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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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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

MAY: THE GOOD LIFE

TEXT: GEN 2:18

TAKEOVER WORD: LIFE WORKS FOR ME! LOVE WORKS FOR ME! GOD IS AT WORK IN ME!

PROPHETIC DECLARATIONS:

- The season of perfection is here. Every unfinished work will be completed by grace!
- Believe for more! Think divine possibilities! Refuse to limit my grace!
- Plead the blood every day! Hold onto my blood! Make June a blood month!
- You will hear many news of evil! Refuse to fear! It will not come near you!
- Give me something to work with! It is what you give to me that I will use to create your next level!
- Your marriage is part of my blessing plan! It will be! It will succeed! It will be fruitful!



2021

▶ MONTHLY PROPHETIC DECLARATION

- Many wonder marriages & destiny making connections will be initiated this month!
- Ask me for my secrets! Enter my counsel! I will guide you! I will not let you wonder!
- This season carries my favour! The forgotten will be remembered! Destinies will rise!
- The pain of your fathers house is over! The roots of wickedness will no longer reproach you!

Jesus Exceeds Expectations!

DON'T STOP PUSHING!

KEY TEXT

Isa 60:1, "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee."

POWER THOUGHT

Persistency will pay off inevitably.

Have you ever seen a pyramid? A careful observation of the pyramid would reveal how big and wide the base of the pyramid is, compared to the apex. We can relate this scenario to life — the top, which can be likened to the top of the pyramid represents the height of achievements, success, wealth etc, is usually occupied by a few people while the bottom is large and overcrowded. In some large corporations, for instance, they may have staff strength of about 20,000 workers serving/working under 500 supervisors who are a few senior managers before the managing director. As observed, the higher one goes, the less the people he/she would meet at the very top.

There is indeed an intense competition daily to occupy the limited space at the top. Just a few people who are able to distinguish and make themselves outstanding are picked from the entire lot. One outstanding feature they possess is the ability to be persistent and possess a 'never-say-never' spirit. Michael Jordan, the greatest basketball player in the history of the game, and at one time he was asked about the secret of his success. He said, "I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why

I am so successful." Mr. Jordan tells us in plain English that the key to his success was persistence. If your desire is not fulfilled today, tomorrow, next week, next month, or next year – persist! Persistency will pay off inevitably. You must stay determined to continue knocking on that door till it opens. Don't chicken out! Eagles soar on high; they do not cluster. Don't stop pushing!



PRAYER

Father, bestow on me the strength and will to keep pushing till I see my breakthrough. I break every resistance to my rising in Jesus name.



ACTION POINT

Strive for the top.



DAILY BIBLE READING

Romans 16

BE THE BETTER PERSON

KEY
TEXT

Ezek. 36:26, "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh."

POWER
THOUGHT

Nobody is flawless!

Becoming a better person is not an easy task, but it is one of the most fulfilling task you could ever take on. Nobody is flawless! We can all identify some faults we have, and something about ourselves we would like to change. Goodnews! Christ makes us perfect! His grace is sufficient for you as you strive towards becoming the better person.

FEW STEPS TO BECOMING A BETTER PERSON —

- Be willing to change — **2 Pet. 3:9.**
- Do self-evaluation and identify areas you want to change — **Matt. 7:3-4.**
- Avoid making excuses — **Phil. 3:13-14.**



PRAYER

Father, help me to become the better version of myself with each passing day. I declare that I am made perfect by the blood of Jesus Christ!



**ACTION
POINT**

Work on yourself.



**DAILY BIBLE
READING:**

2 Samuel 1

SEEKING SHARPNESS

KEY TEXT

Pro. 27:17, "Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend."

POWER THOUGHT

God is able to use relationships to smooth out our edges...

Do you know someone that just rubs you the wrong way? Every time you meet, you clash. It seems like every time you're around each other, they bring out the worst in you. Then there are others you come into contact with who seem to make you want to be a better person. You have long, deep, conversations about things. You can't wait to be near them because they bring out the best side of you. I think it's good to have both types in your life. I know it sounds crazy, but even the people who seem to bring out the worst in you can help you be a better person.

We all have rough edges in our lives that need smoothing out. The people who bring out the worst in me reveal my rough edges. They show me the side of me that I work hard at covering up. When that side of me flares up, it's a reminder that it's still there and that I still have work to do. When a knife is dull, we don't throw it away. We apply it to a whetstone or a grinding stone in order to make the edges sharp. Relationships, the good ones and the difficult ones, can have that same effect on you. God is able to use relationships to smooth out our edges and to make us

sharper people so we can fulfill our purpose. If you're around people who seem to bring out the worst in you, ask God to use them to make you better or to help you break away from that relationship. Seek God's wisdom for what to do in those relationships in your life and keep seeking to be sharp.



PRAYER

Oh Lord, thank You for the people You have brought my way. I pray that my relationships will make me better and sharper with each passing day, in Jesus name.



ACTION POINT

Seek out ways to sharpen yourself.



DAILY BIBLE READING:

2 Samuel 2

STRENGTH IN THE STORM

KEY TEXT

Hab. 3:19 (AMP), "The Lord God is my strength, my personal bravery, and my invincible army; He makes my feet like hinds' feet and will make me walk [not to stand still in terror, but to walk] and make spiritual progress upon my high places of trouble, suffering or responsibility!"

POWER THOUGHT

The rivers of difficulty aren't fun, but they are necessary to give us strength.

It is very easy to declare that God is your strength when nothing is challenging your life. But then, when we are faced with turbulent storms, we forget that God gives us the strength to survive. We get weak and break down when we forget that God is our strength. We are defeated when we fight our own battles instead of allowing Him to use His invincible army. We hunker down and stay still instead of moving when we are controlled by fear or pain. But God wants us to move forward in those times.

He knows that resistance makes us stronger. He understands that we need to make spiritual progress no matter what is in front of us. The Scripture didn't say that we make our own feet like hinds' feet. It says He does that. We are the ones who have to be willing to let Him. We have to take those steps of spiritual progress in the tough times. We have to push through the waters in order to grow our strength. God is for you and is using the difficult times to give you the strength to endure.

Here's another one of God's promises to you. **Isa. 43:2 (NLT)** says, "When you go through the deep waters, I will be with you. When you go

through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown." The rivers of difficulty aren't fun, but they are necessary to give us strength. We can push forward and rely on God's promise that He is with us during those times and that He will not let us drown. Your spiritual progress is important to God. Keep walking through that river and hold your head up. God is working in you.



PRAYER

Father, I thank You because You are endowing me with strength today. I declare that the storm will not be my end; I am emerging with strength and power, out of every challenge today!



ACTION POINT

Be determined to become stronger and better through every challenge.



DAILY BIBLE READING:

2 Samuel 3

POWER RELATIONSHIPS

COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

KEY TEXT

Eccl. 4:9-10, "Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up."

Positive relationships are critical to achieving destiny fulfilment. God's intent for you is to have a strong support system. A financially challenged man surrounded by friendship, family and love will find more fulfilment than a rich loner. Today, as you pray, may divinely orchestrated relationships locate you!

PRAYER POINTS:

1. Father, I thank You for the men and women You have brought into my life in time past. Thank You for giving me destiny uplifting relationships everywhere I go.
2. I repent and reject every negative attitude, habit or behaviour that destroys godly relationships. I receive grace to model everything I want in a good relationship.
3. **Eph. 4:7**— Oh God, make me a delightsome land! Immerse me in the grace and favour that will command people to seek after me, in Jesus name.
4. **1 Sam. 10:3-4**— Today, I call in destiny enhancers, edifiers and beautifiers. I receive into my life men and women that are assets and destiny vehicles to my next level, in Jesus name.
5. **Rom. 8:28**— By the blood of Jesus, I rebuke the curses of disfavour, rejection and betrayal. I will never struggle in relationships ever again, in Jesus name.
6. **Gen. 39:21**— I declare that this is a season of favour for my entire family. Men will see us and give to us. The curse of disappointment is broken forever!
7. Oh God, favour Gateway Int'l Church beyond measure. Connect us to men and women that will be instruments to fulfilling the vision of this house, in Jesus name.
8. Father, uproot any man or devil, occult power or sorcerer, working to destroy Gateway church. Arise oh God and let the enemies of Gateway be scattered!
9. Lord Jesus, rain down Your blessings on Pst. George Izunwa. May the doors of nations be open to him. Exceed his expectations this year, in Jesus name.
10. Father, bless our nation Nigeria. Make her to excel in areas she has failed. Revive

our economy and standard of living, in Jesus name.



2 Samuel 4

FROM ORDINARY TO EXTRAORDINARY

KEY TEXT

Mark 1:16-17, "Now as he walked by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men."

POWER THOUGHT

He can take what little you think you have to offer and do great things.

We are raised hearing stories about great men and women of history. We have movies that encapsulate their lives in just a few hours. We also create Superheroes to further train our brains that we must be super or great in order to accomplish anything in history. While that may be mostly true according to this world's standards, it's not by God's standard. God is okay with you being ordinary. He doesn't need you to be Super or great in order to change the world.

Peter and John were fishermen before they followed Jesus. That was the low wage, manual labour of their time. Their job required long, hard hours, not an education. No one expected these Galilean fisherman to know anything about the Scriptures, much less to be able to speak in other tongues! When our lives are controlled by the Holy Spirit, our lives become great. We get a boldness to do things we've never been able to do. We speak like we've never spoken before. The Holy Spirit can make an ordinary life extraordinary. God chose these uneducated men and women to turn the world upside down. If He can do that, He can use you. Don't hold yourself back from ministering to others because you don't have the education. Don't be afraid to stand up for your faith because you don't think you know enough about the Bible. He can take what little you think you have to offer and do great things. It just takes you being willing to get past your excuses and to allow God to do His work through you. Let Him take your ordinary and do extraordinary things.



PRAYER

Father, thank You for making me a showcase of Your power. I believe that by Your mighty hand, I am moving from survival to significance; from obscurity to the limelight. Nothing shall stop my rising!



See yourself becoming great.



2 Samuel 5

GOD IS GOOD

KEY TEXT

Ps. 145:6-7, "Men shall speak of the might of Your awesome acts, and I will declare Your greatness. They shall utter the memory of Your great goodness, and shall sing of Your righteousness."

POWER THOUGHT

The true character of a person is seen in his/her actions.

We sing about it and say it often. But do you fully understand this attribute of God? The Bible defines God's goodness in two ways. One has to do with His nature; the other focuses on His character/actions. **Ps. 119:68** captures both when it says of God: "You are good and You do what is good..." God is by nature, good. That is, He is morally excellent, extraordinarily beautiful and extravagantly bountiful.

God is the original definition of good. For us, goodness is an added quality. But it comes naturally for Him. That's exactly what Jesus meant when He said in **Mk. 10:18**, "...No one is good but One - God." God alone is goodness itself. The second strand of definition for God's goodness concentrates on what He does. The true character of a person is seen in his/her actions. The Bible is replete with descriptions that point to His kindness, mercy, steadfast love and generosity. Have you ever thought of God's generosity to you? Can you believe that when He looks at you with all your baggage, He says, "I want to be generous to you. I can't wait to pour out on you that which makes you happy - not because you deserve it, but because there's something

about who I am that loves to overflow in extravagant ways upon you."

The Bible says those are actually God's thoughts about you. God is for you. He's got your back. You are the object of His affection. Your circumstances right now may make you feel or think otherwise but never forget that God is good!



Oh God, thank You for Your unreserved goodness and mercy towards me. Today, I rest in Your love; life must answer to me, in Jesus name



Count your blessings today and appreciate God for them.



2 Samuel 6

CONNECT TO GOD

KEY TEXT

Jer. 29:11 (ESV), "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."

POWER THOUGHT

Some people may never fulfil purpose unless they meet their destiny vehicles.

God's plan for your life is meant to be progressive—taking you from one level to the other. To get from point A to point B in God's plan for your life, you need to connect the dots. God uses people, relationships and connections to take you from one level of your life to another. Some people may never fulfil purpose unless they meet their destiny vehicles.

In as much as it is important you carefully choose your relationships to avoid being in the wrong associations; today's seed will focus on your connection to the greatest Connector. He sits in Heaven and the earth is His footstool (**Isa. 66:1**). He is thereby connected to the earth and rules in the affairs of men (**Dan. 4:17**). He alone can connect you to the person that will take you to the next level of your life.

David had an unholy alliance with the Philistines, the enemies of Israel who did not trust him. David realized his mistake and reconnected himself to God. The Bible says he encouraged himself in the LORD (**1 Sam. 30:6-8**) and God connected him to the man who led him to his victory. Once you reconnect with God, God has a way of

connecting dots of your life and bringing the right people your way. God wants to connect the dots of your life so He can cut short your waiting period, struggles and fruitless efforts. Trust Him today to establish every relationship you need to move forward in life, and remove those relationships that are harmful and detrimental.



PRAYER

Oh God, thank You for bringing me to my place of abundance. Connect me today to my destiny helpers and support system, in Jesus name.



ACTION POINT

Have a recheck
— are you connected to God?



DAILY BIBLE READING:

2 Samuel 7

SURROUND YOURSELF WITH THE RIGHT PEOPLE

KEY
TEXT

Pro. 13:20, "He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed."

POWER
THOUGHT

Choose right and choose wisely!

The power of association can never be over-emphasised. We all spend time with people daily that are influencing our lives, whether we acknowledge it or not. Countless people have wrecked their lives by connecting with the wrong crowd. Choose right and choose wisely! Receive the grace to be with the right people!

FEW BENEFITS OF CHOOSING THE RIGHT PEOPLE—

- You get the safety of wise counsel — **Pro. 11:14.**
- Your character and values are protected — **Pro. 15:33.**
- You remain sharp — **Pro. 27:17.**



PRAYER

Father, I thank You for blessing me to choose my friends wisely. I receive the right influences, and I become the right person in Jesus' name.



Re-evaluate your life and your associates.

DAILY BIBLE
READING:

2 Samuel 8

FOLLOWING FOOTSTEPS

KEY TEXT

Pro. 13:20, "He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed."

POWER THOUGHT

God doesn't leave us alone in our pursuit of Him.

When you do something that's been done before, people say, "You're following in their footsteps." Truth is, every one of us are following in someone's footsteps. But, have you considered whose footsteps you are following?

You should have someone ahead of you that you look to in order to challenge you to be better. You should also have others behind you that you're leading. It's a common saying that successful people do what successful people do. In fact, many books like "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People" and "From Good to Great" have been written so we can follow in the footsteps of people who have successful habits. While that's important, I believe having spiritual mentors is more important. There should be Christians in your life, whom you look up to, that you can emulate. Their prayer life should challenge you to pray better. Their acts of love towards others should ignite a desire in you to do the same. Their understanding of Scriptures should cause you to study more.

Pro. 2:20 gives this advice, "Follow the steps of good men instead, and stay on the paths of the righteous" (NLT). If you want to stay on the paths of the righteous, you need to be following in the steps of those who are on them. God doesn't leave us alone in our pursuit of Him. Look around your life for the people that God has placed in it for you to follow. He's given us people to follow. Reach out to them, find out their habits, and follow in their footsteps as they follow Christ.



PRAYER

Oh Lord, give me the grace to follow in the path that You have mapped out for me. I declare today that I will not go in the wrong direction in destiny, in Jesus name.



ACTION POINT

Who are your mentors and role models? Get one if you have none.



DAILY BIBLE READING

2 Samuel 9

FRUITFUL IN AFFLICTION

KEY TEXT

Gen. 41:41-43, "And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt and Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck; and he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried before him, Bow the knee: and he made him ruler over all the land of Egypt."

POWER THOUGHT

God has not forgotten you.

Joseph's adult life was marked by many afflictions and sufferings. His brothers turned on him to kill him. They decided to sell him as a slave, and he was taken to Egypt where he was sold. He worked as a slave until he was falsely accused of raping his master's wife. After spending many years in prison, he interpreted the dreams of Pharaoh's cupbearer and baker only to be forgotten. For 13 years his life spun out of control and seemed to be going away from the dream God gave him.

What he didn't know was that God was setting him up to fulfill that dream. Through it all, he developed the character necessary to be a leader that would lead a nation through a crisis. We don't even get to find out the depth of his affliction, but we know it was there. We get a sense of it by the names of his children after being made second in command of Egypt. His first son was named Manasseh which means "God has made me forget all my troubles." And for his second son, **Gen. 41:52** says, "And the second he called Ephraim [to be fruitful], For [he said] God has caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction" (**AMPC**). God helped him to become fruitful where he suffered.

God has not forgotten you. He is fulfilling His plan in your life and will cause you to be fruitful and prosper because of what you are enduring. The joy that is coming will be greater than the pain you endured. God is developing you so you can be fruitful in the land of your affliction.



PRAYER

Today, I declare that the storm has come to make me better! I will rise in the midst of the turbulence.



ACTION POINT

Make lemonades out of your lemons.



DAILY BIBLE READING:

2 Samuel 10

STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIPS

COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

KEY TEXT

Ps. 68:6, "God places lonely people in families. He leads prisoners out of prison into productive lives, but rebellious people must live in an unproductive land"

The connections you get in life are determined by the relationships you keep. No one has had a better connection by keeping bad relationships. Satan uses human agents, most times, to derail believers from the path of greatness. Today, by fire, every negative relationship is uprooted from your life. Destiny-defining relationships come into your life now!

PRAYER POINTS:

1. **Ps. 124:1-6**— Father, I thank You for all You have done for me and my family. I thank You for the covenant of preservation. May Your name be praised, in Jesus name.
2. Lord Jesus, I thank You for the healthy relationships and destiny connections You have given to me in business, marriage, career etc. Thank You Jesus!
3. **Prov. 18:24**— Oh Lord, as You connect me with great people in life, give me the wisdom required to maintain and grow positive destiny relationships, in Jesus name.
4. Today, I come against every demonic forces that will sabotage my relationship with the Holy Spirit. I rebuke you by the fire of the Holy Ghost!
5. Oh Lord, may I never suffer loss in my relationship. May every blessing and favour associated with relationships be given to me today, in the name of Jesus.
6. **Job 5:12**— Every monitoring gadgets of the enemy monitoring my progress in life be condemned and destroyed. May their plans never work in my life, in the name of Jesus.
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DEAL WITH THE SKELETON

KEY TEXT

Ps 19:14, "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer."

POWER THOUGHT

A momentary weakness creates a lifetime of regret.

Everyone in the world today have their own fair share of struggles. David knew that struggle as well. It's pretty evident in his writings in the book of Psalms. In **Ps. 19:12-13 (NLT)** he prayed, "How can I know all the sins lurking in my heart? Cleanse me from these hidden faults. Keep your servant from deliberate sins! Don't let them control me. Then I will be free of guilt and innocent of great sin". He found that certain circumstances awoke hidden sins, and the more he thought about it, they became deliberate sins.

This is something we all struggle with at some point in our lives. We get caught up in a moment and time, combined with our emotions, our thoughts have the ability to run wild and direct our actions. A momentary weakness creates a lifetime of regret. A hidden sin in our heart, when woken up, can cause us to do or want to do the unthinkable. David prayed against those. He didn't want to be controlled by thoughts that caused him to sin against God and others. That's why he continued the prayer to go a step further.

He prayed, "May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer." If thoughts control your actions, why not pray that your thoughts would be pleasing to God? What we think and meditate on grows in our lives. We can choose to entertain thoughts that develop hidden sins or we can choose to meditate on good things. Proactive prayer can keep us from the hidden sins lurking in our hearts. Receive the grace to deal with every hidden sin.



PRAYER

Oh God, search my heart and cleanse me of every sin and iniquity. Purge me and make me whole, in Jesus name.



ACTION POINT

Search your heart and be truthful to yourself; take out the skeleton!



DAILY BIBLE READING

2 Samuel 12

OPEN POSTURE

KEY TEXT

Jude 1:20-21 (MSG), "But you, dear friends, carefully build yourselves up in this most holy faith by praying in the Holy Spirit, staying right at the center of God's love, keeping your arms open and outstretched, ready for the mercy of our Master, Jesus Christ. This is the unending life, the real life!"

POWER THOUGHT

You can convey a lot of meaning without saying a word...

One of the things I talk to people about is their body language. You can convey a lot of meaning without saying a word simply by your posture. An open body posture, where the hands are at your side and you're facing the other person, tells them you're open and receptive to what they're telling you. A closed posture, where your arms are folded and your body is slightly turned away, conveys that you are not open to what they have to say.

What is your body language towards God? Are you open and receptive to all He wants to do in your life or are you closed off towards Him? The natural human nature answer is to say we are open, but how often are we willing to stay in the center of God's will when it includes pruning or shaping? How often do we give God full autonomy over our lives to do with as He wants? Jonah is a typical reference for today's focus. God won't always use a large fish to swallow us in order to get repentance from us. He often patiently waits for us as He tries to build us into the person He wants us to be. He's waiting for us to be open and receptive to all He wants to do.

We are to have an open posture towards God, staying in His will, as we are being built into our most holy faith. We need to unfold our arms before God so we can receive from Him what He wants to do in our lives. We need to change our posture if we really want to grow.



Father, help me to be in the best posture to receive from and walk with You. Break me and mould me; make me suitable for Your use, in Jesus name.



How receptive are you?



2 Samuel 13

YOUR HAPPINESS COUNTS

KEY TEXT

Prov. 15:13 "A glad heart makes a cheerful face, but by sorrow of heart the spirit is crushed".

POWER THOUGHT

No one was put on earth to make another person happy.

Have you ever asked yourself this question— "What kind of life does Jesus want for me?" **Jn. 10:10** gives the perfect clue; "...I have come so that they may have life and have it in abundance". This scripture talks about having a full life. A full life is not complete without true joy and happiness. Simply put, God wants you to be happy! Even though God's desire is for you to live a happy life, you have to make that choice personally. Happiness is a choice and it starts with you! What many people do not realise is that their happiness is their responsibility. No one was put on earth to make another person happy. In as much as you may want to make others happy and require that they also make you happy, it is nobody's responsibility to make anyone happy. If you want to constantly enjoy a happy life, you must pay attention to your thought process. The people you find around you or the situations you find yourself in do not dictate your happiness. It is the way you process and think about those experiences and relationships that will either have a positive or negative effect on your disposition. Take up the responsibility for making yourself happy!

Becoming born again is your first step to true happiness, after which the ball falls right in your court. When your happiness is in the hands of other people, you are in an emotional prison, but you may not know it. Free yourself today and be responsible for your happiness. You will see and enjoy the beauty of life Jesus Christ promised.



PRAYER

Mighty God, let Your blessing of everlasting joy, go with me wherever I go. I destroy the spirit of heaviness and depression that seeks to weigh me down, in Jesus name.



ACTION POINT

List three things that would make you happy. Do at least one of them.



DAILY BIBLE READING:

2 Samuel 14

UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

KEY TEXT

1 John 3:1, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not."

POWER THOUGHT

The one true source of this kind of love is God.

The definition of unconditional is without restrictions or limits - unquestioning. How can you be certain of unconditional love and where can you find it? The one true source of this kind of love is God. If we want to learn to love others unconditionally, we must look to God who is the perfect source.

Do you want to love people unconditionally? Here are a few things you should know:

- God never runs out of unconditional love — **1 Jn. 3:1**.
- Unconditional love makes sacrifices — **Jn. 3:16**.
- Unconditional love flows from inside out; love yourself! — **Matt. 19:19**.



Father, thank You for loving me unconditionally. I accept Your love and I extend that same love to my world.



Spread the love of Christ as much as you can.



2 Samuel 15

ABANDONED BUT NOT ALONE

KEY TEXT

Ps 62:7, "in God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God."

POWER THOUGHT

God never abandons His own.

To abandon someone is to quit supporting them or to give up on them. Being abandoned is a gruesome experience. You find out that there are people in your life that you can count on, and there are people that you can't. Some of the ones who you thought would support you through thick and thin give up on you.

David was a person who knew a thing or two about being abandoned. He was forgotten by his father, disrespected by his brothers, shamed by his wife, chased by the king, and dishonored by his son. The people in his life that he should have been able to count on, turned their backs on him at some point in his life. He knew a thing or two about hitting rock bottom. He looked for those he could count on in times of trouble. In all of his searching, there was one who never abandoned him— God. David wasn't a perfect man either. He cheated on his wife, had a man murdered, and did some unthinkable things. Yet when he sought after God, he knew that no matter what he had done, God did not abandon him. When others gave up on him, God never did. In fact, God said he was a man after His own heart (**1 Sam. 13:14**).

You may have walked David's shoes. Maybe you've been abandoned

by those who love you or you've abandoned the things you know are right. Either way, if you will seek God, you will find refuge; God never abandons His own. **Ps. 9:10 (GNT)** says, "Those who know you, Lord, will trust you; you do not abandon anyone who comes to you".



PRAYER

Father, I thank You for Your ever abiding presence in my life! I know that with You, I will never be alone in life. My trust is in You!



You are not alone.



2 Samuel 16

WE DON'T HAVE ALL THE ANSWERS

KEY TEXT

Hos. 2:15, "And I will give her vineyards from thence, and the valley of Achor for a door of hope: and she shall sing there, as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt."

POWER THOUGHT

...He is never behind any pain we go through.

Maybe you are going through a difficult valley. Maybe you are disappointed with God because of what you are going through right now, remember, this is not the end! I want to encourage you not to ask, "Why?" Asking 'why' will only lead you into depression. Don't ask, "Why did this happen to me?" Don't ask, "Why is my child not healed even though I have trusted You for years?" or "Why is my loved one going through one tragedy after another?" The fact is, in this fallen world, we don't have all the answers and bad things happen to good people too! One day, we will receive our new bodies, where the corruptible will put on incorruption, and the mortal will put on immortality (**1 Cor. 15:53**). But until then, I recognize that sometimes bad things happen and I don't know why. But what I do know is this — God is a good God. He loves us, and He is **never** behind any pain we go through. Our faith in Him is not based on our experiences; it is based on the unchanging, eternal Word of God, which cannot lie. Even when things didn't go the way you wanted them to, don't remain in your disappointment. Keep believing that God is **for** you and not against you. Keep believing that God can restore to you what you have lost (**Joel 2:25, Job 33:25**). "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful" (**Heb. 10:23**). Keep on looking **to** the Lord for your breakthrough and be rest assured that He will come through for you.



Oh Lord, because of Your grace, I am rising above every negative situation today. I receive my breakthrough today, in Jesus mighty name.



Encourage yourself and say, "this is not the end."



2 Samuel 17

ENTER INTO YOUR SEASON

COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

KEY TEXT

Isa. 43:18-19, "Do not remember the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."

Our God is a God of times and seasons. The seasons of life define the harvests of life. God wants to open you to new season of possibilities, destiny connections, prospects, promises and prosperity. But again, you cannot hold on to the old and capture the new. It is time for a change! Today, there shall be an undeniable proof of positive change in your life!

PRAYER POINTS:

1. **Isa. 43:19** — Father, thank You for this new season of grace. The challenges of the past cannot destroy my life. Hallelujah!
2. Today, I call forth a beginning of great increase in my life. I declare that I will not end at this level or lower! I am on my way to greater heights, in Jesus name.
3. Let the fire of revival break out in my life today. Whatever belongs to me that yesterday swallowed resurrects now, in Jesus name!
4. By fire, I break every repeat cycle of old experiences, problems, failures and pains. I cannot be trapped in my yesterday, in Jesus name.
5. **Ps. 25:2** — Today, I take authority over every program of shame, failure, and destruction in my life. I judge every agent of shame and destruction with fire, in Jesus name.
6. **Prov. 4:18** — From today, my family will be progressively better and better. Everyday will reveal something better about lives. We will not die small!
7. Oh God, favour Gateway Int'l Church beyond measure. Connect us to men and women that will be instruments to fulfilling the vision of this house, in Jesus name.
8. Father, uproot any man or devil, occult power or sorcerer, working to destroy Gateway church. Arise oh God and let the enemies of Gateway be scattered!
9. Lord Jesus, rain down Your blessings on Psi. George Izunwa. May the doors of nations be open to him. Exceed his expectations this year, in Jesus name.
10. Father, bless our nation Nigeria. Make her to excel in areas she has failed. Revive our economy and standard of living, in Jesus name.

THE MOUNTAIN WHERE GOD DWELLS

KEY TEXT

Ps 132:13-14, *"For the LORD hath chosen Zion; he hath desired it for his habitation. This is my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it."*

POWER THOUGHT

If your blessings and breakthroughs come from Mount Zion, they will last!

I want to announce to you today that God has moved mountains! He is no more on Mount Sinai, which only breeds fear and insecurity in your relationship with Him. Because of the Calvary, God has moved to Mount Zion, the mountain of grace, the place of reconciliation, relationship, and closeness with His people. On this mountain you find yourself running to God to experience intimacy with Him that gives you strength and changes you from the inside out. In the book of Psalms, you will find many scriptures about how God loves and has chosen Zion, and will bless those on Zion. Consider **Ps. 125:1**, *"They that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever."* It is Mount Zion, and not Mount Sinai, that cannot be removed. It remains forever! What does this mean? If you establish your life on Mount Zion, you will enjoy true liberty and stability. Build your life on the mountain of grace and you will be like the man who built his house on the rock—unshakable and rock-solid in the face of adversities and life's storms. If your blessings and breakthroughs come from Mount Zion, they will last!

My friend, because of Jesus' finished work on Calvary, God has moved to Mount Zion. It is time to let go of your own works and allow the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ to completely revolutionize your life from the inside out. When Christ in His glorious grace is of full effect in your life, that breakthrough you have been believing for shall come to pass swiftly in the name of Jesus.



PRAYER

Today, I declare that I am not under the law but under the grace of God through the finished work of Jesus Christ. I move to the mountain where God is and I receive my portion in destiny, in Jesus name.



Place a demand on the power of Calvary.



2 Samuel 19

DON'T DO LIFE WITHOUT GOD

KEY TEXT

Mk. 1:35, "And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, He went out and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed."

POWER THOUGHT

Without the touch of God, the struggles of life become unending.

No one will survive the victimization of life without the presence of God. Life isn't meant to go only by the abilities of the natural realm; there must be a touch of the divine to unveil, position and strengthen you to achieve your purpose. Jesus, throughout His journey on earth, kept a consistent daily touch with the Father. He drew inspiration from above. He received specific instructions and revelations, necessary for His success from the Father. This happened by the encounters He had in His daily communion with heaven. He also received the resources and personnel needed to facilitate His assignment.

You need to be in constant touch with God. Your daily waking instinct should be about connecting with the Spirit of God—refreshing your inner man with His presence and receiving new inspiration and direction from Him. Without a committed daily walk with God, your destiny will continually be in jeopardy. Without the touch of God, the struggles of life become unending. There may be activity, but not much accomplishment, and even when there are some achievements, they may not necessarily translate to fulfilment.

Man is limited in power, wisdom, resources, insight, character and longevity and therefore, needs God to succeed. Sometimes, a person's best effort

may not be enough to achieve a set goal due to unforeseen circumstances but with God, there are no limits— He is Elshaddai! Allowing God have His way in your life by giving Him quality time is the best thing you can do for yourself. Go daily with God if you must survive life's victimization and make impact.



Father, help me to live and walk daily in the consciousness of your presence in Jesus' name.



Cultivate an atmosphere of the presence of God around you today.



2 Samuel 20

LIVING FEARLESSLY

KEY
TEXT

Ps 91:5-6, "Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday."

POWER
THOUGHT

...grace qualifies us for God's all-encompassing protection

Psalm 91 reminds us that we have round-the-clock protection. Whether it is at night or in the day, darkness or noonday, faced with a terror or confronted by arrows. We do not have to be afraid because our God, who watches over us, neither slumbers nor sleeps (**Ps. 121:3-4**)!

The reality is, the world we live in seems to be engulfed in negative news and fear. Many can't help but dread that the same tragedies could befall them. But beloved, I want you to know that in the midst of all that is happening in the world, you can be fearless, and this comes from knowing the Lord as the God of peace. Romans chapter 15 ends with the Apostle Paul saying, "Now *the **God of peace** be with you all*" (**Rom. 15:33**). Why then did Paul specifically say, "The God of peace be with you all"? What Paul was speaking over the people was for God to manifest Himself as the God of peace in their lives. In other words, even though God is always with us, we may not always experience Him as the God of peace. **Rom. 16:20** tells us this: "And *the **God of peace** will crush Satan under your feet shortly...*"

Do you see what the God of peace will do in your life? He will crush every fear, every worry, and every anxiety! That is why we put our faith in the blood of Jesus when we talk about protection. His sinless blood was shed to pay the price for the guilty one. And because Jesus paid the price, grace qualifies us for God's all-encompassing protection.



I am saved and redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ, therefore, no evil can come near my dwelling! I walk in the boldness of the New Covenant in Christ Jesus.



Read and meditate on Ps. 91



2 Samuel 21

A LITTLE KINDNESS

KEY
TEXT

Eph 4:32, "And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

POWER
THOUGHT

...God blesses all acts of kindness, large or small.

Kindness seems to be steadily eroding from our fast-paced, busy society. Showing kindness is more important now than ever. Jesus tells us that even the small things matter. We shape our world with our words and actions. Be intentional about being kind because God blesses all acts of kindness, large or small.

KEY POINTS TO NOTE ABOUT KINDNESS —

- Kindness has the power to soften people's hearts— **Prov. 3:3-4**
- Kindness is the ability to act for the welfare of those who test our patience — **1 Cor. 13:4a**
- To be genuine, kindness must be accompanied by the rest of the fruit of the Spirit— **Gal. 5:22**



Father, help me to impact my world through kindness, in Jesus mighty name.



Be on the lookout for extra ways to show kindness to someone this week!



2 Samuel 22

PERFECT LOVE

KEY TEXT

1 John 3:18, "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth."

POWER THOUGHT

There is no fear in God's love.

Fear is a destructive bondage. Fear paralyzes you and prevents you from fulfilling the amazing destiny that God has for you. Fear makes you feel inadequate and insecure, and comes with unhealthy side effects ranging from panic attacks to sleep disorders. Fear is irrational.

Fear is a spiritual condition, which is why you can't just reason it away. You can't simply tell someone who is struggling with fear and gripped by panic attacks to just stop being fearful. A spiritual condition cannot be remedied naturally. Fear can be eradicated only by a personal encounter with the person of Jesus. Beloved, it is not your heavenly Father's heart for you to live tormented by fear. There is no fear in God's love. His perfect love drives out all fears. **Jn. 3:16** tells us, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have ever-lasting life."

If you only knew how much He esteems and treasures His beloved Son, you would catch a glimpse of how much He loves you, because He gave up His Son for you. The gospel of grace is all about unveiling God's perfect love — a love whose length, depth and height were demonstrated at the cross. A love that gave up the Son of God as a sacrifice; a love that bore your sins and mine so that we can receive His everlasting life and live free of any bondage.

My friend, the more you immerse and anchor your heart on God's perfect and unconditional love for you, the more fear will lose its hold on your life!



PRAYER

Today, I receive a fresh revelation of His love for me in a deep and personal way. Oh God, as Your love floods your heart, I pray that every fear is forever cast out of my life, in Jesus name!



Ask God to reveal His love afresh to you.



2 Samuel 23

USE YOUR WORDS TO BLESS

KEY TEXT

James 3:5, "Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!"

POWER THOUGHT

every time you speak well of something, you are blessing that thing...

Your words are powerful. What you speak over yourself can change your life. It is clearly stated in God's word. If you desire to love life and see good days, all you need to do is to refrain from speaking evil. The tongue seems minute and insignificant compared to the rest of our body. How can such a little organ, which doesn't have any skeletal support, have such a direct and pronounced effect on our future? In the book of Proverbs, Solomon also declares, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit" (Prov. 18:21). It is evident that God does not want you to underestimate the power of your words! As you have been transformed by the gospel of grace, God also wants to transform your relationships with people. We are people called to be a blessing everywhere we go. The original Greek word for "blessing" in 1 Pet. 3:9 is eulogeo, which means "to speak well of" and is where we get the English word "eulogy." That is, every time you speak well of something, you are blessing that thing and being a blessing! So speak well of your marriage, children, family, and your friends. That's how you bless and become a blessing everywhere you go. Bless your

body too, by speaking well of it! Speak well also of your relationship with the Lord. Call yourself the beloved of the Lord. Declare His protection, favour, and righteousness over you and your loved ones. Declare His blessings over your life and take possession of your blessed place in Christ.



PRAYER

Today, I declare that my tongue will only bless. I will release words that are edifying and soothing to everyone and everything around me, in Jesus name.



ACTION POINT

Speak words that will bless.



DAILY BIBLE READING:

2 Samuel 24

ATTRACTING DESTINY -CHANGING RELATIONSHIPS

COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

KEY
TEXT

Prov. 13:20, "He who walks with wise men will be wise, but the companion of fools will be destroyed."

There are men who come in to enrich, increase and enlarge the destinies of the people they come across. While there are purposeful, God-ordained relationships, there are also others that becloud destinies. Today, may your life attract destiny helpers and makers.

PRAYER POINTS:

1. **Eccl. 4:9**— Lord Jesus, thank You for enriching my life with grace relationships. This month, I receive new covenant friends and helpers.
2. Today, I invite people anointed to speak wisdom and direction into my destiny. I call in prophetic voices, men of wisdom and life inspirers into my entire life.
3. **1 Sam.10:3-4**— Lord Jesus, command and compel people with resources to willingly invest in my life projects. I declare that I will not be without help nor beg for help.
4. I cut off everyone sent by the devil to pollute or violate my glorious destiny. No more dirty, defiling and devilish relationships. No more soul ties; I cut myself loose!
5. This season, men will be positioned in strategic places and at strategic times, for my lifting. Let those already positioned come to my aid. No more barren, perverted or ineffective relationship in my life.
6. **Matt. 5:14**— Today, I declare that my entire family is lighted with the glory of God. We are visible! We cannot be hidden or relegated to the backside of life. Kings are coming to the brightness of our rising!
7. Oh God, favour Gateway Int'l Church beyond measure. Connect us to men and women that will be instruments to fulfilling the vision of this house, in Jesus name.
8. Father, uproot any man or devil, occult power or sorcerer, working to destroy Gateway church. Arise oh God and let the enemies of Gateway be scattered!
9. Lord Jesus, rain down Your blessings on Pst. George Izunwa. May the doors of nations be open to him. Exceed his expectations this year, in Jesus name.
10. Father, bless our nation Nigeria. Make her to excel in areas she has failed. Revive our economy and standard of living, in Jesus name.

SUCCESS HAS A ROAD MAP

KEY
TEXT

2 Chron. 29:2, "And he did what was right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his father David had done"

POWER
THOUGHT

It is easier to locate an unknown destination through someone who has been there.

Everything we desire in life has a path that leads to its accomplishment, so does success! Success has a road map. You can choose to either allow it lead you or you can choose to go astray. It is easier to locate an unknown destination through someone who has already been there than navigating on your own. Several kings had reigned in Israel. Only a few succeeded like King Hezekiah who did that which was right in the sight of the Lord. He thrived because he walked according to the pattern his forefather, King David, had laid down. He followed a successful, positive role model (2 Ki. 18-20).

Hezekiah knew that for him to succeed as the king, he had to follow the footprint of one who had succeeded. He did just that. You need to locate somebody godly you can model your life after. A Christian's role model should be someone who has the fear of the Lord central in their value system. Such an individual should have distinguished himself/herself by diligence, discipline and doggedness in the pursuit of his success. If you want to succeed in whatever you do, look out for positive role models and get inspired. If God can help that person attain an enviable height of success, He

can equally make you prosper as well.

No role model is flawless; they have made their mistakes. When you properly study and learn from their lives, you will be able to avoid their mistakes. As God raises you, remember your life is also supposed to be a good model. Become an example that men will see and give glory to God. Receive extraordinary grace today.



Oh Lord, order my steps to the man or woman that would be my destiny role model. I receive seeing eyes, hearing ears and an understanding heart to guide me, in Jesus name.



Think of three people today that you can pick as your role models and pray to God about them.



1 Corinthians 2

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

KEY TEXT

Ruth 1:16-17, "And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God: where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me."

POWER THOUGHT

Everyone needs some guidance in life.

The best world leaders and top CEOs often rely on a trusted inner circle for advice. They know when to ask for help and whom to trust. This same idea applies to our personal and professional lives. Who do you go to when things get hard? Whose advice do you trust when it comes to your marriage, your kids, or your business? Mentors, life coaches, consultants and counselors are everywhere, but what about your spiritual life? Where do you go when your faith journey gets hard? God always speaks to us through His Word. However, God also places key people in our lives to encourage us, to speak truth to us and to support us along the way. Take the role of preachers. In the Bible, God told the prophet Ezekiel that preachers were to speak the Word of God, that is the Bible, in order to teach, encourage, warn and even to correct. In the ancient culture, most cities were surrounded by huge walls as a defense against enemies. Along the top of the walls, watchmen were posted to warn of enemy threats. Preachers are meant to be our modern day watchmen. When they preach the Word of God, they are doing their job, watching over the flock. Everyone needs some guidance in life. From teachers and friends, to

mentors and advisors – why should your spiritual life be any different? If there's no one you trust to tell you the honest truth, encourage you on tough days and walk with you along your faith journey, ask God for someone today. Everyone needs a trusted inner circle. Who's in yours?



PRAYER

Lord, thank You for bringing the right friends into my life! Give me wisdom and discernment to know who to welcome into my inner circle, and help me build strong, healthy relationships with them, in Jesus Name.



ACTION POINT

Trust the Holy Ghost to guide you as you build your inner circle.



DAILY BIBLE READING:

1 Corinthians 3

POSITIVE OUTLOOK

KEY
TEXT

Gen. 29:32, "Leah conceived and gave birth to a son, and she called his name Reuben, for she said, Surely the Lord has looked upon my affliction. Now therefore my husband will love me"

POWER
THOUGHT

De-motivation is a speed and destiny killer.

The 'Red Jacket Captain' is one of the popular stories on motivation. A sea captain who constantly voyaged at sea with his crew encountered series of attacks from pirates. Just before each fight with the pirates, he would request for his red jacket. Out of curiosity, one of his crew members asked him about the jacket and he said, "There is nothing in the red jacket; I wear it to camouflage the blood stains as we fight" He wore that jacket to keep his people motivated at all times! Motivation is one of the pointers of a positive attitude.

A positive attitude is not self deception. Having a positive attitude doesn't mean your life is where you want it to be yet but it simply says "I may not have it all or the way I want it, but I'm on a journey. I care less what man says; I hold on to what God is saying". Every believer is expected to have a positive attitude. Leah's attitude paints the clear picture for us. As an arranged wife for Jacob, she never enjoyed the sweet affection of a loving husband. Jacob loved Rachael passionately even though she was barren. Leah thought the attention she so desired would come from giving birth to more children for Jacob. But her efforts proved futile. Her life turned around when she decided to choose a positive attitude despite her need (**Gen. 29:35**).

De-motivation is a speed and destiny killer. It doesn't matter what you have gone through; you can still stand strong. Look beyond the logical reality of your situation. Put on the jacket of divine wisdom and a helmet of positive attitude today and always.



PRAYER

By the blood of Jesus, I rebuke every voice of negativity and anxiety that wants to exalt itself above the Word of God in my life. in Jesus name.



ACTION
POINT

Today, meditate on encouraging words and Scriptures.



DAILY BIBLE
READING:

1 Corinthians 4

CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME

KEY TEXT

Prov. 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

POWER THOUGHT

The family is the perfect place to learn.

Our families are the incubators where our children's attitudes and values are formed — for better or for worse. The family is the perfect place to learn. Thus, if we want to raise kids who have a desire to serve the kingdom, we have to cultivate an attitude of service within our homes. Receive the grace today to impact and instill godly values to your children.

KEY NOTES TO PONDER ON —

- Be a model of what you say.
- Encourage love and solidarity in your home.
- Cultivate the habit of service in your home.



Oh God, help me to build and nurture the destinies you have put in my hands, in Jesus mighty name.



What values are you instilling into the next generation?



1 Corinthians 5

YOUR SUCCESS IS IN OTHERS' SUCCESS

KEY TEXT

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

POWER THOUGHT

God will make happen for you what you make happen for others.

Self-sufficiency is God's desire for you. Whatever the need, or the circumstances, He wants you to be independent, so much so that you require no aid or support. But then, He wants you to get big enough for others. That immediately brings something to mind: you really don't live for yourself, but for other people. **Gal. 6:10** says, "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." Abraham, David and all the great men and women in the Bible didn't live for themselves.

You may have told yourself, "I don't have money with which to help others," but that's why God is able to make all grace abound toward you. You must be able to share what you have. When you get concerned about helping others, God will take care of your own desires. There are many people in distress for example, whose healing will be perfected and their needs met, if only they'd, for a moment, look away from their own pains and needs and pray for others. Become sensitive to the needs of those around you to be a blessing. When you live this way, you're functioning as your heavenly Father.

You're a greater success as you help others to succeed. God will make

happen for you what you make happen for others. As you grow in Christ, God expects you to learn how to look away from yourself and become concerned about the needs of others. So keep giving, and keep helping those around you to stand strong.



PRAYER

Oh God, thank You for making me a custodian of Kingdom wealth. By Your Spirit, I touch lives, mend broken hearts, bring healing and prosperity to the nations, in Jesus Name.



Help somebody succeed.



1 Corinthians 6



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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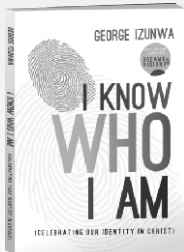
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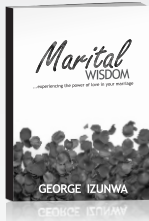
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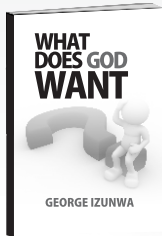
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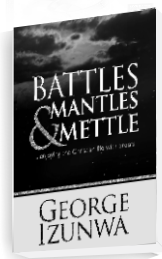
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