my inner man!
3. Lord, endow me with a spirit of urgency. I won't settle in mediocrity. No more slothfulness and procrastination.
4. Whatever makes men begin and not finish is destroyed in my life today. I will finish every project I begin this year. I will reach my goals.
5. I rebuke the curse of the snail and tortoise over my life. No more delays! The hand that was on Elijah is on me. I will run supernaturally.
6. Today, I bring every member of my family under the covenants of God. I judge every altar or coven sponsoring delays in our lives; stagnation ends now! Failure ends now!
7. Today, I command a continual open heaven. Let the siege over the heavens break. No more brass and iron. No more rain of dust. Let there be showers of blessing.
8. **Ps 138:8**—I declare that Gateway International Church will increase with multitudes of people. I declare that we are going higher on every side, in Jesus name.
9. Father, thank You for the life of Your servant, Pst. George Izunwa. I pray that more of Your grace and glory be made manifest in his life and ministry, in the name of Jesus.
10. I declare today that Nigeria will not fail. Every dead dream and goal is

renewed by the spirit of God. Nigeria will go forward and achieve great success, in Jesus name.



DAILY BIBLE
READING:

1 Samuel 2

FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP.

KEY TEXT

Lke. 16:10-12 (NIV), "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. 11 So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? and if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?"

POWER THOUGHT

Show God you can manage 50 thousand and watch Him make it 500 thousand.

A steward is one given the responsibility of looking after another person's property. In biblical terms, a steward is one who utilizes and manages all resources God provides for the glory of God and the betterment of His creation. Stewardship entails managing everything God brings into a believer's life in a manner that honours God. So, it is an established fact that the prosperity God gives to you isn't for you. The money in your hands is not just for you to pleasure yourself with.

One of the ways you disqualify yourself from God sponsoring your destiny is 'unfaithfulness'. For instance, you get a job with a salary of 50 thousand naira and you can't manage it well, yet you are hoping to get a better paid job? Have you managed the 50 thousand naira without ending the month in debt and contributing from that amount to the kingdom? Some other folks even find it so difficult to pay their tithes and offering, to contribute to kingdom projects, talk more of giving to the needy around you. Show God you can manage 50 thousand and watch Him make it 500 thousand.

If you are a steward that means you have agreed that the money in your hand is God's own. So, you have to obey God in the usage of it. Friend, the way you manage the little resources in your hands, does it honour God?

Are you all about self? Does God find you faithful and trustworthy? Please, manage resources and opportunities well. **When you manage money like a steward of God, you qualify to manage more.**



PRAYER

My Father, in the name of Jesus I will not be a 'waster'. I will manage anything You put in my hand! My time, talent, treasure and opportunities, I will manage them well. Oh God trust me with wealth!



ACTION POINT

Think of ways to manage your resources to give God glory.



DAILY BIBLE READING:

1 Samuel 3

BE CREATIVE

KEY
TEXT

Job 32:8, "But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding."

POWER
THOUGHT

People who don't think cannot be creative.

God is a creative genius. Heaven and earth are in existence because God created. And we (believers) possess the ability to create because we are created in His image and likeness. Creativity is the ability to tap into your imagination and turn it into reality. It is the ability to take a small thing and make it mega. Creativity makes you approach the issues of life from a unique perspective. It is you crafting a simple solution to a complex problem. It is the ability to turn your talent into chart topping results.

Creative people are critical thinkers. How well do you use your thinking faculties? There are questions in your mind that just one thought can give solution to! If you take 2 hours every week to think deep about a particular area of your life, business, family etc, you will be amazed at the kind of ideas you will get for that particular area. People who don't think cannot be creative. Learn to think! The proof of creativity is seen when you can take nothing and bring something out of it. When you take 10 thousand naira and turn it to 10 million, that's creativity. You can be creative in anything.

Asides your ability to use your thinking faculties, another major key that fuels creativity is your association. Who are the people you hang around? Do bright ideas pop up in your head each time you interact with them? Beloved you have been imparted with the gift of creativity. It came naturally with you into this world. Use the steps listed above as you harness it and produce exceptional results!



I have the creative ability of God flowing in me! I receive fresh cutting-edge ideas that will take my life to the next level, in Jesus name!



Spend some time today thinking about ways to move your life forward.



1 Samuel 4

GROW OR GROAN

KEY
TEXT*Prov. 10:14, "Wise men lay up knowledge: but the mouth of the foolish is near destruction."*POWER
THOUGHT**Pride has no place in the pursuit of greatness.**

If you must go higher, you must strive to develop yourself in the necessary areas of personal interests and calling. Whether you are a teacher, politician, musician, writer, preacher or a sports person, it is essential you make self-development a daily pursuit in your life. When you refuse to train or develop yourself, no matter how much noise you make, you will remain insignificant in this fast changing world.

Many people refuse to improve and after some time discover that they are completely stagnated and unable to meet up with life's demand. If you feel you need to start training yourself, start it now; it is never too late to begin. Pride has no place in the pursuit of greatness. Ego is one of the biggest hindrances to self-development. The reason many find it difficult to improve, even when they know its importance, is ego. While some feel they are too big to admit their ignorance, others feel too big to learn from those they feel better than. An aspiring leader shouldn't have this kind of negative mind-set because knowledge can come through any source.

It is important that you make training an integral part of your life. Before someone like Elisha was able to attain the level of being a renowned prophet in Israel, he passed through Elijah's tutelage. Joshua's service to Moses was also a training process. Life in general is a training process, but you've got to make deliberate effort at self-improvement to matter in life.

**PRAYER**

Father, I thank You for Your Word today. I reject the spirit of laziness and laxity. I make a commitment today to improve myself in every area, in Jesus Name.

**Grow!****1 Samuel 5**

THE PROSPERITY MINDSET

KEY TEXT

Lke. 6:45, "A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of."

POWER THOUGHT

No one becomes rich by thinking poor!

It is almost impossible to access divine prosperity with a mindset of bondage and scarcity! Prosperity is first a mindset. No one becomes rich by thinking poor! When you think about it, you muster sufficient energy to drag it to manifestation. This week, receive the grace to think prosperity!

WAYS TO DEVELOP PROSPERITY CONSCIOUSNESS —

- Visualise — see yourself connected to unlimited divine supply — **(Gen. 13:15)**.
- Gratitude — be grateful and content on your journey to 'more' — **(Ps. 9:1)**.
- Work with prosperity angels — **(Heb. 1:14)**.



From today, I think prosperity; I speak prosperity and I walk in prosperity, according to the will of God.



Jettison mediocre thinking.



1 Samuel 6

YOU ARE NEXT!

KEY
TEXT

Ps. 50:10, "For every beast of the forest is Mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills."

POWER
THOUGHT

There is more than enough for everybody with plenty of leftovers.

When you see or hear of others being blessed, do you ever wonder when it will be your turn? Or do you even find yourself saying, "Oh, he got blessed with the very thing that I have been praying for. There goes my blessing." Now, just because man's economy operates on the principle of shortage, it does not mean that God operates in the same manner. So the next time somebody gets blessed, you have to tell yourself, "I won't be disheartened. I won't be jealous. I am the next one to be blessed!"

Always remember that God does not have to bless anyone at your expense. Nor does He have to bless you at anyone's expense. We don't have to be jealous of each other. There is a portion that God gives to you which no man can touch because it has your name on it— "A man can receive nothing unless it has been given to him from heaven" (Jn. 3:27).

Our God is a rich God. He owns the whole universe. He has contacts and blessings you do not know of, which are reserved just for you! There is more than enough for everybody with plenty of leftovers. In fact, you will not be able to take it all because when the blessings start coming in, they will

come in a net-breaking, boat-sinking style. You will have to call for your friends in the other boats to come and help you (Lke. 5:1-7)! That is the kind of blessing that our God gives. So get ready for your blessings and overflowing abundance!



PRAYER

I serve the God who owns the entire universe and all that is therein, therefore I declare, that my blessings will not taken away from me! I will receive the very best of heaven's releases, in Jesus name!



Tell yourself, "I am next in line!"



1 Samuel 7

GOD ABUNDANTLY PROVIDES

KEY TEXT

Phil. 4:19, "And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

POWER THOUGHT

You are rich because ... God's supply is always there for you.

According to this verse, you **are** rich. You are not **trying** to be rich. It does not matter how much you are earning or how much you have in your bank account. You are rich because as your need arises, God's supply will be there for you.

In the Bible, there is an account of a couple who had a big need on their wedding day. They had run out of wine. Now, you would expect wedding couples to know how many guests to expect on their big day and to plan accordingly. But perhaps this couple did not have the money to buy enough wine. Whatever the reason was, Jesus saved them from embarrassment and shame. He saved the day when He supplied their need by miraculously turning six pots of water into top-quality wine (**Jn. 2:1-10**). Our Lord Jesus abundantly supplied the need of that couple.

Beloved, whatever needs you have, God wants you to know that His supply will be there for you. You have His Word for it. He promises that He will supply **all** your needs, not just some. And He will supply all your needs **according to** and not out of His riches. This means that He lines up from A to Z all of His resources for your every need!

My friend, rejoice that you are rich "according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." This is far greater and more dependable than the temporal riches that you might have from any earthly source!



PRAYER

Oh God, thank You for supplying my every need according to Your riches in Christ Jesus! I have everything that pertains to life and godliness, in Jesus name.



ACTION POINT

Tell God about that specific need and expect an answer.



DAILY BIBLE READING:

1 Samuel 8

COMMANDING DESTINY ACCELERATION

COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

KEY TEXT

Isa. 52:2, "Shake yourself from the dust, arise; sit down, O Jerusalem! Loose yourself from the bonds of your neck, O captive daughter of Zion!"

Life can be very competitive and lateness can be very disastrous! Acceleration is required if overtaking is to be possible. The hand of God is the ultimate requirement for one to breakthrough and overtake. Today, receive unction to stay ahead in 2021!

PRAYER POINTS:

1. **Isa. 40:31** — Father, thank You for bringing me into my season of supernatural speed. I mount on the wings of eagles! I enjoy destiny acceleration this year!
2. **1 Kgs. 18:46** — Holy Spirit, you are the sponsor of destiny speed! I welcome your anointing! Let the oil for strength and speed be released into my life!
3. I receive spiritual might for the journey of 2021! I will not lack grace to give life whatever it demands. I receive quickening in my inner man. No more weakness in the name of Jesus!
4. **Zech. 4:7** — Father, I will reach and exceed every goal I set for 2021! No mountain will stop my life's projects! The Zerubabel mantle is upon me!
5. **Isa. 54:15** — Every evil hand working against my destiny speed, wither now! Evil mouths be shut! I command every opposition to my destiny journey this year be erased in the name of Jesus!
6. Over my family, I declare that this year, our destinies will go forward and grow greater than ever! The gates of hell shall not prevail! I curse every evil hand against our lives! The land is subdued before us!
7. Today, I command a continual open heaven. Let the siege over the heavens break. No more brass and iron. No more rain of dust. Let there be showers of blessing.
8. **Ps 138:8** — I declare that Gateway International Church will increase with multitudes of people. I declare that we are going higher on every side, in Jesus name.
9. Father, thank You for the life of Your servant, Pst. George Izunwa. I pray that more of Your grace and glory be made manifest in his life and ministry, in the name of Jesus.
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1 Samuel 9

YOU WILL HAVE WHATEVER YOU SAY

KEY TEXT

Mrk. 11:23, "For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says."

POWER THOUGHT

What you don't say, you won't see.

God says that we will have whatever we say. So whatever we want to have, we can say it and have it. Unfortunately, most of us often say what we **don't** want to have. For example, we say, "I don't know why I go through my money so fast every month. Even when my boss gives me an increment, there never seems to be enough money." And true enough, we see a lack of money at the end of every month.

You see, you will have whatever you say, good or bad. So why not change what you have been saying and say things like, "From now on, I will have more than enough because Jesus became poor at the cross, so that I might be financially supplied" (**2 Cor. 8:9**). Jesus highlights the importance of saying by mentioning the word "say" thrice in our text above, but the word "believe" only once. Our problem today is that there is more preaching on 'believing' than 'saying'. So the reason people find it hard to walk in faith is that they are not saying enough of the Word.

But if we would focus more on saying God's Word, faith will come. That is how God quickened Abraham's faith. He changed Abraham's saying when He changed his name from Abram to Abraham, which means "father of many nations" (**Gen. 17:5**). From then on, whenever Abraham introduced himself, he would say, "Hi, my name is Father of Many Nations."

Beloved, declare your abundance! What you don't say, you won't see. Keep saying, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want" (**Ps. 23:1**). Speak forth your healing, saying, "By Jesus' stripes I am healed!" (**Isa. 53:5**) and you will have whatever you say!



PRAYER

I decree and declare that I will see great things in this year!



ACTION POINT

Speak what you want to see into existence



DAILY BIBLE READING:

1 Samuel 10

GROW AND PROSPER BY THE WORD OF GOD

KEY TEXT

Gal. 4:1-2 (TLB), "...Remember this, that if a father dies and leaves great wealth for his little son, that child is not much better off than a slave until he grows up, even though he actually owns everything his father had. He has to do what his guardians and managers tell him to until he reaches whatever age his father set."

POWER THOUGHT

The life in you is the life of the Word, and can only be sustained by the Word.

As a child of God, you must eat and feed your spirit with the Word, for that's the only way to grow spiritually. You must have a consistent and instinctive desire for God's Word. Apostle Peter says, *"Like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation"* **(1 Pet. 2:2 NASB)**. The life in you is the life of the Word, and can only be sustained by the Word.

The Word has the unique characteristic and ability to grow mightily and prevail, irrespective of the situation or condition **(Acts 19:20)**. So when you consciously imbibe the Word for your health, finances, schoolwork, and other areas of your life, there'll be progress against all odds. **Acts 20:32** says the Word is able to build you up, and deliver your inheritance into your hands. Recall what our key text says: *"Now I say, as long as the heir is a child, he does not differ at all from a slave although he is owner of everything, but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by the father"* **(Gal. 4:1-2 NASB)**.

An heir is someone with an inheritance. But as long as that heir is a child (Greek: "nepios"), he's not different from a servant; he can't enjoy his inheritance. A "nepios" is someone who's unable to talk right or communicate wisely. Someone could have been forty years in Christianity and still be a "nepios." He has an awesome inheritance; all the blessings of God belong to him, yet he's suffering through life **(Hos. 4:6)**. Don't live that way! The life God has given you in Christ is that of great glory and excellence, where you prosper in all things, through His Word.



Today, I tap into the life-sustaining power of the Word! Let everything that is dead or dying in me and around me, receive life and light, in Jesus mighty name!



Meditate on the key text.



1 Samuel 11

TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR LIFE

KEY TEXT

Gen. 3:12-13 (NLT), "...The man replied, "It was the woman you gave me who gave me the fruit, and I ate it." Then the Lord asked the woman, "What have you done?" "The serpent deceived me," she replied, "That's why I ate it"...

POWER THOUGHT

No one can be more interested in you than you.

Today's focus will be on a common trend amongst a lot of people. It's popularly known as the 'Blame Game'. It can also be known as 'Victimism'. It's what happens when you blame other people for your problems. It's a way of explaining why life hasn't worked out the way you would like. And that's how a lot of people have chosen to get through life—by blaming other people for the bad things that happen to them. They may have been treated unfairly or been dealt a lousy hand of cards and every other person or thing is to blame other than them.

The blame game started after the fall of mankind (**Gen. 3:12-13**) Adam and Eve responded truthfully to God after they disobeyed Him. Eve had given Adam the fruit and the serpent had deceived Eve. So, being that what they said was true, don't they have valid excuses? **NO!** They knew the rules (**Gen. 2:16-17, 3:17**) and they had a choice. They knew the consequence for breaking that rule thus they were given fair warning. They didn't have to give in. They were perfect. They had all the power necessary to resist temptation. But they failed and looked for whom to blame.

In Christ, you have the ability to choose right or wrong. You can do wrong and say you had no choice but that's not true. **1 Cor. 10:13** says that God will not allow us to be tempted beyond what we can bear. Take full responsibility for your life today. No one can be more interested in you than you.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, thank You for the enlightenment of Your Word. Help me to tap into all You have put in me as I take responsibility for my life, in Jesus name.



Think about ways to personally solve a present problem.



1 Samuel 12

COVENANT WEALTH

KEY TEXT

Deut. 8:18 (NIV). "But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today."

POWER THOUGHT

The Lord delights in the prosperity of His children...

The Lord delights in the prosperity of His children and so He gives to them an anointing for wealth; not just a little favour to barely get by but the power and anointing for wealth! Through the death of His Son, Jesus Christ, you have access to covenant wealth. Receive grace today enter into your wealthy place.

KEYS TO ACCESSING COVENANT WEALTH —

- Make God your sole Source — **(Phil. 4:19).**
- Wealth transfers are work-related; get to work! — **(Pro. 14:23NIV).**
- Claim your territory and possess the land — **(Gen. 1:28)**



Father, thank You for bringing me into covenant wealth. I declare that my portion must be delivered this week!



Demand a manifestation of your covenant right.



1 Samuel 13

NO FOOD FOR LAZY MAN

KEY TEXT

1 Thess. 4:11, "And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;"

POWER THOUGHT

The Lord promised to bless the work of our hands...

A lazy man is described in the Book of Proverbs as someone who works with a slack hand. He or she is also described as slothful. Some people are fervent in spirit but slothful in business. These are lopsided Christian lifestyles which are not profitable.

Interestingly, this is not a new development in the Body of Christ. Under the guise of awaiting the second coming of the Lord, laziness was so rampant in the Church at Thessalonica, so much so that some believers abandoned their trade and businesses to loaf around. For this reason, Apostle Paul, after his initial epistle, further wrote to this same Church in **2 Thess. 3:10**, saying, "For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat."

It is not the lack of jobs that has kept people in penury; rather, it is laziness, pride and unrealistic dreams. Some would not do any other job than what they were trained to do in school. This group of Christians should learn from people like Apostle Paul, who in spite of his degree in law engaged in tent making to make ends meet (**Acts 18:3 and Phil. 3:5**). Some other people are misguided into thinking that doing manual labour would drain their

anointing; this is a lie! The Lord promised to bless the work of our hands, not our idleness (**Deut. 28:12**).

If you are naturally lazy, you need supernatural healing, because laziness is a disease that can kill the body and throw the soul into hell. Therefore, detest it with everything in you.



Oh Lord, take away from me, the spirit of slothfulness and laziness. I declare that my hands are not slack and they will produce great things!



Be diligent with your work and if you don't have any, create one!



1 Samuel 14

LESSON FROM PROVERBS 31

KEY TEXT

Prov. 19:23, "The fear of the Lord leads to life, so that one may sleep satisfied, untouched by evil."

POWER THOUGHT

The fear of God is all you need to lead a significant life!

The book of Proverbs starts out with the claim that, "*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom.*" (**Pro. 1:7**). What is this fear of the Lord that the Bible talks about? In the Old Testament, the Hebrew word 'yare' doesn't just mean "fear." Yare also invokes emotions of awe and honor. Yare is the feeling of awe that comes from contemplating God's character according to **Exo. 15:11**— "*Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome [yare] in splendor, doing wonders?*"

God's character is the source for each of the wise sayings in the Book of Proverbs. When Proverbs encourages you to be trustworthy, shrewd, diligent or generous it is because God's character is trustworthy, shrewd, diligent and generous. The Bible praises the woman of **Proverbs 31** because fear of the Lord roots her character in God's character, rather than in other things. "*Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.*" (**Pro. 31:30**).

When your character is grounded in the fear of the Lord, it changes how you work. You don't strive to serve your own ends or to please other people, but instead you take actions based on God's character. **Proverbs 31** depicts a strong woman who puts God's wisdom into practice in her life. You can bless

the people around you through your daily actions. For example, you can praise other people's work rather than taking all the credit for yourself. The fear of the Lord can also lead you to forgive your coworkers when they make a mistake, or speak up about something that's wrong in your workplace.

The fear of God is all you need to lead a significant life!



Father, pour Your Spirit afresh in me today. I receive a fresh consciousness of the Presence of God in my life.



Fear God for real!



1 Samuel 15

I WON'T DIE SMALL

COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

KEY TEXT

Isa. 54:2-3, "Enlarge the place of your tent ...; Do not spare; lengthen your cords, and strengthen your stakes. For you shall expand to the right and to the left, and your descendants will inherit the nations, and make the desolate cities inhabited."

It is not the will of God for you to be small. To be small does not make you look like God at all. God wants you big on every area of your life—spiritually, financially, socially etc. Today, as you reach out to God, He will enlarge your coast, in Jesus name.

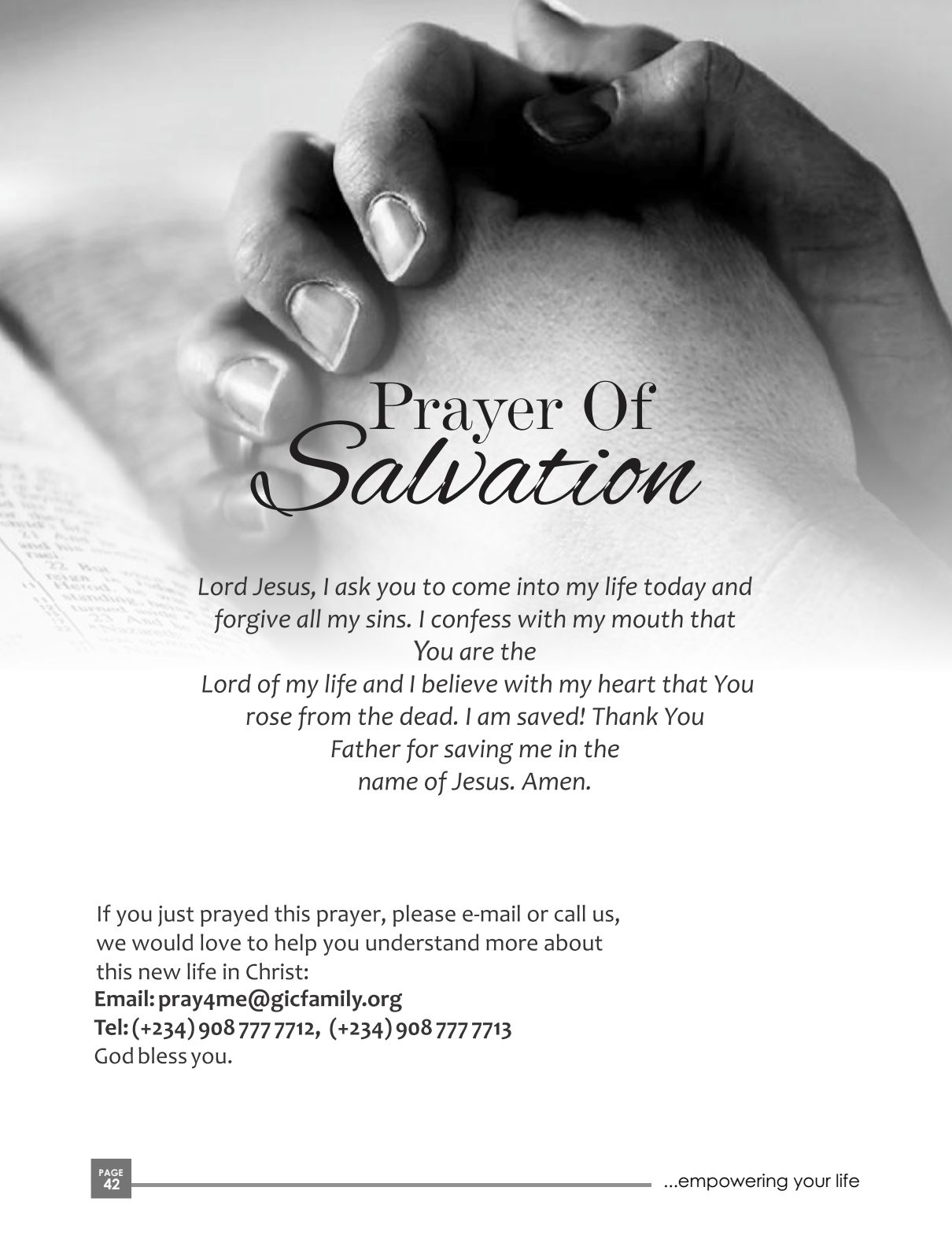
PRAYER POINTS:

1. **Eccl. 3:1**— Father, I thank You because this is my appointed season to excel. I receive divine grace to break forth and increase on every side, in Jesus name.
2. **Gen. 13:15**— I declare today, that my life dreams will be realized. Whatever I have seen, in my spirit, shall be my portion, in Jesus name.
3. **Gen. 49:4**— Every curse placed over my destiny to contain my rising, and restrict my influence and achievements, I destroy such in Jesus name.
4. Every agent of hell monitoring my life to frustrate my progress, I blind and paralyze you today! I cast you out of my space, in Jesus name.
5. **Deut. 2:24**— Everyone occupying my promised land, I dispossess you now! I occupy my place in God, in Jesus name.
6. I rebuke every cycle of rising and falling, demonic subtractions in my family. Our progress shall be steady and continual, in Jesus name.
7. Today, I command a continual open heaven. Let the siege over the heavens break. No more brass and iron. No more rain of dust. Let there be showers of blessing.
8. **Ps 138:8**— I declare that Gateway International Church will increase with multitudes of people. I declare that we are going higher on every side, in Jesus name.
9. Father, thank You for the life of Your servant, Pst. George Izunwa. I pray that more of Your grace and glory be made manifest in his life and ministry, in the name of Jesus.
10. I declare today that Nigeria will not fail. Every dead dream and goal is

renewed by the spirit of God. Nigeria will go forward and achieve great success, in Jesus name.



1 Samuel 16



Prayer Of *Salvation*

Lord Jesus, I ask you to come into my life today and
forgive all my sins. I confess with my mouth that
You are the
Lord of my life and I believe with my heart that You
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name of Jesus. Amen.

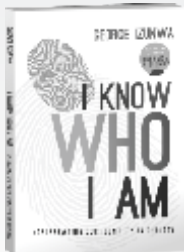
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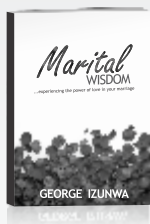
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