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OINTRODUCTION

"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

PASTOR & BARR. MRS. 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 Ocovenant 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 Ocovenant 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 Omonthly prophetic declaration

AUGUST: WINGS & HEIGHTS!

TEXT: ISA 40:28-31

TAKEOVER WORD: THE GATES ARE OPEN! MY PLACE IS IN THE HIGH PLACES OF LIFE!

- This is your season of destiny acceleration! Go higher! Go faster! Yes, you will mount up on the wings of my Spirit! I will bring you into your prepared places!
- Remember this: You are mine & I am yours! The DNA of greatness is in you! You have what it takes to make it!
- There will be turbulence. Refuse to look at the storm.
 Walk on the water. You will not sink. Begin that new project. This is the month for new faith adventures!
- I have anointed you to stand in the gap for someone. Never ignore my notifications. Never ignore the needs around. Intercede and I will intervene!
- Something the devil stole from you will be restored this month. Something that was withheld from you shall be released this month.
- One thing that will make the difference for you this month is devotion. Give me your morning. Keep your God 1st covenant with me!
- Believe me: You will never be the victim of any evil. I am your hiding place. I am your man of war!

2021 Omonthly **prophetic declaration**

- Stand! Stand bold against unrighteousness. Stand strong in witnessing. Stand as a pillar in my house. Stand for me!
- Honour the one I've sent to you. Honour your prophet.
 Honour your spouse. Honour your destiny relationships. I will honour you as you give a gift of honour.
- And I ask, "what is your name for me in this season?" As you call me by a new name, I will call you by a new name & usher you into new things!

Jesus Exceeds Expectations!

WHAT ARE YOU HERE FOR?

KEY TEXT Psalms 139:14, "I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well."

POWER THOUGHT

Turn the fiction into fact.

o live a life of purpose is to live a life of impact. Any man or woman who wants to leave a mark in the sands of time must first define his or her life. Refuse to remain in the "I don't know" zone. Be clear about what you want; write down the plan of your life and begin working to turn the fiction into fact.

Benefits of defining your life-

- Your life will become a brand.
- Your purpose will energise your pursuit.
- Success, for you, will become fulfilment.



AS JESUS IS TODAY, SO ARE YOU

KEY TEXT 1 John 4:17, "Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world."

POWER THOUGHT

The image of the glorified Christ... is your reflection as a new creation in Christ.

hen you tell someone, "Oh, you're just like Raymond," you've awakened a level of curiosity in that person and he will want to know who Raymond is. The Bible referring to Jesus, says, as He is, so are we in this world. It is therefore worth finding out from the Word who Jesus is; how did He live when He walked the earth?

The Bible tells us that He walked on water; talked to deaf ears and they were unstopped. He spoke to blind eyes and they opened. He talked to lame legs, and they were vitalized and restored. Even maimed limbs grew back at His word. He spoke to the dead and they came back to life! When He hushed the raging tempest, the disciples exclaimed of Him, "... What manner of man is this! For he commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey him"(Luke 8:25). He was so awe-inspiring! He even did all these as a man, having laid His glory aside (Philippians 2:7). The image of the glorified Christ you see in the Word—the mirror of God—is actually your reflection as a new creation in Christ. When you look in a mirror, you see your reflection, so the Word is the mirror that God gave you to look into and see your real self.

Meditate on this truth thoroughly and consciously think, talk, walk, and act like Jesus. Then like Him, you can say to blind eyes, "open up," and they'll open! You can say to the lame, "get up and walk," and it'll happen. You can touch others and they'll be blessed. Because as He is, so are you!



TUESDAY 3RD AUGUST 2021 SEED THREE

DESTRE SPIRITUAL INTIMACY

KEY TEXT

Genesis 45:10-11, "And thou shalt dwell in the land of Goshen, and thou shalt be near unto me, thou, and thy children, and thy children, and thy flocks, and thy herds, and all that thou hast: and there will I nourish thee; for yet there are five years of famine; lest thou, and thy household, and all that thou hast, come to poverty."

POWER THOUGHT

If we cannot be intimate with a perfect God, then we will certainly struggle to be intimate with imperfect people.

he "secret place" speaks of a place in Christ, but it also speaks of intimacy. To be "under the shadow of the Almighty" is to be close to Him. The difference in temperature when we are under the protective shelter of a tree is like night and day. Out in the open, we wouldn't last long under the scorching heat of the sun. But under the shadow of a tree, we can sit for hours, enjoying a time of refreshing. This is the same experience you would have under the shadow of the Almighty. Being under the shadow of the Almighty speaks of closeness, intimacy, and protection. It speaks of a place of refreshing, coolness, and rest. When Psalm 91 talks about dwelling in the "secret place" of the Most High, that secret place is not a geographical location, but spiritual intimacy with our Lord Jesus. Intimacy is defined as a "close familiarity or friendship; closeness." We all long for unconditional acceptance and closeness. We want to be cared for, known, understood, and loved for who we are. We yearn for relationships where we don't have to lie about who we are or what we feel for fear of being less or poor in the eyes of others. God is the starting place for this kind of intimacy.

If we cannot be intimate with a perfect God, then we will certainly struggle to be intimate with imperfect people. But if we can be intimate with God, He can and will show us how to be free to experience the kind of intimacy in relationships that we all desire. Desire and build spiritual intimacy with God today.



Oh Lord, draw me close to You! Help me to build a working relationship with You, Holy Spirit. I bring myself under Your Shadow and I ask that You fill me up till I overflow, in Jesus' name.

Read and meditate on Psalms 91.



Philippians 3

1 AM EXEMPTED BY GRACE

COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

KEY TEXT Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end."

oday all over the world, we see the end-time prophecy of woes, terrors and horrors being fulfilled. But in spite of these horrors, God has ordained exemption for His people. You are the redeemed of the Lord and your exemption from the evils of the day has been established by redemption. Your case is different!

PRAYER POINTS:

- 1. Acts 10:38—Father, I thank You for the privilege of redemption. I declare that I am the redeemed of the Lord and I will enjoy the dividends of redemption!
- 2. Malachi 3:17-18— by the reason of the Covenant, I declare that I shall flourish in the midst of the drought; I will stand out in my business, career and life's pursuits, in Jesus' name.
- **3. Psalms 37:23** Father, I receive your guidance and counsel today. By Your Spirit, inspire me and give me ideas that will keep me ahead in life, in Jesus' name.
- 4. I uproot every roadblock frustrating my life's journey. I will not be wearied by futility! My results must reflect my prayers, faith, and sacrifice in Jesus' name.
- 5. Today, I detach and severe the connection between me and ancient evil covenants, altars or covens. I am free and I walk in total freedom, in Jesus' name.
- 6. Ezekiel 34:25— Oh God, command Your peace in my family. I rebuke vexing spirits, accusations, misunderstandings etc. We are free from evil in Jesus name.
- 7. Lord, thank You for the great harvest of souls. Convict men by Your Spirit. As they gather to You, O God, may their testimonies abide and may their souls be established in Your Kingdom, in Jesus' name.
- 8. **Psalms 92:12** Father, increase Gateway Church like never before in this season. Let the rain of Your favour and blessings be evident in this house, in Jesus' name.
- **9.** Genesis 22:17— Father, may Your blessings rest on Your servant Pst. George Izunwa; announce his ministry and make him a voice amongst the nations, in Jesus' name.
- Isaiah 62:1— Father, let Your righteousness be established in our nation, Nigeria. May the reign of wickedness, corruption, evil and sin come to an end in this land, in Jesus' name!



FAITH IN MOTION

KEY TEXT Ecclesiastes 10:18, "By much slothfulness the building decayeth; and through idleness of the hands the house droppeth through."

POWER THOUGHT

If you dare nothing, nothing will be gained or achieved.

o you need a breakthrough? If so, you're not alone. As Christians, we all sense that need—not just once or twice but many times in our lives. There are seasons when you have sown the seed of God's Word, tended it with faith and patience and you perceive in your spirit that your "due season" is by the corner (Galatians 6:9). Yet nothing seems to be happening. So you keep on watching and waiting, month after month or even year after year for the breakthrough you so desperately need.

Please understand that it is not enough just to wait, wonder and watch. Many times there are some things you must do. In **Deuteronomy 2:24**, God said: "Rise ye up, take your journey; behold, I have given into thine hand Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land; begin to possess it..." There are actions you must take to bring forth those God-ordained plans and promises that are so long overdue. If there is no faith motion, there will be no possession! Attempt is the first motion taken to make a great achievement. Everything that happened in the Bible for victorious men was because they made mighty moves; they chose to be different so as to make a difference. They did not fold their arms waiting for chance; they

took actions in tandem with their beliefs. And they were great because of their great decisions and great actions. If you dare nothing, nothing will be gained or achieved. It is your time for a breakthrough; reach out for it today!



AN EXCEPTIONAL FUTURE

...your life is on an extraordinary path.

KEY TEXT

Proverbs 4:18, "But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

POWER THOUGHT

e all face challenges. We all have obstacles to overcome. But if we can keep the right perspective, it will help us stay in faith so that we can move forward into victory.

You may feel right now as though the challenges you face are too big or too overwhelming. One thing I've learned is that average people have average problems. Ordinary people have ordinary challenges. But remember, you are not average. You are not ordinary. You are EXTRAORDINARY. God breathed His life into you. He said clearly in **Genesis 1:26**, "... Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth."So, you can see clearly for yourself that you are exceptional! But even more important for you to know is that exceptional people face exceptional difficulties.

The good news is that we serve an exceptional God! When you have an extraordinary problem, instead of being discouraged, be encouraged, knowing that you're an extraordinary person with an extraordinary future. **Isaiah 41:10** reminds us clearly of what happens when we trust in the extraordinary God, *"Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee: yea, I will uphold thee*

with the right hand of my righteousness." Your path is shining brighter and brighter because of your extraordinary God! Be encouraged today because your life is on an extraordinary path. Keep standing in faith, keep declaring victory, and keep declaring the promises of God over your life because you have an exceptional future!



WORK!

KEY TEXT Ecclesiastes 10:18, "Because of laziness the building decays, and through idleness of hands the house leaks."

POWER THOUGHT Lazy people can never possess the gates of destiny.

n your quest to access the gates of your destiny, you cannot rule out the essence of work. From the very creation of man, God has made work an integral part of man's life. That can be proved by His command to Adam to care for the Garden of Eden. Thus, God expects us to work, and work hard. The truth about hardwork is that, when we don't put ourselves to use, we inevitably deteriorate physically, psychologically and spiritually. If there is anybody who should hold hardwork in high esteem, it is the Christian. No matter how much you invest in your spiritual life, find your hands and your brain something positive to do.

Lazy people can never possess the gates of destiny. God frowns at idleness and sloppiness because every human being under the sun has been given the special gift of time. There are many success stories in the world today of people who have made it in spite of the fact that they are not children of the Covenant. Now imagine you, a child of the Covenant, endowed with every spiritual gift that makes you a candidate for the best? You have, in you, all it takes to excel in all you do. All it takes is **HARD WORK!** Bear these in mind— hard work is a Christian virtue. It is a sign of increasing

godliness. The call to hard work is a call to true purposeful living. It is a call

not to waste your life but to get up and get out and do something with the opportunities that God has placed before you.



SUNDAY 8TH AUGUST 2021 SEED EIGHT

PURPOSEFUL UVING

TEXT

1 Corinthians 15:10, "But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me."

POWER THOUGHT

Innate in every Christian is the capacity to live an impactful life.

urposeful living is high impact living. High impact people are people who make their mark everywhere they are found. They are people who seem to effortlessly command influence. Innate in every Christian is the capacity to live an impactful life and it takes an act of intentionality to draw from those resources.

How to make impact through purposeful living:-

- Clearly define what you want.
- Determine the path to take to achieve your purpose.
- Decide who or what is in or out of your destiny team.
- Dedicate your whole life to making purpose happen.



Father, I thank You because You have a plan and purpose for me; I declare that I walk in the path that You have mapped out for me, in Jesus' name.

Act on the bullet point stated above.



Psalms 81-82

MONDAY 9TH AUGUST 2021 SEED NINE

STAY FOCUSED

KEY TEXT Acts 8:5-8, "Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed. And there was great joy in that city."

POWER THOUGHT

... the Holy Spirit wants to flow through you...

Phillip was one of the "seven deacons" who were chosen by the early Christian church to minister to the community of believers in Jerusalem (Acts 6:1-7). After persecution broke out against the believers in Jerusalem, Phillip went down to Samaria, and his actions in that city led to a revival. He preached Christ to the people and did many great miracles to the extent that the bible records that there was great joy in the city! This was a man who had just experienced severe persecution in Jerusalem. In spite of this, he did not lose focus, or lose sight of the mandate from God to preach the gospel and heal the sick. He allowed God to use him mightily, and he brought revival to the city of Samaria.

A lot has changed in the world we know and many have been affected, one way or the other. One of Satan's objectives is to make you lose focus of the divine mandate of reaching the lost and ministering to the sick. He will literally try to use the world events to distract you from fulfilling the great commission. But you must remain focused! You must also remain mindful of the fact that the Holy Spirit wants to flow through you to bring healing, deliverance, miracles, breakthroughs to others. And you must constantly yield yourself to Him, and allow Him bring times of refreshing to you and

through you to others.

This is not the time to lose focus. Your heart must be stayed on God so He can work with you and through you. Receive that grace today in Jesus' name! PRAYER

Thank You, Holy Spirit, for empowering me to do exploits for the Kingdom and to fulfil Your mandate of global soul-winning and discipleship. I will not lose focus, in Jesus' mighty name!

ACTION POINT

What assignment have you derailed from? Pick up from where you stopped.



Psalms 83-84

BORN TO **REIGN**

KEY TEXT Matthew 28:18-19, "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:"

POWER THOUGHT

The key to great faith is a clear revelation...

A uthority is the power or right to give orders, make decisions, and enforce obedience within a territory, domain or jurisdiction. The highest authority in the universe was conferred on our Lord Jesus at His ascension to the right hand of God the Father. The Church is, however, united to Him as His body while He leads as the head. Just as every member of a human body shares the same identity and privileges as the physical head, so also in essence, all members of the body of Christ (believers) are partakers of His authority.

We have been authorized to represent Jesus Christ and the interests of God's kingdom on the earth. The key to great faith is a clear revelation of this amazing authority that we have. The potency of this authority is backed by the mighty power that raised Jesus from the dead.

A believer has the liberty to decide what is permitted in their space of influence or otherwise. A believer has the right to superimpose God's will on every contrary situation in his/her life. A believer can audaciously resist the devil and all his cohorts in every aspect of his/her life. A believer can mobilize a host of angelic forces through bold proclamations of God's Word. A believer can walk in dominion and do great exploits all in the

authority conferred on us in Jesus' name.

Beloved, all authority has been given to you! Walk in it and exercise it. Use it this year to dominate all the forces of evil and to chart the course of your life. You have the power!



SUPERNATURAL TURNAROUND

COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

KEY TEXT 1 Samuel 2:7-8, "The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up. He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth are the LORD's, and he hath set the world upon them."

Supernatural turnaround connotes the intervention of God that shifts things forward and provokes uncommon changes. Supernatural turnaround opens doors for uncommon testimonies, accelerates progress and enhances promotion in life. Today, you will have that turnaround you desire!

PRAYER POINTS:

- 1. **Psalms 100:4**—Father, thank You for every time You have intervened in the journey of my life. Thank You for all the wonders You have performed in my life and family in times past.
- 2. Father everything that must change in my life, whether in my business, career, ministry, finances, for my story to change must turnaround today!
- **3. 2 Corinthians 10:4**—I rebuke every power contending with the change of story in my life today in Jesus' name. Every operation of the wicked secretly/openly tampering with my glorious destiny, scatter today in Jesus' name.
- 4. Anything, anywhere that has set my destiny behind and backward, your time is over now! Loose me, let me go in Jesus' name!
- 5. Father, everywhere I am supposed to be in life by now that I am very far from, Oh Lord by your divine turnaround power, move me there speedily in Jesus' name.
- 6. I decree and declare total release of all my inheritance and entitlement that will accelerate my complete turnaround in Jesus' name.
- 7. Lord, thank You for the great harvest of souls. Convict men by Your Spirit. As they gather to You, O God, may their testimonies abide and may their souls be established in Your Kingdom, in Jesus' name.
- 8. **Psalms 92:12** Father, increase Gateway Church like never before in this season. Let the rain of Your favour and blessings be evident in this house, in Jesus' name.
- **9. Genesis 22:17** Father, may Your blessings rest on Your servant Pst. George Izunwa; announce his ministry and make him a voice amongst the nations, in Jesus name.
- 10. Isaiah 62:1— Father, let Your righteousness be established in our nation, Nigeria.

May the reign of wickedness, corruption, evil and sin come to an end in this land, in



Psalms 87-88

...empowering your life

THE CIFT OF SELE-DISCIPLINE

KEY TEXT 1 Corinthians 9:27, "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway."

POWER THOUGHT

No fleshly effort will please God or build true discipline.

he experts say it takes twenty one days to form a habit.After reading this, you may think, "Just 21 days of waking up early to read my Bible and then it will be easy!" Many others have thought that way too, but it doesn't work like that.

Spiritual self-discipline isn't a pursuit that we simply force into habit. If that were the case, there would be little need for the Holy Spirit in our lives. **Galatians 5:22-23** calls'self-control' a fruit of the Spirit. We wouldn't have it without the Spirit as it's His gifting and work in us. This realization begs the question then: How do we become more disciplined in our spiritual lives? Consider what Jeff lorg puts forth in his book, The Character of Leadership, "No fleshly effort will please God or build true discipline. Self-discipline refers to self as the object of discipline rather than its source. Even though discipline is learned, and self is the object of the discipline, the motivation and power to develop discipline comes from the Spirit." In order to become self disciplined, we need to stop trying to take on the Spirit's role as the source of life-changing power and rely on the strength He will faithfully work in us. Paul told Timothy to be strengthened by the Grace of Jesus

(2 Timothy 2:1). If our motivation isn't coming from the Holy Spirit, then we will continue in vain and fail in the practice of self-discipline. Press into the Holy Spirit, and He will give you the strength to "run with endurance the race that is set before you" (Hebrews 12:1).



Sweet Holy Spirit, thank You for the fruit of self-discipline | bear because of Your presence in my life. | ask for the enablement to build and sustain selfdiscipline.

ACTION POINT



Bring your'self' under the control of the Holy Spirit.

Psalm 89

OUT OF YOUR BELLY

KEY TEXT John 7:38, "He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water."

POWER THOUGHT

God wants you to give expression to the Holy Spirit inside you.

esus made the astonishing statement above that those who believe on Him as the Scripture has said, out of their belly shall flow rivers of living water. What are these rivers of living water? What does it mean to have these rivers flow out of your belly?

The living water Jesus was referring to is the Holy Spirit. We engage the spirit or supernatural world from the natural perspective on two dimensions: experience and expression. Experience means your "personal experience" in the natural realm of your body and mental/emotional faculties. The second dimension is that of expression. It is the ability for us, humans, to give natural expression to spiritual virtues in the realm of the flesh. Therefore what is spirit and invisible can become visible and perceptible to the natural senses or natural mental faculties; this is 'expression'. This process of expression is what this 'flow out of our belly' means.

God wants you to give expression to the Holy Spirit inside you. You can experience it personally; that is wonderful but not sufficient. He wants that power to be EXPRESSED through you, flow out of you, to those around you. When you lay hands on someone and they become healed, a river of power has just flowed out of you! When you choose to love that neighbor who seems to be unlovable, a river of agape love has just flowed out of you! There

are many rivers, of power, wisdom, joy, peace, and even financial prosperity! You believe in Jesus, so by your rights and privileges in Christ, rivers of living waters are meant to be gushing out of your belly!



Oh Lord, thank You for the rivers that are flowing through me and out of me. Help me to become a source of unending supply of water to a dying world around me, in Jesus' name.





Psalms 90-91

...empowering your life

SATURDAY 14TH AUGUST 2021 SEED FOURTEEN

DRESS PROPERLY!

POWER

Colossians 3:10 (NIV), "and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.'

Get well-dressed and you won't have to worry about looking bad. THOUGHT

Clothes say a lot about a person. American writer Mark Twain said, "Clothes make the man. Naked people have little or no influence on society."'Dress for success' is a still common advice that is widely considered. The fact is most, if not all, of us give a tremendous amount of attention to what we wear and what is in style. However, styles change and they change quickly. They also vary from culture to culture. What is viewed as acceptable and even attractive in one is seen as offensive and in poor taste to another.

There is good news for us believers. What was in style in the 1st century is still in style in this 21st century. In fact, it is in style anyplace and anytime. There are four essential pieces of Christian apparel; 4 godly garments that are always appropriate and always in season. They are love, peace, thanksgiving and the Word of God. Jesus gave us a summary statement of how to live the Christian life by boiling everything down to loving God and loving our neighbours(Matthew 22:37-39). Also, continually let the peace of God rule your heart; because peace is the umpire when it comes to the will of God. You have to learn to be always thankful both to God and man. Above all else, put on the Word of God as it is your armour against the

fiery darts of the devil. Dress yourself with the holy things of God - the virtues of Christ. Get well-dressed and you will never have to worry about looking bad again!



WINNING THE BATTLE OF LIFE

Exodus 14:14, "The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace."

POWER THOUGHT

Calvary enables you to win in life.

ife is a battleground; you have to fight to survive! You don't have to do anything wrong or don't have to provoke anyone's anger, 'let downs' and unfair treatments will find their way to you. That is life! But you have what it takes to survive! Calvary enables you to win in life. Go on this week and face life from the point of victory!

What is the Winning Strategy?

- Go with the consciousness of God's presence
- Don't run; face the challenge
- Don't fight alone; welcome help and support



KEY TEXT

SEED SIXTEEN

MOUTH UP AS YOU MOUNT UP

KEY TEXT Hebrews 13:5-6, "Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me."

POWER THOUGHT

God is a speaking God, and we are like our Father.

he times we live in now are not times to be feeble or ignorant of your place as a believer. As surely as this new day dawns, you must intentionally choose to live and walk in dominion.One of the most potent ways to live out and enforce your dominion is through the right use of your mouth. In other words, the dominion is in your mouth. It is in the spoken word.

God is a speaking God, and we are like our Father. You bring the will of God into your earthly reality by speaking God's word concerning your situation. By speaking, you manifest sonship and bring heaven's reality to your world. No wonder **Romans 8:19** says, "For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God." David did not stop speaking against Goliath; therefore, you are to keep speaking to enforce dominion. You have to learn to consciously use the word of God to clear your way.

God truly wants us to walk in dominion in any sphere of human life that we find ourselves. He doesn't want or expect us to live a mediocre life on this earth. That is why we must be very conscious of our place in Christ. We are

not the disadvantaged seeking mercy. No! Instead, the scriptures declare that we are seated in heavenly places, far above principalities and powers. All we need to do is to manifest by speaking. Beloved, you are like your Father in heaven. Your words come to pass. Speak in faith and divine authority always.



There is life in my tongue. Therefore, l speak life to everything living, dying or dead around me! I receive life, in Jesus' name.

Speak what you want to see in your life.



Psalms 96-97

...empowering your life

THE DILIGENT MAN IS ELEVATED

KEY TEXT

Proverbs 12:24, "The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute."

POWER THOUGHT

The purpose of grace is for you to work efficiently.

aziness has never benefitted anyone. Even if all the anointed hands possible were laid on you and every grace you need is released to you by God, laziness will prevent your elevation to God's best for you.

The grace of God will not be in vain if you use it through your diligence. Paul said, "I was more diligent than they all, in using the grace..." The purpose of grace is for you to work efficiently. It is important to differentiate between diligence and hard work briefly. Diligent work predated the fall of man, but hard work is the consequence of the curse after man fell (Genesis 3:17). Hard work is a picture of much sweat without commensurate fruits, but diligence has less sweat with more fruits. Diligence is required both in your preparation and in your execution. "The plans of the diligent certainly lead to advantage, But everyone who is in a hurry certainly comes to poverty" (Proverbs 21:5 NASB). Diligence in preparation will lead to diligence in execution. And while executing, put in your best effort while allowing God's grace to support, guide, and sustain you. Because your natural business affects your spiritual business and vice versa, "whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters"

(Colossians 3:23 NIV). Diligence requires determination, but it is sustained by discipline.

Beloved, God has called you to the highest position. You must put in diligence to establish it. "Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election



Father, I thank You for the grace and wisdom to be diligent. Your grace upon my life will not be in vain because I will be diligent and will experience Your elevation, in Jesus' name!



Be diligent!



Psalms 98-99

...empowering your life

sure"(2 Peter 1:10)

I MUST WIN!

COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

KEY Hebrews 6:10 "For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister."

inners don't quit. Without a strong resolve to win in every battle of life, there is a tendency to give up when the going gets tough. Dare to stand up and fight! By the strong arm of God, deliverance has come your way; every satanic agent on assignment in your life is totally destroyed in Jesus' name.

PRAYER POINTS:

- 1. Lord Jesus, I praise You. You are the One who can never be defeated. Arise in my praise and show Yourself awesome!
- 2. Lord, I repent of every way I gave the devil access to my life and destiny. By the blood of Jesus, qualify me for Your mercy and deliverance.
- **3. 1 Samuel 12:16-17** Father, my eyes will see good, my mouth will eat of it and my life will continue in your goodness. No more pains.
- 4. **Malachi 3:11-12** today, I decree that terror ends in my life! Every strange devourer that has been assigned for my destruction, I terminate you by fire!
- 5. Every root of weakness sponsoring fear and discouragement in my life and destiny journey is destroyed now, in the name of Jesus!
- 6. Joshua 7:12— Today, I refuse to be liable for destruction. I receive strength to stand on my feet today and I defend my destiny. I won't turn my back and I won't run away.
- 7. Lord, thank You for the great harvest of souls. Convict men by Your Spirit. As they gather to You, Oh God, may their testimonies abide and may theirs soul be established in Your Kingdom, in Jesus' name.
- 8. **Psalms 92:12** Father, increase Gateway Church like never before in this season. Let the rain of Your favour and blessings be evident in this house, in Jesus' name.
- **9.** Genesis 22:17— Father, may Your blessings rest on Your servant Pst. George Izunwa; announce his ministry and make him a voice amongst the nations, in Jesus' name.
- 10. Isaiah 62:1— Father, let Your righteousness be established in our nation, Nigeria. May the reign

of wickedness, corruption, evil and sin come to _an end in this land, in Jesus' name!



Psalms 100-101

ARISE!

KEY TEXT

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

POWER THOUGHT

There cannot be any SHINE if you do not ARISE.

o arise connotes getting up to do something or getting started with something. It requires action. One cannot claim to have risen when they are inactive or doing nothing at all. If we will shine as the Lord has instructed, then it means that we must start doing something. It implies that we cannot be complacent and expect to shine. The question is, what are we to do? There is something that God has destined for each of us to do; there is something He has prepared for us to do. There are things He will have us do right now that will culminate into the big picture.

First, start by praying. Let the Lord know that you are ready to get started and He will guide you on what to do next. Also, there are basic things He has instructed us to do: preach the Gospel, bear one another's burdens, encourage one another, and pray for one another. You could also join your Church workforce. There are also things you love doing – do them. And as you step out, the Lord will guide you further with His eye on you. When you start doing something, your impact and influence will be felt. That is the shining.

There cannot be any SHINE if you do not ARISE. Someone that's not doing anything does not have anything to SHOWCASE for people to see. When

you get started, it may be small but as God blesses it, it will expand and more people will SEE it and be impacted, influenced and blessed. Beloved, you need to start something to the glory of God! He wants you to SHINE!



FROM DEFEAT TO TRIUMPH

KEY TEXT

1 John 5:4-5, "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?"

POWER THOUGHT

The life of a child of God...is an upward movement with upward benefits.

ur story has changed! We used to be in the place of defeat, but now we have relocated to the Kingdom of God where victory is the order of the day.

When Adam committed high treason in the Garden of Eden by handing over his God-given dominion to Satan, we all fell with him and 'defeat' became our constant companion.But Jesus Christ came and took back the dominion from Satan and translated us from the kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom of Light.

In God's Kingdom, it is victory for the Christian because of Jesus' finished work of redemption. Now, all we are to enjoy as sons of God are the benefits of salvation which include deliverance, healing, mercy, protection, grace, peace, victory, joy, abundance, provision, preservation, and a whole lot more. The life of a child of God goes from glory to glory. It is an upward movement with upward benefits. Even though there may be times where we feel that our world is crashing around us, where all hope seems lost, it is never over for a Christian who believes and trusts in God for directions. This is because we know in whom we have believed and He has

given us victory over Satan. Hallelujah! Beloved, God has already turned things around in your favour. He has given you His Son and has made you an overcomer. You are no longer in a place of defeat but in His Kingdom. Your victory is secured and nothing can hold you down anymore. Just believe God!



I declare that I have overcome. I am no longer defeated; Jesus has done it all for me. From now, I begin to enjoy my deliverance, healing, mercy, protection, grace, peace, victory, joy, abundance, provision, preservation, and a whole lot more. Hallelujah!

Carry the consciousness of your real identity in Christ.

ACTION POINT



Proverbs 2

SATURDAY 21ST AUGUST 2021 SEED TWENTY-ONE

THE MAKING OF THE CHAMPION

KEY TEXT

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

POWER THOUGHT

Champions are made before they enter the ring.

f you want to reign in life, it is important you get trained. There is no leading without learning. It is understanding that makes men outstanding. **Daniel 12:3** says, "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament." It's not only prayer that makes you shine; wisdom makes you shine brighter.

Can I tell you something? People marvel at the miracles that God does through a man of God and they feel that it happened right there on the altar, so they wish to be like one. But there is something that they don't understand: that every single thing that happens is as a result of what happened inside. I mean in the closest. Nothing just happens, it is first triggered.Training is intentionally acquiring success skills. A champion is not made in the track field, nor in the ring, or in a football field. Champions are made before they enter the ring, the track or the football field. They are only revealed in the arena of competition. What is your interest or calling in life? Are you prepared for the great place and the responsibility that God has kept for you?

Always remember that you are God's frontline assault force. You have an enemy who is doing his dead-level best to destroy you. In this crucial, allout, no-holds-barred offensive, satan will dispatch hell's choicest

personnel to bring you down. If you're going to make it through in victory, you're going to have to put yourself in training. If you are not yet sufficiently trained, now is the time to get trained!





The capacity of the human mind is infinite. But you cannot get the best of the mind until you force it by stretching it to work. You may not reach your destiny until you stretch your potential. Receive the grace to stretch beyond your limits.

YOUR RESOLVE—

- Decide to stretch yourself in order to reach your destiny.
- Determine never to run away from the rigorous and the unusual in order torealize destiny.
- Tap the treasures of your mind by putting it to work.



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KEEP GROWING IN THE WORD

KEY TEXT 2 Peter 1:2, "Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,"

POWER THOUGHT

Being a Christian all your life doesn't necessarily equate to spiritual growth.

Being a Christian all your life doesn't necessarily equate to spiritual growth. There are some Christians who assume they already know enough of the Word; they think they know everything in the Scriptures just because they have been Christians for several years. The result or outcome of your life must be consistent with the divine provisions of the Gospel, otherwise, something is wrong.

Those who haven't imbibed the Word, whose spirits are deficient of the Word, chicken out in the day of adversity. When they face challenges, they respond in fear and anxiety, a proof that the Word was really not inside them. But when the Word of God is in you, nothing shakes you. You're victorious irrespective of the circumstances around you. You overcome every trouble, crisis, adversity, and adversary.

Keep making rich deposits of the Word in your spirit. Abide in knowledge—the knowledge of the Word. Let this be your priority. **Colossians 3:16** says, "*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly….*" Diligently study the Word. The more you do, the more the Lord manifests Himself to you in increasing glory; you discover who Christ is, His character and nature, and who you are in Him.

You have the ability and choice to determine the life you want to live; choose the life of abundant grace and peace! The kind of life in which you're

triumphant every day, and in every place, without struggle; you're never disadvantaged; this is the life Christ has given us through the Gospel. The Word is able to build you up and deliver to you, your inheritance in Christ (Acts 20:32).



FIND HUMOUR THE EVERYTHING.

KEY TEXT

Prov. 15:15, "All the days of the afflicted are evil: but he that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast."

POWER THOUGHT

Your attitude determines your altitude.

hen life gets tough, learn to find humour. You can find something to laugh about in every situation— both the good and the bad. Healthy hearts are not the ones with no troubles, but those that have learnt to laugh in the midst of their troubles. The best laugh is to be able to laugh at one's self! I know it isn't that easy, but it is possible. When you are able to find humour in your circumstances, you'll discover that the situation isn't as bad as it seems.

Attitude is everything! Attitude is more important than fact! There's a popular adage that says, 'your attitude determines your altitude'. You can choose to have a bad attitude and remain down, or put up a positive attitude and soar like an eagle. It's a matter of choice. Don't abandon your future and your destiny for any excuse. The beautiful result of acting better than you feel is this: actions ultimately change feelings. When you feel sad, yet choose to act happy, you are bound to feel great pretty soon. When you laugh, your body produces hormones that effect both psychological and physical healing.

Your family, friends and neighbours may not give you any form of encouragement but Jesus is right there by your side. Tell Him to teach you how to smile and laugh in every situation. Don't forget: He grieved on the Cross so that you may spend the rest of your life in joy and laughter. He lived a short but

complete life so that you can live a long life. He will teach you how to smile if you can't, that's why He came.



Lord, I rebuke every spirit of despair and by Your grace I receive undeniable joy in my spirit. I declare that the Joy of the Lord is my strength!



Laugh at every challenging situation and today, intentionally carry a joyful attitude.


I WILL NOT MISS MY WAY!

COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

KEY Matthew 7:11-12, "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!"

lear direction hastens destiny. A man headed in the wrong direction may never arrive at his destination. The devil and his cohorts know that if you follow God's plan, you will become all that He created you for and you will be a threat to his kingdom. Thus, he's all about trying to make you lose your track. God forbid! You will get to your divine destination!

PRAYER POINTS:

- 1. John. 10:27— Father, I am Your sheep and I hear Your voice. Thank You for Your promise of guidance. I declare that I will not walk in darkness, in Jesus' name.
- 2. 1 Corinthians 1:11-16— In Jesus' name, I receive the Spirit of counsel. I welcome angels as ministering spirits to bring God's Word to me. I will not miss God again, in Jesus' name.
- 3. O God, once again, I surrender my knowledge, education and experience at Your feet. I choose to be led. Please guide me in career, business, marriage, and ministry.
- 4. I take authority over spiritual blindness and deafness. I command my inner eyes and ears to open to God. Let every veil of darkness separating me from prophetic revelation be torn.
- 5. My Father, even when I cannot discern You, order my steps into destiny. O Lord, lead me to the right place, at the right time and for the right experience.
- 6. O God, I surrender my entire family and everyone connected to me to you. Let every decision that will cost any life be cancelled, in Jesus' name.
- 7. Lord, thank You for the great harvest of souls. Convict men by Your Spirit. As they gather to You, Oh God, may their testimonies abide and may their souls be established in Your Kingdom, in Jesus' name.
- 8. Psalms 92:12— Father, increase Gateway Church like never before in this season. Let the rain of Your favour and blessings be evident in this house, in Jesus name.
- **9.** Genesis 22:17— Father, may Your blessings rest on Your servant Pst. George Izunwa; announce his ministry and make him a voice amongst the nations, in Jesus' name.
- **10.** Isaiah 62:1— Father, let Your righteousness be established in our nation, Nigeria. May the reign of wickedness, corruption, evil and sin come to an end in this land, in

Jesus' name!



LOVE YOURSELF!

KEY TEXT 1 Peter 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

You are the one person you never get away from.

o you like yourself? Most people today really don't like themselves. Some of them know it, while others don't even have a clue that this is probably the root of so many other problems in their lives. Self-rejection and self-hatred are the roots of many relationship problems—with other people, God or even you.

Did it ever occur to you that you have a relationship with yourself? You may never have thought about this before, but you have a relationship with yourself! You spend more time with yourself than with anyone, and it's vital you get along well with you. Remember, you are the one person you never get away from. Unfortunately, most people fall prey to selfrejection because they feel that nobody really loves or accepts them. They tell themselves, "If nobody else loves me, then why should I love myself?" Because you think others don't love you, you assume that you must not be worth loving. That's a LIE you have believed for way too long! Learn to love yourself—not in a selfish, self-centered way that produces a lifestyle of self-indulgence, but in a balanced, godly way. You may be flawed by unfortunate experiences you may have gone through, but that doesn't mean you're worthless and good for nothing.

You must have a mindset that says, "I know I need to change, and I want to change but during this process, I'll accept myself as I am right now, knowing that I will not always remain this way." See yourself through God's eyes— as someone who is loved and cherished— and your view of yourself will begin to change.



FRIDAY 27TH AUGUST 2021 SEED TWENTY-SEVEN

PATCH UP THE LEAKAGE!

KEY TEXT

1 Peter 4:1-3, "For if you have suffered physically for Christ, you have finished with sin. You won't spend the rest of your lives chasing your own desires, but you will be anxious to do the will of God."

POWER THOUGHT A leak is a leak and in no time a leaking ship will sink.

Many people start out good in the Christian life but somewhere along the line they get waylaid, sidetracked, they run out of energy. Above all, satan has a strategy to sap your spiritual strength. Therefore you have to be at your watch.

Samson was the 'Rambo' of the Bible, physically (JUDGES 14:1-end). He had everything going for him — good looks, talent, ability, strength, etc. But somewhere along the line, he started losing his strength. He got sidetracked. He ends up life a failure and a broken man. One thing he did that weakened his spiritual strength was living a self-indulged lifestyle. Samson suffered the consequences of forfeiting principles for pleasure. Probably he felt "I'm just going to keep God's entire instruction and just enjoy the women. It's just a tiny moment of pleasure; it won't cause any harm". But the truth is a leak is a leak and in no time a leaking ship will sink. Sometimes Satan tempts us into saying, "This one area of my life is out of control but it's no big deal. I'm a little indulgent in that area but so what? It's just one area. It's just one bottle of liquor!' A leak is a leak! Anything that's out of control in your life can eventually sink your ship.

If you want to maintain your spiritual strength, learn to discipline your

desires. Just because you want something doesn't mean you should have it. Just because it's pleasurable, doesn't make it right. Just because everybody else is doing it, doesn't mean you should. Avoid anything that saps spirituality and focus on protecting and increasing your inner strength.



THE DECISION IS YOURS

KEY TEXT Daniel 1:8, "But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself."

POWER THOUGHT

We either give access to satan or God in our lives through the decisions we make.

here are people today who live in peace, happiness, and joy while others have an opposite experience. Who determines the kind of life you live? You do. In every decision that you make you are choosing certain paths for your life, and these paths will lead you to your destination. If you want to reach your desired destination, then you must make decisions that will lead you right there.

Deuteronomy 30:19 says, "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live." No one can make you do anything without you first making the decision to do it: satan cannot make you chose death and cursing, and God cannot make you choose life and blessing. Many believers refuse to take responsibility for what is going on in their lives. They are quick to blame things on the devil and even quicker to blame things on God. However, the truth is that we either give access to satan or to God in our lives through the decisions we make. In **Luke 8** when Jairus' daughter was sick, he made a good decision. He could have stayed home, felt sorry for himself and lost his daughter, but no! He made the decision that his daughter must be healed and of course, she was! It

was God's will for that little girl to be healed, but access to healing was not granted until Jairus made a decision.

What kind of life do you desire? Do we want the abundant life? If the answer is yes, then be more intentional about choosing right. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you today!



Holy Spirit, help me to make decisions that will lead me to my glorious destiny. Restore me from every wrong decision I've made in times past and set me on a path to greater heights, in Jesus name.

Be conscious about receiving directions from the Holy Spirit.



Proverbs 10

THE TRUE MEASURE OF SUCCESS

KEY TEXT Mark 8:35-36, "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

POWER THOUGHT

...a relationship with Jesus will never fade away.

ften, we correlate success with how much wealth someone has accumulated. There is nothing wrong with money. Money isn't itself evil, but the value we give to it can be. Everything we gain in life can be taken away, but a relationship with Jesus will never fade away. He alone can make you truly successful. Receive grace to build a working relationship with Him today!

Reflect on these questions—

- Where is your trust today? What's one way you can invest in your relationship with Jesus this week?
- Have you ever watched dishonest people get ahead in life? What did you learn from that situation?
- Generosity is one of the best ways to train your heart to trust Jesus. What's one way you can be generous with what God has already given you?



MONDAY 30TH AUGUST 2021 SEED THIRTY

DARE TO BE DIFFERENT

KEY TEXT Daniel 1:4, "young men in whom there was no blemish, but good-looking, gifted in all wisdom, possessing knowledge..."

POWER THOUGHT

You cannot be the head of a "people" if you are like those people.

veryone is born with innate abilities, gifts, talent and skills. God has given everyone of us all we need to live a life that is more than just good enough. Most people will live a life that is just good enough and okay; very few people will step out of their comfort zones and emerge as the head and leaders of their spheres.

You cannot be the head of a "people" if you are like those people. You must set out to be different from the people for you to be head of the people. Being the head requires sacrifice. Excellence in everything requires daring to be different. Praying is good, but on its own is not enough. Look at the life of Jesus; see His habit of waking up before dawn to pray(**Mark 1:35**). Then, He came down from the mountain of prayer, went into His world and challenged the status quo. He challenged the false teachers, He challenged the hypocrites, and He challenged the legalistic. Jesus continually went over and beyond to shine like the light of the world that He is. Jesus dared to be different. The same thing applied to Daniel; he had faith and applied works to his faith. He dared to be different in every place he found himself. In every situation, Daniel said, "I am not like the others. There is something different about me." He was undeniably

unique from every other person.

You must dare to be different to fulfil your destiny, to maximize your potential, and to excel in life, marriage, business, career and ministry etc. Make a commitment to God and yourself today to stand out at all times.



TUESDAY 31ST AUGUST 2021 SEED THIRTY-ONE

GOD WILL PERFECT WHAT CONCERNS YOU

KEY TEXT Psalms 138:8, "The Lord will perfect that which concerns me; Your mercy, O Lord, endures forever; Do not forsake the works of Your hands."

POWER THOUGHT

God will never abandon the work that He has lovingly and painstakingly invested in you.

oday's topic is a popular statement in Christendom. You must have used it or, better still, hear other believers use it as a form of encouragement. When David used that statement in Psalms, he was referring to God's plans for his life, not his own fleshly desires. The 'perfecting' here speaks of God's will, which should concern you more than anything else in this life.

How comforting and empowering to know that if you are passionately pursuing God's purposes, He passionately commits Himself to fulfilling His purposes in you. No matter what things may look like—horrible circumstances and hateful people notwithstanding (Psalms 138:7) —God will never abandon the work that He has lovingly and painstakingly invested in you. He will ultimately bring that work to perfect completion. What David had discovered was that when you are for God, and God is for you, you cannot lose! **2 Chronicles 16:9**reminds us of this profound truth, *"For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him."*

Wow! God so desires to fulfil His purposes in this world. He is scouring the earth looking for fully devoted people in order to release His enabling

power in their lives. Is your heart fully committed to him? If it is, then God will find you, and sooner or later you will come into the greatest joy that anyone can ever experience in this life— God fulfilling His purposes for you and through you.



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 rose from the dead. I am saved! Thank You Father for saving me in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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