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A black and white illustration of dandelion seeds. A large dandelion head is on the left, with many seeds blowing away towards the top right. The seeds are depicted as small, fluffy spheres with long, thin stems.

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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
<b>Total</b>	<b>45Mins</b>



# ▶ 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!

A decorative background featuring several dandelion seed heads. Some are in sharp focus, while others are blurred, creating a sense of depth. The seeds are light gray, and the stems are dark gray.

## 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!





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# COVENANT CONFESSION

(Lift your right hand and declare)

## **I am in covenant with The Almighty God!**

My God is the "I AM!"

He is everything I will ever need Him to be!

Gateway International Church is my spiritual family!

2022 is my COVENANT YEAR OF SURE MERCIES!

Goodness & mercy follow me at all times!

Only good things are permitted in my life!

My covenant place is at the topmost top!

## **In Jn 1:12, the Bible declares, that those who receive Jesus Christ become the children of God!**

### **Therefore, I confess that...**

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is my Saviour & Lord!

He died for me & rose from the dead!

His ZOE is in me!

His DNA empowers me for greatness!

I love Him!

I believe in Him!

I will live for Him the rest of my life!

## **Again, in Matt 6:33, the Bible teaches that putting God first brings commanded blessings!**

And so today, I vow to put God first in everything!

I walk in the covenant blessings of tithing, kingdom service & soul

A decorative background featuring several dandelion seed heads in various stages of blowing, with some seeds captured in mid-air, creating a sense of movement and lightness.

**2022**

# **COVENANT CONFESSION**

winning!

I am holy, healthy, happy & happening!

I have favour unlimited!

Wealth & riches answer to me!

Gates of nations open to me!

Powers of darkness submit to me!

I am free from sin, sicknesses, curses, poverty, barrenness, witchcraft, premature death & all evil!

The yokes of delay & denial are broken over my life!

Nothing good shall be withheld from me!

**In Ps 84:7, the Bible reveals that appearing before God empowers destiny!**

**Therefore, as I appear before God on this mountain....**

**I declare in agreement with my man of God, (Pastor George Izunwa), that the "I AM" is at work in my life!**

My sins are forgiven!

My strength is renewed!

I receive the blessing of God for a new level in life!

Today, I lay all my burdens & battles on the altar of God!

No good thing dies in my hands!

I will never be a victim of any form of wickedness!

There shall be no loss nor evil report!

I am a beneficiary of God's mercy!



**2022**

# **▶ MONTHLY PROPHETIC DECLARATION**

**AUGUST 2022**

**AUGUST FOCUS: FORWARD!**

**TEXT: GEN 26:12-22**

**WORD TO WAR WITH: PRO 4:18**

Our God exists in a realm of transcendent glory & his desire is to take us from one level of glory to another, all through life! We are not meant to have a better yesterday! And the Holy Spirit says that "this August, will come with a glory outpouring that will hasten & enlarge the destiny results of many!" Get set for an unusual leap forward!

"The harvest of the year is already here" says the Lord. "Take hold of your inheritance by faith! Enter into new territories - in ministry, career, business, relationship, immigration etc - with boldness. Yes, there may be battles & pressures, but keep digging the wells of grace & believe for 'Rehoboth'. It will not be long, and your joy will be full!"

He said; "Ask for this!" I looked & something so dazzling beautiful, with reflective rainbow colours, was coming like rain drops upon people! "Just like on Pentecost day, the season of the glory of the church has fully come! For in the midst of this present darkness will I reveal myself through my people!"

Then I saw as if men were in travail to give birth! Multitudes of pregnant men! And he said to me: "Tell them to gather to me; get them set in the place of prayer; midwife their prophecies; bring them back to my altar of mercy & I will command the release of their inheritance in God!"

Based on this word, On Saturday, 20th August, 2022, we will have a "Men on the Altar" prayer rally!

A decorative background featuring several dandelion seed heads with their seeds blowing away, creating a sense of movement and light. The seeds are scattered across the top and sides of the page, with some appearing closer and larger, while others are further away and smaller.

**2022**

## **▶ MONTHLY PROPHETIC DECLARATION**

I was much concerned about the sad state of things in Nigeria. Then the Lord said to me: "Set your heart on my covenant & not on the challenges around you. Refuse to allow the noise of the world steal my word & joy from you! Seek me & speak from me & I will be both your shelter & destiny launchpad!"

On the Nigeria election question. He said to me: "Keep your watch with me. Remember my word that some who seem ahead will not be there when it is done. A 'strange dynamic' will come in from November that will affect the face of the nation going forward. The wicked will not go unpunished!"

Jesus Exceeds Expectations!

# THE PROCESS!

## KEY TEXT

John 15:1-2 (NKJV) *"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit"*

## POWER THOUGHT

After the pruning comes the blooming!

It is a known fact that a plant blooms best after it is pruned! Pruning removes dead leaves and branches. It allows the once obscured and hidden parts of the plant to receive the much-needed sunlight, so that it can bring new growth and life into existence. Just like plants, as children of God, we go through seasons when pruning becomes necessary. God steps in and cuts somethings off. Your plans are suddenly interrupted! Your life may even go into chaos as God begins the process of cutting away the dead areas of your life.

Jesus uses a gardening metaphor to demonstrate the pruning process and the significance of withdrawing the strength that we need from Him. In **John 15:1-2 (GNB)**, He says, *"I am the real vine, and my Father is the gardener. He breaks off every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and he prunes every branch that bears fruit, so that it will be clean and bear more fruit."* God's pruning will come at a time when you are at a point of great trials and difficult circumstances.

His pruning will result in development, because it reveals and exposes sin, idols and everything else that hinders growth in your spiritual journey. Pruning, no doubt leaves you feeling sore, weak, vulnerable and in a state of waiting on God's healing power to manifest in your life. At such times, you may feel worthless and valueless, consequently if you are not careful, you may become vulnerable and the enemy may trick you into feeling defeated, doubtful, and lost. Don't lose your momentum. NO! After the pruning comes the blooming! You need to trust the process because very soon, you will be producing much fruit.



*Lord Jesus, I surrender my entire life to You! You know how best to handle me and make me a better person. I give You permission oh Lord! Prune me and shape me into the person You have destined me to be, in Jesus' name.*



Check the areas of your life you think God is working on. Pick up the lessons and implement them.



Isaiah 60 – 63

# SOMETIMES YOU WAIT!

## KEY TEXT

*Isaiah 30:18 Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.*

## POWER THOUGHT

**And how we wait will determine how long we wait.**

'Backward never' is in no way the opposite of 'forward ever'; in other words, one might be tempted to think that if one is not moving backward one is automatically moving forward and vice versa. The reality is that in between the two extremes is another possibility called 'stagnancy'—a situation where someone remains on the same spot for so long; neither moving forward nor backward.

Nature abhors stagnation. Life is constantly on the move. However, we must learn to distinguish between being stagnant and waiting. Remember, there is a process and God will take you through several stages before you take your ultimate glorious form. Sometimes it would look as though nothing is happening, but even when it seems so, God is still working behind the scenes.

Somehow, we don't have a choice about waiting. The issue is not if we'll wait, but rather how we'll wait. And how we wait will determine how long we wait. Did you know that sometimes God would completely close a particular door in order to allow another to open? That period you are stuck between two closed doors may make you feel you are stagnating but it is not true. It is just your transitioning; like what happens to the caterpillar before it becomes a butterfly. This transition period is what most believers mistake as stagnation.

You need patience! James 1:4 says *"But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing"*. Being too much in a hurry can mess things up! When we think of waiting, we often think of idleness. But when the Bible speaks of waiting, it is not referring to a passive activity, but an attitude of active dependence upon God. Sometimes you wait! God has not finished with you yet!



**PRAYER**

*Today, I break the power of restlessness over my life. Perfect what You are doing in me. Prepare me so that I will not miss my move when You open the next doors in Jesus' name.*



**ACTION POINT**

**Refrain from interrupting God's making process. Activate patience and wait!**



**DAILY BIBLE READING:**

**Isaiah 64 – 66**

# COMMANDING DESTINY ACCELERATION

## COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

### KEY TEXT

*Ecclesiastes 9:11 (ASV), "I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all."*

**L**ife can be very competitive and lateness can be very disastrous! Acceleration is required if overtaking is to be possible. The 'hand of God' is a requirement for you to break through and overtake in this season. It's time to receive unction to stay ahead this year.

### PRAYER POINTS:

1. **Isa. 40:31** — Father, thank You for bringing me into my season of supernatural speed. I mount on the wings of eagles. I enjoy destiny acceleration this year!
2. **1 Kgs 18:46**— Holy Spirit, You are the sponsor of destiny speed! I welcome Your anointing. Let the oil for acceleration rest upon my entire life!
3. In this season, I will be the evidence of God's blessings. I will bring forth fruits in season! My results will be supernatural! I will not crawl or stop mid-way!
4. **Zech. 4:7**— Today, I declare I will reach and exceed every goal this year. No mountain will stop my life's projects. The Zerubbabel mantle is upon me and it will be by grace!
5. **Isa. 54:15**— Every evil hand working against my destiny speed, wither now! Evil mouths, shut up! I command every opposition to my destiny journey this year be erased in the name of Jesus!
6. Today, I judge every altar, coven or covenant behind spiritual weakness and destiny delays in my life. Every mystery sabotaging my destiny speed must die!
7. Father, release the wind of salvation over the hearts of every person, tribe and nation. Convict men by Yourself and use me as an instrument to propagate Your gospel, in Jesus name.
8. Oh God, bless Gateway International Church abundantly. Make her a voice of impact and change to this generation; may doors of nations open to receive her!
9. Today, may the blessings of God rest on my man of God, Pst. George Izunwa. May his ministry be backed up with miracles, signs and awesome wonders!
10. Father, restore the peace of this nation, Nigeria. Uproot evil men and their evil works. Rid every sector of wickedness and corruption; restore us oh God!



Jeremiah 1 – 3

# THE NECESSITY FOR UNDERSTANDING

## KEY TEXT

*Ephesians 1:18 (NKJV) "the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints"*

## POWER THOUGHT

**Where there is lack of understanding, there is inaction.**

Understanding is a vital necessity in the journey of life and destiny. Many people can't grasp why certain things happen in and around their lives, so they take consolation in the que sera sera attitude. It is important to comprehend the reason why you do the things you do.

Now, why is it necessary to understand the reasons behind the things we do?

1. Every undertaking in life becomes outstanding with understanding. The more we understand the things we do and the reasons behind them, the more outstanding we become in those things. This likewise means that ignorance is the reason for lack of purposeful action. In fact, where there is lack of understanding, there is inaction.
2. Nothing produces or generates impact like insight. Impact in life or in anything we do is a product of understanding. When the purpose of an undertaking is known, the doer commits to the necessary activities till the task is complete. Understanding makes it less difficult for the perpetuator to get discouraged or distracted.

We can deduce that it is the lack of understanding that is responsible for us living "impactless" lives. When you have an understanding of where God wants you to be and what He wants you to be, you can begin to lead a life of impact! This is the beginning of purposeful living.

Thus, Paul in Philippians 3:12, said *"Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me"*. He understood that God had expectations. God took hold of him for a purpose, and he (Paul) had to take hold of it too. I pray you gain understanding in Jesus name.



*Lord, I ask that You open my eyes, ears, mind and spirit and give me understanding, in Jesus' Name.*



**Read a book related to the area you seek understanding.**



**Jeremiah 4 – 5**



# GOD FROWNS AT LUKEWARMNESS

## KEY TEXT

*Revelation 3:16. "So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth."*

## POWER THOUGHT

**Become a pleasing servant of the Most High God.**

In today's text, Jesus is condemning the "lukewarm" attitude of the Laodicean church. It is the same lukewarmness we find amongst many believers today. The Laodiceans were neither cold nor hot in relation to God, they were lukewarm, and it irritated God. History has disclosed that the city of Laodicea was known for its lukewarm or tepid water. In those days, there were two ancient cities called Hierapolis and Colossae. Hierapolis had hot springs with therapeutic and hot mineral water. While, Colossae enjoyed cool and refreshing mountain spring water. But the water in Laodicea was dirty and lukewarm. So when Jesus addressed them with lukewarmness they understood exactly what Jesus meant. Hot water can cleanse and purify; cold water can refresh and enliven. But their lukewarm water was never satisfying.

A lukewarm Christian is someone who does not exhibit much enthusiasm or interest in the things of God. He is distracted, self-sufficient and totally lacking in zeal. He claims to be a believer of Jesus but does not appear to be committed to Him or His kingdom. He or she may occasionally attend church, rarely reads the Bible, yet lives a life of compromise.

Question— on whose side are you really? Neutrality is not an option for a believer. Jesus Christ said in Matt. 12:30, *"He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me scatters."* Being a true believer of the gospel of Jesus Christ means that you take the things of God seriously. Jesus proffered the solution in the subsequent verses (**Revelation 3:16-20**). He spoke of a mindset change and repentance. We must stop playing games. We must take our spiritually seriously. Every believer must accept Jesus again and become pleasing servants of the Most High God.



**PRAYER**

*Oh God, revive my spiritual life today. Today, I commit to give my all and my best to moving God's kingdom forward.*



**ACTION POINT**

**Have a recheck on your life and recommit to God's kingdom.**



**DAILY BIBLE READING:**

**Jeremiah 6 – 8**

# SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS!

## KEY TEXT

*Ephesians 1:18-19 (NIV), "I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints"*

## POWER THOUGHT

**"The eyes are useless when the mind is blind" - Unknown**

In Christendom, we believe in the existence of the spiritual realm. We know that everything is not physical, there are some supernatural features and operations in existence elsewhere. And as believers, there is another eye we possess that is totally different from our natural eyes; the spiritual eyes. The natural eye sees natural realities, and the spiritual eye sees spiritual realities.

One of the challenges most believers are facing today is spiritual blindness which can be described as being spiritually undiscerning or the inability to see spiritual things. Spiritual blindness is a condition that an individual has when they are unable to see God, or understand His ways. Spiritual blindness is like being in total darkness and groping through life in blindfolds. Spiritual blindness is not respecter of persons. No matter how long you have been a believer, or how much scripture you know, it is still possible to experience spiritual blindness.

In the book of **2 Kings 6:17**, we find Elisha and his servant surrounded by soldiers. The servant was afraid, so Elisha prayed that God should open the eyes of his servant to see the angels surrounding them. Even though there were legions of angels there, the servant couldn't see them until God opened his spiritual eyes. You may be going through some circumstances that need divine intervention;

but you don't seem to be getting anywhere because you cannot see any solution at the moment. If God can open your spiritual eyes, you will know the right step to take and you will have more confidence in Him. Ask God to open up your spiritual eyes today so that you can see that miracle and testimony coming your way!



*Father, I rebuke the root of spiritual blindness. I command my spiritual eyes to open up as I behold my testimonies, in Jesus' name.*



Lay your hands on your eyes and speak in tongues for at least 2mins.



Jeremiah 9 – 11

# INCREASE CAPACITY

## KEY TEXT

*Matthew 25:15 (ASV). "And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one; to each according to his several ability; and he went on his journey."*

## POWER THOUGHT

**No one can be the best who refuses to improve.**

**C**apacity is the ability to do something. No one can be the best who refuses to improve. Likewise, no man can be great until he increases his capacity. Your abilities and capabilities are limitless. All you need is that little EXTRA— commitment, discipline, focus, consistency, etc!

## WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO BUILD CAPACITY?

- It enhances your mental faculties by improving your knowledge and skill.
- It empowers you with strength to thrive and to face life's battles.
- It ensures you attain your potentials and make destiny impact.



*Father, I thank You for every good and perfect gift You have bestowed upon me. I receive the grace to increase my capacity on every side, in Jesus' name.*



**Decide on one area you want to increase your capacity and take the necessary action**



**Jeremiah 12 – 14**

# A LIFE WITHOUT LIMITS

## KEY TEXT

Genesis 2:5 (MSG), "... God formed man out of dirt from the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life. The man came alive – a living soul!"

## POWER THOUGHT

Where your physical abilities stop, God's ability continues.

**T**he dictionary definition of "living" is "the condition of being alive," but the biblical definition of "living" is that the Holy Spirit resides within us. Every person on earth can live – but only those who have accepted Christ are truly alive in body, soul and spirit.

The decision to become a Christian is the beginning of a new life where many opportunities and challenges await you. Once you have accepted the new life, you will be faced with another decision – living out your faith on a daily basis. Irrespective of your peculiar circumstances, challenges, and even physical limitations, God still expects you to thrive. Scripture teaches us that restrictions in our lives or physical bodies do not limit our abilities in Christ. We can find our strength in Him. Isaiah 40:29 says: ***"He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak; even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who wait in the LORD will renew their strength..."***

You are a Christian. God is with you. You must know that the true measure of your capacity is not the extent of your abilities or potentials. Your capacity includes the extra God sponsors us with; the grace He gives to qualify us for more. God's breath is not just some force that keeps us going, it is a combination of His nature, His intelligences and His abilities. Where your

physical abilities stop, God's ability continues. The same way the clay prototype (Adam) became more than a puppet when God breathed on him, you too can surpass your limits as He breathes on you! Give God the opportunity to breathe life into your soul and bring to living a LIFE WITHOUT LIMITS!



PRAYER

Dear Lord, help me to know You are my strength. Help me to look past my own inadequacies and limitations. I will live to the fullest and to dedicate my life to loving, praising and glorifying You, in Jesus' Name.



ACTION POINT

Open up to your possibilities in God. Write 3 areas you refuse to be limited.



DAILY BIBLE READING

Jeremiah 15 – 17

# TURNING FAILURE TO SUCCESS

## KEY TEXT

**2 Corinthians 4:8-9**, "We are experiencing trouble on every side, but are not crushed; we are perplexed, but not driven to despair; we are persecuted, but not abandoned; we are knocked down, but not destroyed."

## POWER THOUGHT

**Don't let that failure be your grave, instead let it pave your way to success!**

**N**obody in this life wishes to fail. Anything around us associated with failure is usually considered as something bad. But then, there are actually two ways to look at the dreaded seven lettered word, 'FAILURE'. Many people see their failure as a bad thing, they look at failure as a negative; while to some, failure is positive. Whereas some see failure as their grave of irrelevance, others see it as their springboard to greatness. The reality is that *you sometimes need to fail in order to grow*. This hard concept is true! Failure is what you make it to be.

I'm sure Paul was occasionally tempted to feel like a failure. He was at his wits end in a lot of trying times. Paul felt he had failed God (or would do) because of the thorn in His flesh. However, when he began to see what God was doing in him and through him to help others, he rejoiced in his failures. His failures caused him to fix his perspective on God's agenda like success could never have. (**2 Corinthians 12:7-10**) Even though all hell broke loose on him and often, it appeared to be that he was defeated, he knew he was not down and out. Satan could never finish him off!

Paul's mindset helped him; he remained positive and the effects of failure could not destroy him. Don't despair because you've failed. It is not over

yet! You can get up one more time and try again. This is an innate ability for every believer (**Pro. 24:16**) God's grace is available for you. No matter how overwhelmed you are, you can emerge stronger, wiser and better. Don't let that failure be your grave, instead let it pave your way to success!



PRAYER

*Oh Lord, thank You for this powerseed. I am empowered to rise again. I know that my path is as a shining light that shines brighter and every setback and failure is bringing me to my glorious day, in Jesus' name.*



ACTION POINT

What big failure have you experienced? intentionally surrender it to God today



DAILY BIBLE READING

Jeremiah 18 – 21

# OH GOD, RESTORE!

## COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

### KEY TEXT

*Joel 2:23, "Be glad then, you children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God; For He has given you the former rain faithfully, and He will cause the rain to come down for you — the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month."*

**G**od controls seasons, and today is bringing you into a glorious one. This is your season for the double blessing. The adverse situations in life that made you suffer, making you painfully miss out on life's blessings and opportunities is being compensated for! God shall restore the lost and wasted times, and reposition you for a better future. Today, receive your restoration, in Jesus' name.

### PRAYER POINTS:

1. Lord Jesus, thank You because my past, present and future is in Your Hand. My life did not take You by surprise. I believe that You will not mismanage my life!
2. **Joel 2:25**—Today, I repent from every sin or contamination that opened the door to losses in my life. I receive restoration in my marriage, career, and business etc.
3. In Jesus name, I recover every lost year. I receive compensation for every lost opportunity. Oh God, restore!
4. Today, I bring judgment to every demonic and evil horn that has afflicted my life. I command the heavenly carpenters to knock them down, in Jesus name.
5. **Neh. 2:1-8**— Father, give me favour before everyone whose involvement is needed for my restoration. Touch their hearts oh God and cause them to invest in my lifting.
6. Today, I destroy the mystery behind near success syndrome, rising and falling in my family. I command the release of testimonies and breakthroughs, in Jesus name!
7. Father, release the wind of salvation over the hearts of every person, tribe and nation. Convict men by Yourself and use me as an instrument to propagate Your gospel, in Jesus name.
8. Oh God, bless Gateway International Church abundantly. Make her a voice of impact and change to this generation; may doors of nations open to receive her!
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DAILY BIBLE  
READING:

Jeremiah 22 – 24

# QUIT NOT

## KEY TEXT

1 Timothy 6:12 *"Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses."*

## POWER THOUGHT

**Get up, stand up... don't give up a fight!"**

**E**ven though our faith does not advocate for violence, there are times we are urged to fight. Fighting is one of the ways to prevail over the devil. There are several circumstances that satan would attempt to use to make you falter in faith. If it is not temptations, then he would use situations like the weak economy, civil unrest, pandemics, or even the burdens of wearisome daily life and family issues. No matter how he comes against you, you must fight the good fight of faith! Quitting is not an option

It's one thing to quit a fight in the natural. But when you embark on any spiritual fight, quitting is signing for your own destruction. God is still speaking to us today and encouraging us to go on because there is a goal to our spiritual fight—eternal life! Remember, the main goal of the devil is your eternal separation from God. Every time he wins you, he is gaining on his mission. There are too many Christians who are falling for the devil's lies. When they are just about to achieve victory, the devil starts threatening and telling them they will never win. They get scared off and back away. They never take another step or make another advance to gain the territory God has already promised them. That should not be you! Don't settle for less! Don't cower in fear. Bob Marley sang "Get up, stand up, stand up for your right... Get up, stand up... don't give up a fight!"

There is a second part; the fact that you have professed your faith and have many witnesses. People are watching. Your life can be a testimony and an encouragement. God is counting on you. And you have what it takes!



**PRAYER**

*Lord Jesus, give me the strength to remain steadfast in my walk with You. I rebuke defeat in my life. I will not see shame, in Jesus' name.*



**ACTION POINT**

Ask God to strengthen you afresh today.



**DAILY BIBLE READING:**

Jeremiah 25 – 27



# NO CONDEMNATION

## KEY TEXT

*John 8:10-11 When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, "Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more."*

## POWER THOUGHT

**DO NOT BE TRICKED, YOU ARE FREE INDEED!**

A woman had been caught in adultery, and was to be executed: death by stoning according to the law. Fortunately for her, Jesus was around. They dragged her to Him, expecting the gavel to go down with a death sentence. Instead He said, *"He that does not have sin, let him cast the first stone."* Jesus was not as concerned with the sin as much as He was with the accusation. He knew that satan's ploy is to capitalise on failure. Jesus is wise. He knew humans have a sin problem. He knew that sin was ruling. By the time Jesus raised up His head they had dispersed. Jesus then asked her: *"Woman, where are your accusers? Where are the people condemning you?"*

Beloved, the truth is that the devil is the accuser of the brethren. He will always find ways to accuse you before the Father. He will lure you to sin, trip you to fall, set you up, then turn around to expose you to the wrath of God. For example, it is when you want a miracle, he reminds you of how many times you committed abortion and tells you that the miracle you seek is only for virgins, so it can never be given to you. That's his tactic, to make you feel unworthy. Note this: our Lord only hates your sin but loves you.

Subsequently, when the woman confirmed they had all gone, Jesus made two powerful statements: *"Neither do I condemn you."* Meaning: He gave her a

guiltless verdict with a "no condemnation" gift. Then secondly, *"Go and sin no more!"* Meaning: He gave her power; so she will not sin again. For as long as you feel condemned, you will sin again. After all, it doesn't change anything. But when you receive "no condemnation" you can go and sin no more. Do not be tricked, you are free indeed!



*I am free from the shackles of sin and hell. Devil, you cannot keep me down! I have been redeemed and fully restored. My past is made new in Christ Jesus. I walk into my greater days, in Jesus' name!*



Meditate on 2 Cor. 5:17.



Jeremiah 28 – 30



# UNLOCK YOUR COVENANT PORTION

## KEY TEXT

**Deuteronomy 28:1,** *"And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:"*

## POWER THOUGHT

**Without total obedience, all other efforts are preamble.**

**M**any Christians struggle with lack and want despite their kingdom covenant. It is an error to be living less than what God has given you capacity for! Moses enjoined; *"And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day."* (**Deuteronomy 8:18**).

A covenant is not a vow or a promise that can be met carelessly. Until you apply the right key, your prosperity through the covenant will not come. Entry into a covenant is not by accident. It is a conscious contract between two parties. You cannot unlock your portion in the covenant until you play your own part. Among other kingdom keys, obedience to divine instruction or covenant terms is the sure way to unlocking that which God has set aside for you. **Deuteronomy 28:1** says, *"... if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth"*. You cannot cut corners to access covenant wealth. Going in circles and playing games is not the escape route from poverty. Upholding covenant demands and being diligent helps. Until God establishes you, you may continue to struggle.

Abraham enjoyed God, because he obeyed God. He was so sold out that he was willing to sacrifice his son. His action provoked God that he swore; *"By myself have I sworn, saith the Lord, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: that in blessing I will bless thee..."* (**Genesis 22:16**). Without total obedience, all other efforts are preamble. So, as you engage other kingdom keys, ensure that your obedience is complete.



PRAYER

*Oh God, bestow on me the spirit of obedience. May my obedience to Your covenant, open doors of favour and increase to me, in Jesus name.*



ACTION POINT

Note the covenant obligations you are yet to comply with, do them.



DAILY BIBLE READING

Jeremiah 31 – 32

# THE RIGHT FOCUS

## KEY TEXT

*1 Peter 1:13 (NLT), "So prepare your minds for action and exercise self-control. Put all your hope in the gracious salvation that will come to you when Jesus Christ is revealed to the world."*

## POWER THOUGHT

"Always remember, your focus determines your reality" – George Lucas.

**N**avigating through the challenges of this world requires mental toughness. When you are mentally tough, your focus is not on trying to control the situation, rather it is on trusting God and controlling yourself. Mental toughness is hinged on some type of stubbornness that produces stability. Eyes on Jesus, nothing else! Note; if you dwell on the circumstances, you'll feed fear. But if you focus on what God, you'll feed your faith.

## To develop the right focus, you can—

- Focus on the things of the Spirit.
- Focus on solving, instead of complaining.
- Focus on God and His promises concerning your life.



*Oh Lord, help me to have the right focus at all times! I ward off every form of side attraction or distraction; I refuse to become a puppet to life. I am in charge!*



Be intentional about focusing on the right thing.



Jeremiah 33 – 36

# CONTENTMENT

## KEY TEXT

1 Timothy 6:6. "But godliness with contentment is great gain"

## POWER THOUGHT

"Contentment is the only real wealth." – Alfred Nobel

**D**o you sometimes find yourself suffering from discontentment? Does it make sense to talk about contentment in the face of lack? Why does scripture urge us to be content? And is that even possible?

Contentment has been defined as '*a state of happiness and satisfaction.*' I believe it is important to lead a life of contentment, especially as a Christian. But then, learning to be content in any situation begins with understanding the difference between being happy and being content. Happiness is an emotion, unlike contentment which is a state of being. You can be happy today and unhappy tomorrow; it comes and goes. But when you learn to be content, you are essentially learning to be satisfied no matter what. It's an attitude that gives all your problems, and worries, to God and leaves them there.

Let go and Let God! In **Philippians 4:11 (ASV)** Paul said, "*Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therein to be content.*" Paul did not have an easy life, sometimes he hungered and felt abandoned, he was a fugitive, prisoner and suffered many bouts of violence, yet he was able to be content because he knew that God was in control.

As the famous mantra goes, "Your current position is not your final destination." Once there is life there is hope for a better tomorrow. Instead of running ahead of God and making things worse, hand over everything to God and learn to enjoy each moment as it comes. Remember, contentment is a heart thing. You can train yourself to be satisfied by little or much.



Lord, help me to be content. Open my eyes so I can see the positives in every situation and make the best of it.



List mental changes you will make to help you develop contentment.



Jeremiah 37 – 39

# YOU ARE QUALIFIED

## KEY TEXT

1 Corinthians 1:27, "But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;"

## POWER THOUGHT

Never look down on yourself.

**M**any years ago, the Lord spoke to me as a young teenager. This was my very first time of hearing personally from God. He said to me, "I want you to take my people into their inheritance." At that stage of my life, I knew nothing about any inheritance; let alone taking people there! No one had (at the time) taught me that we had any inheritance in Christ.

In children's church, we learnt about serving God with reverence and love, and many beautiful Bible stories, but no one ever mentioned an inheritance in Christ. However, when God said to me, "I want you to take my people into their inheritance," I just accepted. I simply believed Him without understanding what the instruction was about. I knew He would have to show me what it was, and He did. My experience with the Lord very much mirrors what Paul the Apostle said in **Ephesians 3:8**: "*To me, though I am the very least of all the saints (God's consecrated people), this grace (favour, privilege) was granted and graciously entrusted...*" (**AMPC**). Think about it: If He was looking for the most qualified people, Jesus should have been born of Caesar and brought up in a palace, but He wasn't. **2 Corinthians 3:5** says, "*Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God.*"

He's the One who has called you and endued you with supernatural ability to carry out His work. Never look down on yourself or think there's nothing special about you. He has made you competent; so, look beyond your physical circumstances. Always remember that you're special to Him, and He's divinely enabled you to fulfil His calling on your life.



PRAYER

Dear Father, thank You for loving me and planning my life for Your glory. You set me apart for your special work and empowered me for it. I declare that I am who and all You say that I am and I move into my season of exploits, in Jesus' Name.



Spend your day today, meditating on 1 Cor. 1:26



Jeremiah 40 – 43

# THE BLESSING IS ON ME!

## COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

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 marvellous light;"*

**W**hen Balak hired Balaam to prophesy the doom of Israel, he couldn't. God had spoken a blessing that was irreversible. For some reason best known to Him, God has hand-picked you and singled you out for the best in life. Therefore, no curse is permitted to operate in your life. Today, may the blessing be enforced in your life.

### PRAYER POINTS:

1. Father, thank You for the blessing. Thank You for choosing to show me Your mercy and favour. I count it a great privilege to be called Your own. Thank You Jesus!
2. By the blood of Jesus Christ, I take my rightful place in God. I receive cleansing from every sin. I blot out the consequences of every wrong action by the Blood.
3. I declare that I am not cursed. I am not a candidate for sorrow, pain, shame and demonic oppression. I rebuke the power of hell at work in my finances, family, career and business. I cannot be down, in Jesus name.
4. I receive the good of this state and this nation. Men will see me and give to me. Kings and nations shall come to the brightness of my rising. I am blessed!
5. Oh God, let success manifest in every area of my life that Your name may be glorified! I rebuke the spirit behind near success syndrome, in Jesus name.
6. By fire today, I declare that my entire family and loved ones are a 'no-go' zone for satan. From today, evil will not continue in any life connected to me. The reign of evil is over!
7. Father, release the wind of salvation over the hearts of every person, tribe and nation. Convict men by Yourself and use me as an instrument to propagate Your gospel, in Jesus name.
8. Oh God, bless Gateway International Church abundantly. Make her a voice of impact and change to this generation; may doors of nations open to receive her!
9. Today, may the blessings of God rest on my man of God, Pst. George Izunwa. May his ministry be backed up with miracles, signs and awesome wonders!
10. Father, restore the peace of this nation, Nigeria. Uproot evil men and their evil works.

Rid every sector of wickedness and corruption; restore us oh God!



DAILY BIBLE  
READING

Jeremiah 44 – 46

# DOMINION

## KEY TEXT

Genesis 1:26 (GNT), "Then God said, "And now we will make human beings; they will be like us and resemble us. They will have power over the fish, the birds, and all animals, domestic and wild, large and small."

## POWER THOUGHT

Dominion starts from you.

**D**ominion is power, authority or control over someone or something. To have dominion is to rule, to be in charge. Also, dominion is understanding your stance. The more we exercise dominion, the more we widen our tentacles of dominating.

You were not created to remain at the backside of life. No! The Creator's good plan for you is situated only at the forefront of life! *"And the LORD will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not be beneath, if you heed the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, and are careful to observe them"* (**Deuteronomy 28:13**). You were given dominion even before you were formed in your mother's womb and as such, it is only expected that you walk in dominion all the days of your life.

One fact you must recognize about dominion is that dominion starts from you. You will never be able to exercise power and authority over anything except you have conquered 'self'. The Bible states that the flesh is our greatest enemy, *"The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions."* (**Gal. 5:17**). Until you take control of yourself, your habits, your desires, your lusts, your passion, you cannot expect to have control over anything else.

Above all, no one can walk in dominion unless they are first connected to the Lord. He is the divine source who gives dominion to those that believe. Do you believe?



Father, thank You for making me a force on this earth. I declare that will always be on top and not beneath. I will dominate and rule my world for You, in Jesus name.



Ask the Holy Spirit to restore you to a place of dominion.



Jeremiah 47 – 48

# CHANGING THE COURSE OF YOUR WORLD

## KEY TEXT

*Hebrews 11:3 (NKJV), "By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.."*

## POWER THOUGHT

**You can mend what needs mending**

In the world today, a lot of foundations are faulty. Some people have tried to destroy the financial, political and social foundations of different nations. They've also tried to crush the foundations of godliness in our societies—including in the areas of health, education, family and more.

As Christians we are soldiers for Christ! We shouldn't fold our hands and watch the devil wreak havoc in nations and in the lives of men. God expects you to do something about it. He says, *"Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy. Deliver the poor and needy: rid them out of the hand of the wicked"* (**Psalm 82:3-4**). Don't be ignorant of this: God is counting on you. Don't be content with only meeting your personal needs and chasing your own dreams. You have what it takes to change the course of your world.

The word "framed" is "katartizō" (Greek), and it means to repair or adjust, to restore, mend or make perfect. This means that with faith, you can repair the foundations of the earth that are out of place and put them back on course. You can fix those circumstances and situations in your world that are inconsistent with the will of God. By declaring faith-filled words, you give shape, structure and beauty to your world. It makes no difference how bad the current situation is, you can mend what needs mending, you can restore what needs restoration, and you can fix anything that's been ruined by your prophetic and positive declarations.

Learn from God—He did not see darkness and lament. He saw darkness and called out light. You have the same power. What you need is the Word to keep the adversary in defeat. Use it to frame your world. Amen!



**PRAYER**

*Dear heavenly Father, thank You for giving me the dominion over all things. I refuse to be a victim and I refuse to stand by and have satan ruin my world. Rather, I live victoriously over the adversary and the adversities of life. With the Word of God on my lips, I reign in dominion over circumstances, in Jesus' Name.*



**ACTION POINT**

**Speak what you want to see all around; be conscious and intentional about speaking positively today.**



**DAILY BIBLE READING**

**Jeremiah 49**



# A NEW LIFE INDEED

KEY  
TEXT

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV), "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

POWER  
THOUGHT

It's not just an improvement of the old; it's a new life.

**P**eople crave for new things today - new phones, cars, clothes, hairstyles, and even a new body. But then, how new can you get? How much can you really change? How much can you really improve on? Overtime, nothing will be new anymore. What we need today is not better gadgets, better education, more research or more money. This won't give us an abundant, fulfilling life. What we need is a change of heart. Look at the news today - violence, hatred, greed etc. The problem is the 'evil' in the hearts of men. The Bible calls it 'the sin nature in man'.

When you come to know Jesus, the Bible says you take on a new life. The old life is over, God makes all things new. Jesus Christ puts it this way, "you must be born again" (**John 3:3**). It's not a remake of the old; it's new! It's not just an improvement of the old; it's a new life. God told prophet Ezekiel: "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you" (**Ezekiel 36:26**). That's what we experienced - we took on a new meaning and purpose in life. We can experience a new joy (not just a 'happiness' based on the surrounding), a new hope (not based on circumstances) and we are looking forward to a home in heaven.

By your own efforts, you can never be good enough. No amount of change outside Jesus can truly give you a good life. You need a new life. Only Jesus Christ can do that. Believe Him today.



Lord Jesus, thank You for making all things new in my life. I declare that all things are new in my life today; the old and the past are gone forever, in Jesus' name.



Accept Jesus into your life if you haven't or rededicate your life if you have.



Jeremiah 50



# CIRCLES OF INFLUENCE

## KEY TEXT

*Colossians 4:5-6 (AMP), "Conduct yourself with wisdom in your interactions with outsiders (non-believers), make the most of each opportunity [treating it as something precious]. Let your speech at all times be gracious and pleasant, seasoned with salt, so that you will know how to answer each one [who questions you]."*

## POWER THOUGHT

Every day is an opportunity to influence.

Every day, there is an opportunity to influence. Every day, people watch how you live; listen to what you say; observe how you do life. Every day, you are given multiple opportunities to explore relationships with people who cross your path. Would you rather throw caution to the wind or like Jesus, be intentional about influencing your world for God?

How can we say **Jesus was intentional** —

- His relationships reflected a series of circles which were ever-widening circles of influence.
- He spent focused time with the people closest to Him.
- He spent time ministering as He moved along in His daily activities.
- He was intentional about what He wanted to do with His time on earth.



*Oh God, thank You for making me the epistle for my generation. I receive grace to live intentionally this week and beyond, in Jesus' name.*



Write 3 things that you can do to influence someone positively this week.



Jeremiah 51 – 52

# THE COVENANT

## KEY TEXT

*Matthew 26:28, "For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."*

## POWER THOUGHT

**You have a covenant with God.**

**D**uring the last supper, Jesus took bread, broke it and gave it to His disciples saying, "Take and eat, this is my body." After that, He took wine blessed it, and gave it to His disciples again saying, "This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins." Beloved, you have a covenant with God.

When Adam sinned against God, man fell, fell out of grace. God could not stand their presence in Eden, He sent them out. Before the coming of Jesus Christ, people couldn't interact with God; they needed a priest as an intermediary between them and God. They could not relate directly with God as we do now. But Jesus Christ came and by one covenant, gave us access to the presence of God, through the forgiveness and remission of sins He restored man back to his original state.

There is no reason to be alienated from God anymore. Now there is mercy. You can't be accused by hell any longer. You cannot be condemned to eternal damnation ever again. The veil that separated you from God has been torn. Sin has been a separator, between us and God. Sin, and its resultant guilt, are used by the devil to ensure we are unable to maintain relationship with God. He plays on our minds, makes us feel unworthy and disqualified for the good things of Heaven. When he wins those mind games, we alienate ourselves to our detriment. This notion must end.

Jesus settled everything on Calvary "by which He made us accepted in the Beloved". (**Ephesians 1:6**) The beauty of the gift of the everlasting covenant is that you can go to the Father directly and relate with Him on an intimate level. You have access to God at anytime and anywhere. You are in an everlasting covenant with God. Live with that knowledge from today.



**PRAYER**

*Lord, let Your covenant of mercy speak over my life, my family and work, in Jesus' name. I receive grace to walk and live as God's righteousness in Christ Jesus.*



**ACTION POINT**

Talk to God about that one thing that has kept You away from Him; listen and pen down what He has to say.



**DAILY BIBLE READING**

**Lamentations 1 – 2**

# STOP PROCRASTINATING!

## KEY TEXT

*Proverbs 18:9 (NIV). "One who is slack in his work is brother to one who destroys."*

## POWER THOUGHT

**Procrastination can become a form of bondage, and paralyze you.**

**T**he dictionary defines procrastination as, "to delay or put off something until a later date, especially intentionally or habitually." Procrastination is not just a harmless annoying habit, but a highly destructive way of life. Looking through the scriptures, you will discover that procrastination is a grave sin.

Etymologically, "procrastination" originated from the Latin verb procrastinare — to put off until tomorrow. But procrastination is a lot more than just voluntarily delaying. The ancient Greek root word for procrastination "akrasia", adds another dimension — doing something against our better judgment. When we procrastinate, we are aware of two things: (1) we are trying to avoid the task in question, and (2) that doing so is doubtless a bad idea. And yet, we still procrastinate. This is why procrastination is self-harm and a danger for people around us.

Did you ever notice that you tend to keep putting off something you are averse to. And the more you do, the more it looms larger and larger in front of you? That's because when you procrastinate, you allow negative feelings control you. If you let it, procrastination can actually become a form of bondage, and paralyze you. It can steal your joy and peace, and lead to anxiety and depression. It can rob you of your dignity and self-esteem.

God promises us great rewards for practicing diligence. The Bible says that diligent hands "bring wealth" and "will rule" (**Proverbs 10:4; 12:24**) and **Proverbs 13:4** says, "*The desires of the diligent are fully satisfied.*" When you pray and ask the Lord for the desires of your heart, remember that you will have to play a part in the process. Deal with those negative feelings. One secret is to try to focus on how good you are going to feel after it's done, rather than on the task itself. Receive grace in Jesus name!



**PRAYER**

*Lord, show me how to overcome procrastination, laziness, and passivity. Help me to practice diligence, and to tackle my obligations and tasks with vigour. Teach me to make the most of my time, in Jesus' name.*



**ACTION POINT**

**Get that task done!**



**DAILY BIBLE READING:**

**Lamentations 3 – 5**

# DELIVERING DREAMS AND MEGA PROJECTS

## COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

### KEY TEXT

*1 Kings 6:14, "So Solomon built the house, and finished it."*

God is still in the business of sponsoring destinies. If you can believe for it, then you can have it. But then, it takes great travail to birth greatness. Today, as we pray, mega destinies will be born!

### PRAYER POINTS:

1. **Zech. 4:6**— Lord, thank You for covenant promises, prophecies and pathways into 2022. By Your Spirit, my covenant inheritance is secured in Jesus' name!
2. **Matt. 16:18**— I sanctify every destiny dream and project for this year and I declare that each one must be fulfilled in Jesus' name. The God that builds His Church will build me a destiny.
3. **2 Kings 19:3**— Today, by the hand of God I receive whatever it takes to pursue and achieve mega project in 2022! Wisdom. Strength. Favour. Resources. Helpers etc. I will have on-time testimonies!
4. **Luke 1:35**— Today, I invite supernatural involvement. I invoke angelic help. I receive boldness to advance. I declare that this is my year of record breaking supernatural achievements, in Jesus' name!
5. **Neh. 4:7**— I speak to every mountain to move! No human agent will successfully truncate my destiny projects! I release fire on every opposition!
6. **Zech. 4:6-8**— Father, make me a finisher. I will not begin and not finish! Strengthen me through the challenging seasons. Help me Lord!
7. Father, release the wind of salvation over the hearts of every person, tribe and nation. Convict men by Yourself and use me as an instrument to propagate Your gospel, in Jesus name.
8. Oh God, bless Gateway International Church abundantly. Make her a voice of impact and change to this generation; may doors of nations open to receive her!
9. Today, may the blessings of God rest on my man of God, Pst. George Izunwa. May his ministry be backed up with miracles, signs and awesome wonders!
10. Father, restore the peace of this nation, Nigeria. Uproot evil men and their evil works. Rid every sector of wickedness and corruption; restore us oh God!



DAILY BIBLE  
READING:

Ezekiel 1 – 4

# SPREAD YOUR WINGS

## KEY TEXT

*Isaiah 40:31 (MSG), "But those who wait upon God get fresh strength. They spread their wings and soar like eagles, they run and don't get tired, they walk and don't lag behind."*

## POWER THOUGHT

**Eagles are born to live in the high places.**

**G**od likens believers to the eagle. Eagles are born to live in the high places. You are born to be a "soarer" and an 'highflyer'. Yes! You were made for the high places.

There is a popular story about a little eaglet whose case was different. This eaglet fell out of its nest and landed in a chicken yard. The eagle grew up among the chickens and, although he looked a bit different, he learned to move, eat and live like a chicken. One day the young eagle looked up into the sky and saw a beautiful eagle soaring above. The little eagle in the chicken yard thought, "Oh, I would love to be able to do that!" As the eagle soared overhead, it looked down and saw the young eagle below. Suddenly he flew down and asked, "What are you doing here?" The little eagle replied, "I am just here in the chicken yard where I have always been." The great eagle looked and said, "Spread your wings, boy. Just do what I do." Then he flapped his wings and lifted off the ground. He flew off into the sky never to return to the chicken yard again!

The little eagle had been living among these chickens so long that he lost his identity. He didn't know who he was, he did not know what he could do. Have you allowed your circumstances determine your fate? Have you become conformed to your environment so that you do not reach for and manifest your potentials? That must change today!

It is time to be dissatisfied with the ordinary. It is time to leave our comfort zones. It is time to wait on God and be endued with power so that you soar. Receive strength. Take in divine energy! Soar!



**PRAYER**

*Father, thank You for equipping me to rise in life. I am made for the top and I will be at the top only! I will never go down or be defeated. I will rise to my high places, in Jesus name.*



**ACTION POINT**

**Take 3 challenging steps to achieve success today.**



**DAILY BIBLE READING:**

**Ezekiel 5 – 8**

## RISE AGAIN

## KEY TEXT

*Proverbs 24:15-16 (HCSB) "Wicked man, don't set an ambush, at the camp of the righteous man; don't destroy his dwelling. Though a righteous man falls seven times, he will get up, but the wicked will stumble into ruin."*

## POWER THOUGHT

**The greatest accomplishment is not in never failing, but in rising again after you fall"**

Seeking to destroy the 'righteous' is a futile ambition. Even if the righteous suffer temporarily, good will ultimately always triumph over evil. Therefore, be confident righteous one, no one can bring you down.

Olympic runner, Ryan Hall is the US record-holder for the half marathon. He completed the event distance of 13.1 miles (21 kilometres) in a remarkable time of fifty-nine minutes and forty-three seconds, making him the first US athlete to run the race in under one hour. While Hall has celebrated record-setting victories, he's also known the disappointment of not being able to finish a race. Having tasted both success and failure, Hall credits his faith in Jesus for sustaining him. One of his favourite Bible verses is an encouraging reminder from the book of Proverbs that "though the righteous fall seven times, they rise again" (24:16). This verse reminds us that the righteous, those who trust in and have a right relationship with God (that is what righteous means) will still experience difficulties and hardships. However, as they continue in right standing, God is faithful to give them the strength to rise again.

Have you recently experienced a devastating disappointment or failure and feel like you will never recover? Scripture encourages you not to rely on your strength but to continue to put your confidence in God and His promises. As

you trust Him, God's Spirit gives you the strength to surmount every difficulty you will encounter in this life, from the seemingly mundane to significant struggles. **2 Corinthians 12:9** says "But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so

Christ's power may rest on me.



*Heavenly Father, thank You that in every trial and disappointment You're always close, offering comfort and strength to help me rise again.*



**Say to yourself, "I WILL RISE AGAIN!"**



**Ezekiel 9 – 12**

# LIVE A LIFE OF SIGNIFICANCE

## KEY TEXT

*Psalm 90:12 (NIV), "Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom."*

## POWER THOUGHT

Move from "successful" to significance.

**T**he accumulation of financial resources, natural wisdom, business and relationship skills as well as personal health make up what most people think success is all about. It's not wrong to want to be successful; but there is something bigger than being successful — it is being SIGNIFICANT.

Significance is the measure of the value you add to others. Significance is about importance and relevance. It is about being an intrinsic part of a process. Your influence could either be direct or indirect. Significance makes you essential. Also note that significance may or may not be acknowledged by others, do not be discouraged when you are despised or rejected. Jesus was the most significant human being who ever lived. He died without any clothes, in hunger, thirst, shame and derision. Yet through these things, He made us blessed. He purchased the citizenship of heaven for us, the forgiveness of sins, and a lot more.

We, like Him, ought to be great "value adders"! The apostle Paul was looking for a significant life when he said, *"I will gladly spend myself and all I have for you, even though it seems that the more I love you, the less you love me"* (**2 Corinthians 12:15**). Paul was gunning for the things that were of the highest value. That is, the salvation of many. He did not care about the cost, or their appreciation. He wasn't looking merely for his own profit, but the profit of many. His life also became one of the most significant lives in his time. If you are wealthy and healthy, if you have money and time – praise the Lord. However, do not be content with being merely "successful". Ask God to take you to that place of significance that adds value to people and eternity.



*My Father, thank You for how far You have brought me in life. I ask that You move me into living a significant life from now henceforth, in Jesus' name.*



List 5 ways you can make yourself significant within your circle (or outside it too).



Ezekiel 13 – 15



# BECOMING VISIONARY

## KEY TEXT

*Proverbs 29:18 (GNT). "A nation without God's guidance is a nation without order. Happy are those who keep God's law!"*

## POWER THOUGHT

**There is nothing more empowering than knowing that God has created you to fulfil His purpose**

**W**ithout vision, people have no purpose, no destination, and no direction. There is nothing more empowering than knowing that God has created you to fulfil His purposes and achieve great things. When you see clearly the things that God has for you, it will change you forever.

### Few points to note about Vision:

- Having **VISION** is a God thing.
- The **VISION** without **YOU** is useless.
- The **VISION** will be tested.
- The **VISION** must be communicated to attract destiny support.



*Oh Lord, open my eyes to behold the great future You have for me. Help me aim for the biggest and most extraordinary VISION for my life, in Jesus' name.*



**Write down your vision for the next 5 years.**



**Ezekiel 16 – 17**



## YOUR LATENT POWER

### KEY TEXT

**Luke 10:19 (GNT),** "Listen! I have given you authority, so that you can walk on snakes and scorpions and overcome all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you."

### POWER THOUGHT

Whether you feel it or not, as a Christian, you have power.

**F**rom the moment you accepted Jesus as your Lord and Saviour, your life automatically became filled with the power of the Holy Ghost. You don't need to feel power to know that you have power. Whether you feel it or not, as a Christian, you have it. He that is in you is greater than he that is in the world! (**1 John 4:4**)

Peter and John were going into the temple through the beautiful gate one afternoon and right there at the gate, they encountered a man that had been lame from birth and **Acts 3:6** recounts, "Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk." And immediately the man's feet and ankle bones received strength and he stood and walked and was healed from that day forward. That was a demonstration of power, because they knew they had something extraordinary in them. Say with me "there is something in my hand." Yes! There is power in your hands.

Are you aware that with more power comes more responsibility? Whatever you don't use, you will lose. If you don't use the power that you have, it will eventually become empty and useless. An uninhabited house will decay faster, than an occupied one. What you don't use, you will eventually lose. There is power in you!

Put it to good use! There is some latent power in you. There is a force you are yet to ignite and use. Discover it! It is not just the Holy Spirit; it comprises all your aptitudes. Put that special talent to work, impact lives by using your gifts. Power is in you!



PRAYER

*Thank You Lord, for depositing Your power in my life. Every resistance to its flow out of my life be destroyed now in the name of Jesus.*



ACTION POINT

Identify one of your many gifts and deliberately use it today.



DAILY BIBLE READING

Ezekiel 18 – 20

# COURAGE

## KEY TEXT

**Joshua 1:7 (GNT).** *"Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go."*

## POWER THOUGHT

**"Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear, not absence of fear."**

**C**ourage is the backbone of gallantry. Courage shows up in many ways. It can take courage for someone to just get up in the morning; it can take courage to care for someone in need; it can take courage to turn up at work or school in the face of bullying; it can take courage to cling to faith when everything and everyone tells you it is all an illusion.

You need to recognise that courage is not merely the opposite of fear. According to Mark Twain "Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear, not absence of fear." Without fear, there would be no courage.

Courage has always been a premium trait or essential quality among the people of God. We admire Abraham for leaving his homeland to follow the Lord. We applaud Moses for marching in before Pharaoh with God's demand "Let my people go!" We love to hear of young David going out to meet mighty Goliath. We are awed at Joshua's dominion and control over the natural elements. But where does courage begin?

God told Joshua as he was taking over Moses' role to be courageous. Three times in his address to Joshua, God repeats the challenge "Be strong and courageous." Courage is needed when the task is big—and this task was immense! God says, in effect, *believe I am with you, go forward despite the opposition and win!* Standing for righteousness in a

society that accommodates evil takes 'courage'. Spreading the true gospel of Jesus Christ in a culture that wants to say no to Christian religion, takes 'courage'. Allegiance to Jesus Christ in a world that is often against Christ takes courage. To be courageous is not to be fearless, but to refuse to surrender to fear. Let courage shape your life!



PRAYER

*Oh Lord, I know there are issues to face, temptations to withstand, and enemies to meet. Give me a courageous heart, that I may surmount life's challenges, in Jesus' name.*



ACTION POINT

Confront 3 of your fears.



DAILY BIBLE READING:

Ezekiel 21 – 22

# OPERATING THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

## COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

### KEY TEXT

*1 Corinthians 12:4-6, (NLT) "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us."*

**T**he spiritual gives birth to and controls the physical realm. To be in control of the natural, you need to be in touch with the supernatural. Your dominion this year will come by imposing the supernatural on this natural world!

### PRAYER POINTS:

1. Lord, I thank You for the promise of Your Spirit and the availability of the anointing! Today, I subscribe to your Spirit's channels in Jesus' name.
2. Father in the name of Jesus, I declare that I will no longer live a powerless life. my family, career, business, ministry etc manifests raw power and glory!
3. **1 Thess. 5:19**— Father in the name of Jesus, anything in me that hinders or quenches the fire of the Holy Spirit in me, today I cast it out of my spirit, soul and body.
4. **Matt. 3:11**— Jesus, You are the baptizer with the Holy Ghost, therefore I ask that You fill me afresh with Your Spirit and fire for supernatural results, in Jesus' name.
5. **1 Cor. 12:7**— Father in the name of Jesus, activate in me the manifestation of the power gifts: faith, healing and the working of miracles. Make me an agent of liberation to my world in the name of Jesus.
6. Father, today I yield my tongue to You; take my tongue and sanctify it for Your use. I receive the manifestation of the vocal gifts: prophecy, new tongues and interpretation of tongues in my life in the name of Jesus.
7. Father, release the wind of salvation over the hearts of every person, tribe and nation. Convict men by Yourself and use me as an instrument to propagate Your gospel, in Jesus name.
8. Oh God, bless Gateway International Church abundantly. Make her a voice of impact and change to this generation; may doors of nations open to receive her!
9. Today, may the blessings of God rest on my man of God, Pst. George Izunwa. May his ministry be backed up with miracles, signs and awesome wonders!
10. Father, restore the peace of this nation, Nigeria. Uproot evil men and their evil works. Rid every sector of wickedness and corruption; restore us oh God!



DAILY BIBLE  
READING:

Ezekiel 23 – 24



# 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

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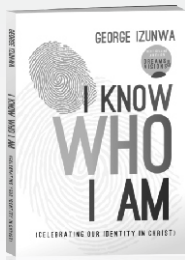
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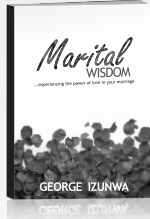
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