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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!



A decorative background featuring several dandelion seed heads with their seeds blowing away, creating a sense of movement and lightness.

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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

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# **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!



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▶ MONTHLY **PROPHETIC DECLARATION**



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# OPEN UP TO THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

## KEY TEXT

*Luke 4:18. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed;"*

## POWER THOUGHT

When power comes, performance is enhanced.

The Trinity also known as the Godhead comprises of three (3) personalities— God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit, often the great mystery in the Trinity, is as much a person as Jesus Christ and God. But for some of us believers, the Spirit of God sometimes seems like a vague figure, and we fail to acknowledge Him in our daily lives. It is not supposed to be so. Jesus expects that you must know Him, feel His presence, learn to hear His voice and walk according to His direction.

The Holy Spirit is the Person you need to accompany you through the journey of life. Jesus did not want us to live forlorn and abandoned. We are not vagabonds without care. In **John 14:18** He said, **"I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you."** He is behind our comparative advantage. He triggers our success and great achievements. How?

When He comes, He will teach and remind us (**John 14:26**). He will live in us and fill us up (**1 Corinthians 3:16**). He will reveal mysteries and endue us with superior wisdom (**1 Corinthians 2:10-11**). He will guide us into all truth (**John 16:13**). He will help our weaknesses and intercede for us (**Rom 8:26-27**). And He will infuse life into us (**Rom 8:10-11**).

You cannot have the Holy Spirit and live a substandard life. Impossible! The Holy Spirit is the Power of God. When power comes, performance is enhanced. The Holy Spirit empowers the believer to command exploits. With the Holy Spirit, you are bound to win, conquer and produce great results. He can "do all that" in your life if you let Him! Don't remain disadvantaged. Leverage on this advantage and engage the help of the Holy Spirit today.



PRAYER

Father, I acknowledge the Holy Spirit in my life today. Holy Spirit, You are my Leader, my Director and my Senior partner; help me in all I do, in Jesus' Name.



ACTION POINT

Deliberately and consciously invite the Holy Spirit to take charge of your life today.



DAILY BIBLE READING

Ezekiel 25 – 27

# GOD'S PURPOSE FOR YOU

## KEY TEXT

**Romans 8:29 (NLT), "For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son..."**

## POWER THOUGHT

**God knows what He is doing.**

It can be very difficult to figure out what your purpose is. You were put on this earth for a reason and to make a difference. If you are having a hard time finding your place and space, here are some ways to find your purpose and to trust that the Lord has a plan for your life.

- **Ask Him**—God makes no mistakes and He has no pleasure in your confusion. He wants you to abound in wisdom for all things; especially for your purpose. God is the one who gave you your talents, and He gave them to you for a reason. The intention of its manufacturer is displayed in the functionality of the product. God's giftings are indications of how He would want to use you. Ask Him, because He has all the answers to your life. Ask Him for your manual.
- **Use Your Talents to Glorify God**—Everyone is talented at something. We were all given gifts and talents that we can use to find our purpose in life and to help and inspire others. God is the one who gave you your talents, and He gave them to you for a reason. As you use them, not just for your pleasure, but primarily for His pleasure, you will begin to align to His design and desires for you. You have potentials and you are capable of great things.
- **Have Patience**—God knows what He is doing. His ways are higher than ours. You need to trust the process. You have to patiently wait and follow through every phase of life God is taking you through. Be grateful for what you have in the present as you anticipate your greater days.
- **Trust His Plan**—We often have a difficult time trusting God because we are afraid of the unknown. We never know what He has planned for us and we are afraid that whatever it is, it will not make us happy. But that is a satan-induced mindset. Trust in the Lord and in His timing. He will reveal His purpose for you at the right time. Do not stress. He's got this.



**PRAYER**

*Father, thank You for every purpose and plan You have for my life. I pray that You take step by step into Your perfect will for me. Help me to trust each step of the way. Help me to wait in godly contentment as I watch Your plans unfold in my life, in Jesus' name.*



**ACTION POINT**

**Develop the habit of asking God to reveal His plans for you per time.**



**DAILY BIBLE READING:**

**Ezekiel 28 – 30**

# LEARN TO FEED ON THE WORD

## KEY TEXT

**2 Corinthians 3:18 (NKJV)** *"But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord."*

## POWER THOUGHT

**...you are what you eat...**

In Christianity, we emphasize studying and meditating on God's Word because of what it produces in the life of believers; ever-increasing glory! For the Spirit to successfully cause our transformation, we must be engaging with the Word. Every believer has the capacity to be glory-filled, God has programmed us that way. The glory of God is His Son. His Son is also the Word. As we keep our gaze on the Lord, we take on His nature and attributes. Before long, that glory becomes more visible in our lives as we consciously and consistently feed on the Word.

There is a way the world moulds people—satan, the god of this world gets people to think and act in evil ways. That is why unbelievers can lie, cheat, steal and kill. He moulds their minds to accept evil. However, God has different expectations about us. The Bible says, *"...Be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind..."* (**Romans 12:2**). The only way not to conform to the world is to have our minds renewed. The mind renewal only occurs by the receiving of the Word. Our key text (**2 Corinthians 3:18**) points out that we are changed for the better and continue to exist with ever-increasing glory as you gaze and contemplate on the Word.

This implies that if we don't give undivided attention to the study, meditation, and practice of God's Word, we inhibit His glory in our lives. The information and ideas you expose yourself to will determine your outlook in life. Some people without them even realising it, expose themselves to negative ideas and information and suffer losses. Remember, you are what you eat; you become more and more like the information that you feed on. The Word of God is the glory of God; therefore, feed on the Word. *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly* **Colossians 3:16**



*Today I declare, I am growing in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. My life isn't separate from the Word. Through the Word, my life is conditioned for victory every day, in Jesus' name!*



Study the Word using today's daily bible reading and memorize and meditate on one verse from the scripture.



**Ezekiel 31 – 32**

# FAITH AND ACTION

## KEY TEXT

*James 1:23-25, "If you hear the message and don't obey it, you are like people who stare at themselves in a mirror and forget what they look like as soon as they leave. But you must never stop looking at the perfect law that sets you free. God will bless you in everything you do, if you listen and obey, and don't just hear and forget."*

## POWER THOUGHT

**Faith and action go together.**

**F**aith and action go together. God longs for you to live a life of victory and He has made available all you need to lead such a life. But if you are to receive all that God has for you, and walk in the abundant life God intends, you must resolve to be a doer of the Word.

## HOW TO BACKUP FAITH WITH YOUR ACTIONS—

- Meditate on God's desire for your faith to produce good works.
- Ask God for the strength and courage to live out His word.
- Ask God where He would have you put faith into action.



*Oh Lord, thank You for all You have released unto me in this season. I believe Your Word and I activate the manifestation of my testimony as I practice Your Word! So help me God!*



Do something that backs up your belief— make a sacrifice, confess positively etc.



**Ezekiel 33 – 35**



# THE INWARD WITNESS

## KEY TEXT

Romans 8:16 (NKJV), "The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God"

## POWER THOUGHT

...what you have is more than passion.

Our passion for preaching the Gospel is one thing that the world can't stand; it troubles them. "How can people be so passionate about a man they never met? Why all this craze about Jesus?" they wonder. Then, they try to wave it off on the premise that people are generally passionate about their religion. But what they don't realize is that ours is different; what we have is more than passion.

There's something that we have that makes us different: it is the inward witness. Hallelujah! You have a witness within your spirit about your salvation and Jesus! That's what we read in our theme verse; it says, "*The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit, that we are children of God.*" So, when you are standing for Jesus Christ, you are not just standing because you are passionate; you are not preaching the Gospel just because you are convinced of His message. Rather, it's because you have a witness within your spirit that truly, Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, except by Him (**John 14:6**). Deep down in our hearts, we know that we're in a relationship with God and we have the Holy Spirit, and that we're born again! These aren't assumptions but deep truths. We are confident because we have "insider information"!

You are different. What you have is not a religion. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the only saving message for the world. You and I are the custodians of this message of power by which God saves, heals, protects, delivers, preserves and prospers. You are His witness; don't you ever forget that. Hallelujah!



## PRAYER

Dear Father, thank You for making me a custodian of the Gospel of Christ; I pray that many who are yet to receive salvation will hear and receive the Gospel today, and be instantly transferred by Your Spirit, in Jesus' name.



## ACTION POINT

Acknowledge that you have an inner witness and affirm your place in God.



## DAILY BIBLE READING:

Ezekiel 36 – 38

# UNDERSTAND GOD'S TIMING

## KEY TEXT

*Galatians 4:4 (CEV), "But when the time was right, God sent his Son, and a woman gave birth to him. His Son obeyed the Law,"*

## POWER THOUGHT

God is up to something great...

**H**ave you ever noticed that God's timing, most times, isn't what you expect it to be? Amid the declaration of grand promises, the realisation of God's plan is held back until an appropriate time. Noah had to wait for the rain to fall; Abraham had to wait for the birth of Isaac; Israel waited for the coming of the Messiah. This sense of waiting on God's timing can be a bit distressing for Christians and make discernment a necessity for all.

God's timing relates to the expression of God's purposes in your life. God's timing is perfect, just as all of His ways are perfect (**Psalms 18:30 & Galatians 4:4**). God's timing is never early, and it has never been late. In fact, from before your birth until the moment you take your last earthly breath, God is accomplishing His divine purposes in your life. But having the patience to wait for it is the challenge, right? Our human nature can make waiting for God's perfect timing a difficult thing to do. We want what we want now.

But you need to bring yourself to that point of complete trust in God. God can never mismanage your life; everything He allows you go through is for a reason and He is working through all of that to bring you to your expected end. If you cannot trust Him, you may get frantic and make destiny errors. A

good example is Abraham who could not wait for his promise, he went ahead to produce a kid with Hagar. This lineage has troubled the world since then. Note that God is in complete control of everything! You can trust Him, yes you can! Relax. God is up to something great and you will watch them unfold!



*Dear Father, I thank You for reminding me once again that You are working out something great in and through my life. I refuse to be oblivious and impatient as I walk with You. Help me to discern all that You are doing in and around my life, in Jesus' name.*



Trust God!



Ezekiel 39 – 40

# INVITING DIVINE PRESENCE

## COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

### KEY TEXT

*Exodus 13:21-22, "And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night: He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people."*

**T**he presence of God is the greatest asset in the journey of destiny. No one ever takes a journey with God and returns in emptiness and shame. Ease is guaranteed when God is in the lead!

### PRAYER POINTS:

1. Father, thank You for Your presence that has been good with me all through this year. I thank You because Your presence will increase with me even more!
2. **1 Corinthians 3:16** — Father, in the name of Jesus, I sanctify my spirit, soul and body as a worthy habitation for Your presence this year; My body will not be a habitation for You and You alone
3. **1 Corinthians 3:17** — Father in the name of Jesus, by Your Spirit, I destroy whatever defiles my body and soul as your temple. I offer myself as a living sacrifice acceptable unto You.
4. **Psalms 122:1** — Father, today, I receive an unquenchable passion and hunger for your presence and a deeper fellowship with your Spirit in 2021, in the name of Jesus.
5. **Psalms 139:7-8** — Father, today, by Your presence, I escape every form of evil, calamity, oppression, depression, obsession and demonic orchestrations in the name of Jesus.
6. **Psalms 114:7** — Father, in the name of Jesus, I command every mountain and gate standing as opposition and resistance before me to be uprooted at your presence, in Jesus' name.
7. Oh God, cause the tribes of nations to open up to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Soften the hearts of men; let there be massive increase of souls to Your kingdom!
8. **Genesis 32:27-28** — Thank You Lord for the covenants at work in Gateway Int'l Church! This is the year of sure mercies; I will be a beneficiary of the sure mercies of God, in Jesus name.
9. **Romans 15:18** — I pray for the release of fresh grace and oil upon the ministry of Your servant, Pst. George Izunwa. I declare that the Hand of God will continue to be evident in his life, ministry and family, in the name of Jesus.
10. Father, in Your mercy touch our nation, Nigeria. Change her for the better. Let there be a positive turnaround in every sector of this nation, in Jesus name.



DAILY BIBLE  
READING:

Ezekiel 41 – 43

# GOD LEADS YOU TO VICTORY

## KEY TEXT

**2 Corinthians 2:14 (NKJV)** "Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place."

## POWER THOUGHT

...even "bad" circumstances will somehow work together for your good.

Even the greatest human efforts sometimes fall short. However, God has a will for you to win that will never fall short. The apostle Paul wrote, "Now thanks be unto God, which always causes {makes, empowers} us to triumph in Christ".

God's will is that you win every time; He ALWAYS causes you to triumph. Please bear in mind, this verse doesn't say that things will always be perfect or easy. As a matter of fact, the very presence of the word triumph implies that there was a fight. Accordingly, you should be aware of this truth: even when things seem difficult, you will still be victorious. What is more, is that we have a "head I win; tails they lose" programming. Paul wrote, "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (**Romans 8:28**). You have to rest on this truth, knowing that even "bad" circumstances will somehow work together for your good, so you still win!

You can see this principle displayed when you read about the life of Joseph. Joseph grew up in Canaan as one of twelve sons. God revealed to him through dreams that he would be promoted to a position of authority so that even his own family would bow down to him. However, for a long time, it certainly didn't look like those dreams would come to pass. Joseph was rejected by his brothers, sold into slavery, taken to Egypt, framed as a criminal, and placed in prison. It was after suffering demotion and dishonour from a level to lower level, that he was

finally promoted to Second-in-Command over the whole nation of Egypt. What a turn of events! Beloved, even if you don't feel like you're winning right now, know that God's purpose for you will prevail in the end. His will for you is to win, and He will always lead you to victory!



*Father, I thank You for making me a victor in all things! I declare that I am on the winning side and no matter what comes my way, I win!*



Speak to yourself for a few minutes, encourage yourself in the Lord.



Ezekiel 44 – 46

# WHY WE SPEAK IN TONGUES

## KEY TEXT

*Jude 1:20, "But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost"*

## POWER THOUGHT

**Speaking in tongues is the antidote to fear and timidity.**

**W**hen you receive the Holy Spirit, you receive the power of God in your life, and Divinity begins to reside in you. This power is activated and cultivated when you speak in other tongues. The Greek word translated "edifieth" in the opening scripture is "oikodomeo," which means to construct or build up, to embolden or charge up like you'd charge a battery.

Spiritual stamina and inner strength do not just emerge, they grow with intentionality. Your spirit man, like your body needs to be nurtured and trained—fed with spiritual food and taken through muscle and strength building exercises. Accordingly, when you spend time to speak in other tongues, you're building up your spirit. You will remain vulnerable and a victim to the devil for as long as the power of God lies dormant within you. But when you stir up, God's deposit in your life, you'll be strengthened to do the things of God. Speaking in other tongues is a great blessing. It empowers your spirit man to receive divine signals and respond quickly to them; it also gives you utterance! Speaking in tongues has many more advantages. Speaking in tongues increases courage and boldness. Speaking in tongues makes you untouchable and unstoppable. Speaking in tongues is the antidote to fear and timidity. God hasn't given you the spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind (**2 Timothy 1:7**).

Activate the power within you by spending time speaking in other tongues; do this every day and ever so often. Your inner man will be built up strong and you'll constantly walk in dominion over all your adversaries. There's no limitation to what the Spirit of God can do in your life if you would spend time to speak in other tongues every day, knowing that you are speaking mysteries to God.



*Dear Father, thank You for the refreshing, energizing and edifying experience of speaking in tongues. As I speak in tongues even now, out of my belly flow gushers of living waters; words of salvation, healing and strength flow through me to my world, in the Name of the Lord Jesus.*



**Pray in tongues for at least 15mins and make it your daily habit.**



**Ezekiel 47 – 48**

# CHOOSE FAITH OVER FEAR

KEY  
TEXT

**Psalms 118:24, "This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."**

POWER  
THOUGHT

**What matters is your reaction ...**

Life in general, is all about making choices. You can choose not to sorrow, you can choose not to worry, you can choose not to be frustrated, and you can choose not to be sad. David declared in the key text that he has made his choice and his choice was to be glad. So, it doesn't matter what you see, you should be willing to rejoice and keep your heart fixed on the joy of the Lord.

Life is about perspective and mindset. You can train yourself to the point that your mind is fixed and immovable. The psalmist said, "My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise" (**Psalms 57:7**). You have to make a choice that you can't be pinned down by your opponent the devil, no matter what your circumstance is. Just like in a wrestling match, you must decide that you won't be back on the ground for them to hit thrice! No!!! You have been redeemed and cannot be held down. Your situation may be horrible, but except you choose sadness, you cannot be dejected. Remember, what happens to you doesn't matter; what matters is your reaction to the things that happen to you. You can live an excited life. You are solely responsible for your countenance and outlook! Even if you have prayed consistently and tirelessly and waited for years, only to finally see that your answer is not forth coming, it is still not to your detriment. God is working the best for you.

Fear says no. Faith says yes. Fear shouts failure. Faith shouts success. Fear calls losses. Faith calls wins. Choose faith. Like Joshua today, "I have set before you, life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live" (**Deuteronomy 30:19**). Bear in mind that you have a choice to make because the choices you make determine how good or bad your future will be. What do you choose to do today?



*Father, by Your grace, help me to choose the right thoughts, words and actions; enable me to respond correctly to every situation or circumstance I find myself.*



Choose and write down few ways you will begin to respond with faith.



**Daniel 1 – 3**

# ATTACK THE FORCES EXTENDING THE CAPTIVITY

## KEY TEXT

*Zechariah 1:14-16, "So the angel that communed with me said unto me, Cry thou, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy. And I am very sore displeased with the heathen that are at ease: for I was but a little displeased, and they helped forward the affliction."*

## POWER THOUGHT

**God doesn't permit unending suffering.**

**G**od doesn't permit unending suffering. Whenever a bad season is unnecessarily extended, a spiritual hand is forwarding it. The spiritual controls the physical, so, don't excuse away your pain and unpleasant experiences. God wants you free and walking in victory! Attack the forces behind the captivity today!

## HOW TO STOP REPEATED ATTACKS—

- Discern your strategy for the battle; ask God what He will have you do.
- Mobilize the right support group.
- Engage the sword of the Lord and the sword of your prophet.



**PRAYER**

*Today, I wage war against every power sponsoring attack in my life. I am free and I will enjoy freedom and rest on all sides, in Jesus' name.*



**ACTION  
POINT**

Spend some quality time today in spiritual warfare.



**DAILY BIBLE  
READING**

**Daniel 4 – 5**



## MONITOR YOUR SEASONS

### KEY TEXT

**Genesis 8:22**, "While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease."

### POWER THOUGHT

**With every new blessing, comes a new responsibility.**

**T**he kind of world we live in is one that operates in cycles and seasons. We can refer to these seasons as sovereign and conditional seasons. The Bible says that while the earth remains, , seasons will not cease (**Genesis 8:22**). Sovereign seasons are set permanently by nature— they manifest whether or not you want them. But conditional seasons are created by response to an action. 'Seedtime and harvest' is an example of conditional season because planting a seed does not guarantee a harvest.

The truth about conditional seasons is that, you can lose your seed between the day you cultivate it and the time you expect a harvest. After you have sown that seed, conceived your idea, and begun establishing it, please do everything in your power not to abandon it. Whether you have birthed the baby, gotten married, experienced a financial explosion, gained admission into the university or experienced a breakthrough in your ministry, you still have work to do. No good farmer stops at planting, he goes to his farm to tend crops, he goes back regularly to weed and care for his products. He doesn't just abandon it till it's time for the harvest.

With every new blessing, comes a new responsibility. With every new level, comes a new devil. It's not enough to just plant. You've got to nurture what

you have planted on a regular basis until it manifests fully. Speak the Word continually over your 'seed', make positive declarations and do everything necessary on your side to bring about a full manifestation. Keep an eye on your seed! Every child of God has seasons in their lives when God moves to do great and mighty things.



*Lord Jesus, thank You for Your words of wisdom and light today. Nothing shall by any means tamper with my seed and harvest, in Jesus' name.*



**Give God praise and thank Him in advance for the harvest you are expecting.**



**Daniel 6 – 8**



# THE 'PAST' IS WHAT IT IS— PAST!

## KEY TEXT

*Ephesians 1:7, "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;"*

## POWER THOUGHT

**You are defined by what God says about you and how you respond to that truth.**

**D**o you feel bogged down by the past and unable to move towards a brighter future? Or perhaps, you are wondering how not to let your past define your future. I don't know what lies the enemy is telling you but I want to remind you that your past does not define your future. You are defined by what God says about you and how you respond to that truth.

We all make mistakes or do things we wish we hadn't done. And sometimes, those things have lasting consequences. Even worse, they tend to live in other people's memories forever. It may seem as if no matter what you do or how you try to act in the exact opposite way, there's someone who wants to remind you of that past wrongdoing. The best thing you can do is to remind yourself that your past does not define you. The things you did in the past are what you used to do, not who you are now. One of the best examples of someone who put their past behind them is Rahab. The Bible calls her "Rahab the harlot" so, you can only imagine what other people said about her. Yet, Rahab is listed in the Faith Hall of Fame (**Hebrews 11**) right alongside patriarchs like Abraham, Moses, and Isaac. Not only is Rahab listed among the faithful, she is one of five women listed in the genealogy of Jesus (**Mathew 1:5**).

Like Rahab, you don't have to let your past define you. The ability to change your response to the cuffs of your past will determine the trajectory of your future. Choose to stop looking back. Like Paul said, *"...but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."* (**Philippians 3:13-14**).



*I declare today that I am a new creature! Old things have passed away and so have my past, distasteful, experiences. I am not who I used to be. A new 'ME' has emerged and I walk into the fullness of God's plan for me in Jesus name.*



**Mentally bury your old self.**



**Daniel 9 – 12**

# I DISCONNECT FROM EVIL INHERITANCE

## COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

### KEY TEXT

*Isaiah 10:27, "And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing."*

**O**ur DNA affects us, both in the physical and the spiritual. Every negative inheritance was overridden at Calvary and is therefore not permitted to afflict your destiny anymore! What is that oppression, attack or setback? Disconnect from it today by the power of Calvary!

### PRAYER POINTS:

1. Father, I thank You because You are my destiny foundation; because of Your finished work at Calvary, no evil root will rule my life!
2. Today, I renounce and overthrow every ancient mystery claiming my life. My destiny will not be determined by strange curses and altars!
3. I raise a standard against Evil altars, ancestral covenants, familiar spirits and demonic covens. Let the thunder of God destroy and uproot them!
4. **Isaiah 10:27** — Let the yoke of generational sicknesses end. No more inherited bondages. No more delayed marriages. No more barrenness & miscarriage! Satan take your hands off my family!
5. I command a new season of grace, ease and destiny speed in every of my life's pursuit. Let this be the year of promotion, new houses, cars, weddings, childbirths etc. in my family!
6. **Psalms 114:7** — Father, in the name of Jesus, I command every mountain and gate standing as opposition and resistance before me to be uprooted at your presence, in Jesus' name.
7. Oh God, cause the tribes of nations to open up to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Soften the hearts of men; let there be massive increase of souls to Your kingdom!
8. **Genesis 32:27-28** — Thank You Lord for the covenants at work in Gateway Int'l Church! This is the year of sure mercies; I will be a beneficiary of the sure mercies of God, in Jesus name.
9. **Romans 15:18** — I pray for the release of fresh grace and oil upon the ministry of Your servant, Pst. George Izunwa. I declare that the Hand of God will continue to be evident in his life, ministry and family, in the name of Jesus.
10. Father, in Your mercy touch our nation, Nigeria. Change her for the better. Let there be a positive turnaround in every sector of this nation, in Jesus name.

# THE ASSURANCE OF DIVINE MEMORIAL

## KEY TEXT

*1 John 5:7-8, "For there are three that bear record in heaven: The Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness on earth: the spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one."*

## POWER THOUGHT

**God hears and He remembers.**

**M**any issues in Christianity are mysteries and the fact that we do not understand them does not negate their veracity. Today's text reveals that there is a record system in Heaven. A system that bears witness to your actions, takes note and stores up divine memorials.

When Abel made a sacrifice to God, he raised an altar and a memorial to God. **Hebrews 11:5** says, *"By faith Abel offered a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was commended as a righteous man when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith he still speaks even though dead."* How come he could still speak after death? What gave his blood a voice? Obviously, Abel's sacrifice gave his blood the power to speak on his behalf even in death. This implies that the altars you raise can outlive you and be a divine memorial speaking for your generations unborn. Think today; do you have altars? What memorials do they raise? What things can you do for the Lord that will eternally speak?

As a New Testament believer, your altar cannot be one of stones and blood from animals anymore. For us, altars can be acts of obedience or sacrifices of your time, talents and treasures. Note that divine memorials schedule the time of God's divine visitation in your life.

In scripture, we see that many who succeeded were empowered by a divine memorial, altars raised by them or even their fathers. By the assurance of a divine memorial, you can expect to have success in your endeavours. **Exodus 2:24** says, *"And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob."* Truly, God hears and He remembers. Seize every opportunity you have to set up a divine memorial. You can be the epitome of God's faithfulness for many generations to come.



**PRAYER**

*I receive grace to set up memorials that speak God's voice in my life and family and in generations to come, in the name of Jesus.*



**ACTION POINT**

**Raise an altar as a memorial for yourself and your lineage.**



**DAILY BIBLE READING**

**Hosea 5 – 9**

## BY A PROPHET

KEY  
TEXT

*Hosea 12:13, "And by a prophet the Lord brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet was he preserved."*

POWER  
THOUGHT

God created you to be mentored by your own kind.

**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

*Father, I receive Your servant with honour and I acknowledge Him as my prophet. I declare that I shall prosper by the anointing, in Jesus' name.*

ACTION  
POINT

Do you have a spiritual cover? Get connected to and reconnect with your spiritual covering.

DAILY BIBLE  
READING:

Hosea 10 – 14

# COVENANT RELATIONSHIP

## KEY TEXT

**Genesis 17:2.** "And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and I will multiply thee exceedingly."

## POWER THOUGHT

**No platform provokes the move of God better than a covenant.**

A covenant is a contract between God and man, established on the principle of mutual benefit and guaranteed by an oath. Mutual benefit means both parties involved will gain and profit from the course of action. Thus, to presume God's covenant help without any contribution to His cause is the height of self-deceit.

When God made a covenant with Abraham, it was very simple. God said to him, "Follow me, I will bless you, and I will make your name great" (**Genesis 12:1**). God further said to him, "In you shall all the nations of the earth be blessed" (**Genesis 12:2-3**). In this whole deal, God's part was to bless Abraham and Abraham's was to provide God a platform with which to bless nations. This he did, so much so that God made a vote of confidence on Abraham that he would teach (by word and action) the generations behind him.

When God rescued the Israelites from Egypt He said, "I have remembered my covenant." He meant: "I am not saving them because they are in trouble, but because I have a covenant with them". Note, no platform provokes the move of God better than a covenant. God said in **Psalms 89:34-37**, "My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips. Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David. His seed shall endure forever,

and his throne as the sun before me. It shall be established for ever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven."

You have a personal covenant with God or you walk in the corporate covenants established in your church, one thing is sure, God will definitely honour it. Do your part and watch God come through for you.



PRAYER

*Father, thank You for the provision of the covenant. Help me to walk daily in the consciousness of the covenant, in Jesus' name.*



ACTION POINT

Revisit your covenant promises and declare them out loud.



DAILY BIBLE READING

Joel 1 – 3

# MEMORIAL ALTARS

## KEY TEXT

Isaiah 38:3-5, "Remember now, O LORD, I pray, how I have walked before You in truth and with a loyal heart, and have done what is good in Your sight." And Hezekiah wept bitterly... And the word of the LORD came to Isaiah, saying, "Go and tell Hezekiah, 'Thus says the LORD, "I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; surely I will add to your days fifteen years"'"

## POWER THOUGHT

**Destiny emergencies demand desperate pleas.**

One of the pleas of prayer comes from the altars you have set up. Memorial altars are reminders of personal actions, encounters or collective divine encounters. They remind God of His promises and covenants to you. Destiny emergencies demand desperate pleas. If you want to get God's attention, set up memorial altars.

### Ways to use covenant obligations as memorial altars:

- Intentionally treat God as a covenant keeper
- Make covenant obedience your lifestyle
- Release the fire from the altar against the devourers



*Father, I make a demand on every altar I have raised before You. My altar shall speak great things, in Jesus name.*



**Today is Sunday,  
sow a memorial offering!**



**Amos 1 – 4**

# 'EVIDENCE' IS THE END OF ARGUMENT

## KEY TEXT

**Zechariah 8:23**, "Thus saith the Lord of Hosts: in those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you".

## POWER THOUGHT

**A man with evidence is not at the mercy of arguments.**

Usually, it is the lawyer with the greatest evidence that wins the case, not the one with the greatest argument. Only fools doubt proofs! A man with evidence is not at the mercy of arguments. Our God is a God of proofs and He wants to show the evidences of His almightiness in and through you.

We live in a world where seeing is believing. Just in case you do not know, the entire world wants to see your evidence! **Romans 8:19** says "For the earnest expectation of the creature waits for the manifestation of the sons of God". Therefore, if you are blessed, show that you are! Demonstrating you are blessed is not by displaying affluence but by exhibiting munificence. One of the indications of the blessing is an outstretched arm—a hand that reaches out to bless others. Can you imagine the impact you'd have if you could buy food stuff, pay hospital bills and school fees, support with the accommodation and generally assist others? Just imagine what their response will be when you invite them for a programme in your church. They will gladly come, or at least, try to attend. Why? You have proven the faithfulness of God and His divine provision. As a person of evidence, you cannot afford to remain down. You are the one your world is waiting for. You can positively influence your world for Christ with

evidence. You serve a God that has proven Himself mighty and all-powerful from the beginning of all times. Make Him and His gospel your message; let your life convince that neighbour or friend that there is God in Heaven who can heal, uplift and deliver them. Present yourself to God as a vessel and you will see His mighty Hand, made manifest in your life.



**PRAYER**

*Lord Jesus, make me a living proof of the promises of Your Word today, in Jesus' name.*



**ACTION POINT**

Think of a less privileged person or family in your neighbourhood. Do something to be a blessing to them.



**DAILY BIBLE READING:**

**Amos 5 – 9**



# YOUR HEART IS HIS NEW ALTAR

## KEY TEXT

**Acts 17:24 (CEV),** *"This God made the world and everything in it. He is Lord of heaven and earth, and he doesn't live in temples built by human hands"*

## POWER THOUGHT

**...where you are is where the altar is.**

**M**any today still love to have special "altars" where they "meet with God." It might be a particular room in the house or a corner of the living room where they commune with the Lord. While it's important for us to get some privacy with the Lord whenever possible, we really don't need to create "special altars" today to meet Him. We're now His living tabernacles; your heart is His new altar.

In the Old Testament, men and women, built altars where they worshipped the Lord. These altars became the place where they met with God and received direction. Jacob, for example, had to return to Bethel where he first built an altar to the Lord (**Genesis 35:3**). **Genesis 8:20** tells us about Noah; he *"...built an altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar."* That was the old order. Today, where you are is where the altar is. The altar is in the temple, and you are the temple of the living God: **2 Corinthians 6:16 NIV**, *"... For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: 'I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people.'"*

Everywhere you are is the place of His presence. You can pray in your room, speak in tongues in the kitchen, and worship in the Spirit even in the bathroom! And anyone who comes in contact with you is in contact with divinity because you are a God-carrier, the home of His presence. So, live with that consciousness: God is in me. Hallelujah!



*I declare that I am a God-carrier, the home of His presence. I can never fail or be defeated, because the greater One lives in me. I impact my world with His divine presence today, in Jesus' name!*



Say out loud, "God lives in me!"



Obadiah 1



# BREAKTHROUGH BY GRACE

## COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

### KEY TEXT

1 Corinthians 15:10, *"But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward 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."*

**W**hen the grace of God is speaking in the life of a man, his natural effort is boosted by supernatural abilities. Many today are labouring very hard and yet bringing in little or no harvest. When God is in it, there is no limit to what you can achieve. Today, receive grace to break through and break forth in all your endeavours.

### PRAYER POINTS:

1. Father, thank You for Your sufficient grace. I acknowledge that it is working for me. Every word You have spoken concerning my life will come to pass, in Jesus name.
2. In the name of Jesus I release my life, family, health, career, finances etc to function by grace. I receive the promises of God concerning my life by grace today!
3. I declare wherever I go, grace will speak for me. I shall not suffer rejection. The grace of God singles me out for greatness, in Jesus name.
4. **Ps. 109:29, Ezek. 9:10**— Any agent assigned to cover the grace of God in my life, I rebuke you by the fire of the Holy Ghost. I command you to expire in Jesus name!
5. I submit my intellect, imaginations, words and actions to the leading of the Holy Spirit. I will enjoy divine guidance in Jesus name.
6. **Zech. 4:6**— In the name of Jesus, I declare that my family members are breaking forth on every side by the power of the Holy Spirit; grace must work for us!
7. Oh God, cause the tribes of nations to open up to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Soften the hearts of men; let there be massive increase of souls to Your kingdom!
8. **Genesis 32:27-28**— Thank You Lord for the covenants at work in Gateway Int'l Church! This is the year of sure mercies; I will be a beneficiary of the sure mercies of God, in Jesus name.
9. **Romans 15:18**— I pray for the release of fresh grace and oil upon the ministry of Your servant, Pst. George Izunwa. I declare that the Hand of God will continue to be evident in his life, ministry and family, in the name of Jesus.
10. Father, in Your mercy touch our nation, Nigeria. Change her for the better. Let there be a positive turnaround in every sector of this nation, in Jesus name.



DAILY BIBLE  
READING:

Jonah 1 – 4

# A COMPELLING DESIRE

## KEY TEXT

James 5:16, "...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much"

## POWER THOUGHT

...unless you have a compelling desire for it, you may not move...

There's a promise of a higher realm of life for you regardless of where you are presently. But until and unless you have a compelling desire for it, you may not ascend to that new and higher realm of life. Let's look through the Scriptures for two examples of those whose lives were transformed as a result of their compelling desire for a change in their circumstances.

In the early period of the history of the nation of Israel, some had become comfortable with the Egyptian lifestyle and possibly forgotten about the land God promised their forebears (Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob). However, it wasn't until they were subjected to slavery, and the Egyptian whips bruised and tore into their skin that they remembered God's promise. Suddenly, Israel's desire for a change grew and God heard their cry and sent Moses, a deliverer, to bring them out of slavery and lead them into the Promised Land (**Exodus 3:7**) There's another inspiring story of a woman named Hannah. She had no child because she was barren and had been in this situation for many years. Her situation seemed bearable. Suddenly, she became sad and very desperate. The Bible says, "...she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore" (**1 Samuel 1:10**). In these two situations, God's response came as a result of a strong desire for a change.

So, do you desire a change in your situation today? Do you want the power of the Kingdom of God to produce results for you? Then, your heart must reach out; you must be bursting with a strong desire.



PRAYER

Dear Father, thank You for the inner strength to desire and experience the supernatural in my life, ministry, finances, business and career. May my passion and desire continually burn for You, oh Lord!



ACTION POINT

Desire is evident in action. Cry out to God and do something!



DAILY BIBLE READING

Micah 1 – 4

## BY ALL MEANS, KEEP MOVING

### KEY TEXT

**Genesis 26:21-22**, "Then they dug another well, and they quarrelled over that one also so the called its name *Sitnah*. And he moved from there and dug another well, and they did not quarrel over it. So he called its name *Rehoboth*, because he said, for now the Lord has made room for us and we shall be fruitful in the land."

### POWER THOUGHT

If you are not getting the breakthrough, God wants you to make a change.

In life, whenever you attempt anything worthwhile, there will always be those critics who say, "It can't be done". Then there will be those who will always oppose and fight you. The question is— what do you do, as person of faith, when opposition comes? What do you do when critics and pessimists try to shut you down? What do you do when opposers and adversaries try to shoot you down? What do you do when your detractors try to thwart or discredit what God wants to do through you?

In **Genesis 26**, we find Isaac, a man of faith, facing opposition from the Philistines. He planted crops in that land and the same year reaped a hundredfold, because the Lord blessed him. Now, the normal yield in a good year would be 30 to 60-fold but Isaac reaped 100-fold. He became rich and progressively grew until he became very wealthy that the Philistines envied him. In their envy, they began to frustrate him. All the wells that his father's servants had dug, the Philistines spoiled them, filling them with earth. Instead of fighting, Isaac simply moved on, and reopened the other wells his father had dug years before.

At times, if you are not getting the breakthrough you desire, God may want you to make some kind of adjustment or change in order to triumph. It may not be a geographical move as with Isaac, it could be a paradigm shift in your thought pattern or attitude etc. Just pick up a shovel and dig another well. Life is too precious to waste on irretrievable losses or irreconcilable tragedies. Move on! The future is bright and you will get there!



PRAYER

*Lord Jesus, thank You for giving me all that I need to succeed in this life. I declare that I will not stop until I achieve greatness, in Jesus' name.*



ACTION POINT

Give life another shot.



DAILY BIBLE READING

Micah 5 – 7

# EVIL COMPANY CORRUPTS THE ANOINTING

## KEY TEXT

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

## POWER THOUGHT

**Compromise never works; it always burns!**

**T**he term 'company' refers, not to a firm, but to an association—a group of people who interact and relate with each other. An association, for you, talks about the people you communicate with on a day to day basis; people that influence your life in one way or the other. Jim Rohn said, "You become like the five people you spend the most time with..."

In life, there are positive and negative associates. As much as you may want to doubt it, the company you keep does have an impact and influence on your life. Thus, you have a decision to make. Make it a personal resolution to stay detach from ungodly cliques. **Psalms 1:1** clearly states, "*Blessed is the man that does not walk in the counsel of the ungodly, and does not stand in the way of sinners, does not sit in the seat of the scornful.*"

The consequences of keeping company with corrupt people are numerous and however, very subtle and go unnoticed. They are corrupt because they are contaminated with evil, and also contaminate others with evil. These evil contaminations include (a) all forms of sin, (b) the desires for sin and (c) their disdain towards God's perception of sin. If these companions of yours are thieves, then they steal, they look forward to stealing and they refuse to acknowledge stealing as a sin. Such company will make you vulnerable to devilish pressure.

Ahitophel used to be a very good counsellor to David. His counsel was like the voice of God! But he got corrupted by bitterness because of bad company (**2 Samuel 15:12**). Compromise never works; it always burns! Quit rationalizing your bad associations and cut them off before you destroy your life. Always remember that, "...bad company corrupts good morals" (**1 Corinthians 15:33**).



*Today, I rebuke ungodly pressure. By virtue of Your righteousness, I repel evil company out of my life; I receive wisdom as I walk with the wise, in Jesus' name.*



Review your relationships and cut off where necessary.



**Nahum 1 – 3**

## OUR HIDING PLACE

### KEY TEXT

*Psalm 27:5, "For in the day of trouble He will hide me in His shelter; in the secret place of His tent will He hide me."*

### POWER THOUGHT

**He promises to never leave nor forsake you.**

**T**here is nothing more soothing than knowing the love of your Heavenly Father. He promises to never leave nor forsake you. Granted, there may be times you feel as though He has, but He is always there. His Word is filled with precious promises to assure you of that fact.

What to do? Allow the Lord an opportunity to become your hiding place today. Whisper a prayer, read about His promises in the book of Psalms, or listen to songs of praise that glorify God and His ability to work on your behalf. Allow Him an opportunity to reassure you and provide the answers you need. Most of all, allow His love to overshadow you.



**PRAYER**

*Father, thank You for the gift of safety and solace. Wrap me in your arms today, and hide me as the storms of life rage round about me, in Jesus' name.*



**Run to God first.**



**Habakkuk 1 – 3**

## A TREE BEARING EXCELLENT FRUITS

### KEY TEXT

*Daniel 6:3, "Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm."*

### POWER THOUGHT

**This excellent Spirit is manifested in you...**

**T**he Bible says an excellent spirit was in Daniel. How would you like that to be said of you? Well, the same could be true about you because the day you received the Holy Spirit into your life, the excellent Spirit came to live in you. This excellent Spirit is manifested in you when you choose to let Him have His way in your life and when you accept the Scriptures as His real and perfect will and live accordingly. In **Matthew 7:18**, the Lord Jesus said, *"A good (healthy) tree cannot bear bad (worthless) fruit, nor can a bad (diseased) tree bear excellent fruit [worthy of admiration]" (AMPC)*. Notice how He described an excellent fruit; He said it's worthy of admiration. That's amazing! What's your life like? Is it worthy of admiration? If everyone turned out like you, will you be happy? If people behaved towards you the way you behave towards others, would you like it?

Daniel excelled above the nobles because unlike him, they didn't have an excellent spirit; rather, they had, amongst others, a bitter and complaining spirit. They saw that the king was always favourable towards Daniel and it hurt them, so they conspired against him out of bitterness. When people who don't have an excellent spirit see others being praised, promoted and commended, they take offence.

Let your life be a manifestation of the Spirit of excellence in you. Tower above envy, bitterness, anger and all the negativities of life, because you're an excellent tree. If you don't, you can be dislodged and eliminated; *"Any branch in Me that does not bear fruit [that stops bearing] He cuts away (trims off, takes away); and He cleanses and repeatedly prunes every branch that continues to bear fruit, to make it bear more and richer and more excellent fruit" (John 15:2 AMPC)*.



**PRAYER**

*Dear Father, I thank You for the special ministry of the Holy Spirit in my life today; I have an excellent spirit that produces in me an excellent character. Therefore, bitterness, anger and envy have no place in my life, in Jesus' Name.*



**ACTION POINT**

**Re-evaluate yourself and drop off any negative attitude, habit or character.**



**DAILY BIBLE READING:**

**Zephaniah 1 – 3**

# WHEN YOU FEEL FORGOTTEN

## KEY TEXT

*Matt 10:29,31, "Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father... Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows."*

## POWER THOUGHT

**... the Heavenly Father's eyes are on each sparrow...**

**H**ave you ever felt forgotten by God? Once in a while you hear a heart-wrenching story of a child who has been abandoned by his parents. Well, thankfully, God never abandons His children. Never! However, you may feel so. Feeling that way does not make it real though. You probably have felt forgotten by God at some times. You prayed, but God didn't answer. You read the Bible, but He didn't speak to you. The trials in your life made you think that God went on vacation and forgot about you and your problems.

Noah may have felt like that after being on the ark for a while. The whole world had been destroyed by the flood. The rain had beat down in torrents upon that lonely ark for 40 days and nights. Finally, the rain stopped and the only sound was that of the water sloshing against the sides of the ark. Noah probably expected to hear from the Lord about then. But if God spoke to Noah, the Bible doesn't report it. When God finally speaks to Noah again, telling him to come off the ark (8:15), the impression you get is that He hadn't spoken since the last time recorded in the text, over a year before, when He told Noah to get on board (7:1). What do you suppose Noah was thinking during all that time on the water? Pretty sure he felt forgotten by God. Maybe you're there right now. Be assured, God hasn't forgotten you.

We read words of hope in our key text; it is a reminder of Jesus' words that the Heavenly Father's eyes are on each sparrow, so you know that He cares for you. God can never neglect you! Joseph, Job, Jesus and others had times like that, but we have read through their stories, they were never alone, neither shall you be!



*I am not forgotten. I may not feel it nor see it, but I know that I am not alone. There is hope for me and I walk into my testimony today, in Jesus' name.*



**Meditate on today's seed at least 3 times today and keep saying to yourself, "God will never leave nor forsake me".**



**Haggai 1 – 2**



# BREAKING YOKES AND BONDAGES

## COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

### KEY TEXT

*Isaiah 10:27, "And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing."*

As Christians, we carry the oil of priests and prophets. God positions us in our world to stop the work of evil. Our manifestation must begin and begin now! Today, negative occurrence and oppression must stop in and around us!

### PRAYER POINTS:

- Gal. 3:13-14**— Father, I thank You for the redemption in Your blood. Thank You because I am no longer a slave to ancestral iniquities! My covenant with You will speak!
- Col. 1:3**— I declare that Satan is defeated, the yoke of bondage is broken. Jesus paid it all; therefore, it is finished. I have liberty in Christ! I will not live under curses anymore!
- Today, I break every link between me and ancient evil covenants. I declare: No more deaths, no poverty, strange infirmities, rising and falling, in the name of Jesus!
- Col. 2:14**— I command every evil account empowering curses and bondages in my life and family to be closed. I rise today. 2022 is my year of greatness!
- Deut. 7:5**— I judge every demonic altar sponsoring evil occurrences in my life. Fire! I rebuke the mystery behind destiny smallness! No more struggles! No more evil reports!
- John 8:32**— Today, in the place of the curse, I proclaim a blessing! I command speedy restoration and lifting. Jubilee is now! I am free from every curse. My lost years are restored!
- Oh God, cause the tribes of nations to open up to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Soften the hearts of men; let there be massive increase of souls to Your kingdom!
- Genesis 32:27-28**— Thank You Lord for the covenants at work in Gateway Int'l Church! This is the year of sure mercies; I will be a beneficiary of the sure mercies of God, in Jesus name.
- Romans 15:18**— I pray for the release of fresh grace and oil upon the ministry of Your servant, Pst. George Izunwa. I declare that the Hand of God will continue to be evident in his life, ministry and family, in the name of Jesus.
- Father, in Your mercy touch our nation, Nigeria. Change her for the better. Let there be a positive turnaround in every sector of this nation, in Jesus name.



DAILY BIBLE  
READING:

**Zechariah 1 – 5**



# INCREASE IN KNOWLEDGE

## KEY TEXT

*Ephesians 4:18, "Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart"*

## POWER THOUGHT

After receiving salvation, yielding yourself to the ministry of the Word is crucial.

**T**he Apostle Paul, by the Spirit, highlights the awful state of the non-Christian in our opening text. Let's read from the Amplified translation for further clarity: *"Their moral understanding is darkened and their reasoning is beclouded. [They are] alienated (estranged, self-banished) from the life of God [with no share in it; this is] because of the ignorance..." (AMPC)*

What a dreadful state for anyone to be in! But consider this: if ignorance of God and His Word could put man in such a state of hopelessness, hemmed-in in darkness, imagine then what the accurate knowledge of God would do!

Knowledge in this context isn't scientific or mental. Rather, it's a special kind of knowledge: *"epignosis"* (Greek). It refers to accurate, full and precise knowledge of God; experiential knowledge of God, acquired through revelation and acquaintance. After receiving salvation, yielding yourself to the ministry of the Word is crucial. **Proverbs 11:9** declares, *"... but through knowledge shall the just be delivered."* You already have an inheritance bequeathed to you in Christ, but through the knowledge of God, you are able to take a hold of what is rightfully yours in Christ.

Yield yourself to knowledge. Develop a voracious appetite for the Word. Those who don't know the Word easily get overwhelmed by circumstances, and defeated by the crises of life. But through the knowledge of God, grace and power over crisis (peace) are multiplied in your life (**see 2 Peter 1:1-3**). Hallelujah!



*Father, thank You for the unveiling of Your Word to my spirit. I declare that I am built up, edified, and strengthened by your Word even now, for exploits, in Jesus' Name.*



Study your Bible today.



Zechariah 6 – 10

## YOU LIVE THE HIGHER LIFE!

### KEY TEXT

1 John 4:4, "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world"

### POWER THOUGHT

God's Word is spiritual law.

**A** Christian is a God-man; one in whom Christ literally dwells. Knowing this therefore, you must be God-inside minded; the greater One lives in you, meaning that you have nothing to fear in life. This was the Apostle John's mentality, and it should be your mindset as well. In **1 John 5:4**, he said, *"For whatsoever is born of God overcomes the world..."* It doesn't matter what is out there in the world; you have overcome them all, because you are born of God, and Christ lives in you. You have overcome every force, every power—everything that is working against you.

In **John 16:33**, Jesus said, *"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."* God's Word is spiritual law. If He says you have overcome the world, with its troubles, failures, and darkness, then you have. You need to acknowledge and walk in the reality of your divine life in Christ; who He has made you, and all that He has bestowed you. Reign and rule over circumstances. Refuse and reject anything that is inconsistent with the life of Christ in you.

Let the evidence of the indwelling Christ be seen in the quality of life you live. The life of peace, contentment, divine direction and deep assurance, no fretting, no weakness, no shaking. Let it be a testimony to those around you that indeed, there's a higher life in Christ, and you're living and enjoying that life. Hallelujah!



PRAYER

*Thank You Lord, for the indestructible and unconquerable life of Christ in me. Everything I am and represent exudes the Christ-life. The greater One lives in me and I'm living the higher life in Christ, in Jesus' name.*



ACTION POINT

Say to yourself, "I live the higher life!"



DAILY BIBLE READING:

Zechariah 11 – 14



# Prayer Of *Salvation*

Lord Jesus, I ask you to come into my life today and  
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You are the

Lord of my life and I believe with my heart that You  
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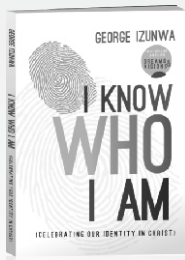
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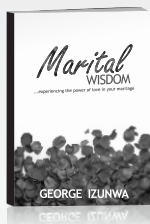
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