

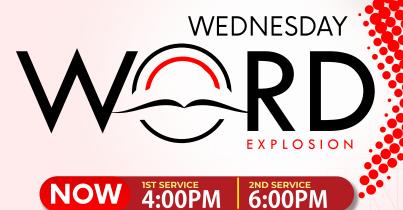
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Good Morning Jesus	1Min
Praise And Worship (Hymns & Songs)	—— 6Mins
Power Seeds & Bible Reading	—— 7Mins
Prayer For Self & Family	— 12Mins
Prayer For Church & Others	7Mins
Spiritual Warfare	5Mins
Quiet Moment To Listen For Divine Direction	——5Mins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

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# **C**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

PASTOR & BARR. MRS. GEORGE IZUNWA

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

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

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

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

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

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



# THE GATEWAY STRATEGY

# This is Gateway International Church!

**Our mission** is to help you genuinely encounter God.

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

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

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

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

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

-i- Always come expectant and worship with passion!

# THE GATEWAY STRATEGY

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

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

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

# 2023 OCOVENANT CONFESSION

## (Lift your right hand and declare)

I am a citizen of God's kingdom!

I am planted in Gateway International Church!

I live for God; I live by His Word; I walk in His Spirit!

I am a partaker of the 'I AM' covenant!

2023 is my year of ZOE - the GOD life!

# Today.... In response to Romans 10:8-11, I reaffirm my confession of faith in Jesus Christ!

I believe the truth, that Jesus died and rose from the dead!

I believe that His sacrifice paid the price for all my sins!

I believe that He is seated in Heaven with God, the Father!

I believe that He is coming back again to take me home!

I believe that in Him and through Him, I am blessed with all the blessings of God!

I believe that Zoe powers me for destiny dominion.

### Therefore...

l cannot fail!

# 2023 OCOVENANT CONFESSION

I am free from every demonic bondage!

My DNA is supernatural!

I am a burning and a shining light!

Money multiplies in my hands!

Goodness and mercy follow me at all times!

Nations open their gates and treasures to me!

I put God first; I pay my tithes; I am a soul winner; I serve in God's kingdom!

My life works; my faith works; my relationships work; my business works; everything works!

I win every battle of destiny!

My covenant place is at the topmost top!

On my path, there is no sickness nor death!

Only good things are permitted in my life!

There shall be no loss nor evil report in my life this year!

I am an evidence of Zoe!

## EMPOWERMENT FOR DOMINION

#### COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

KEY TEXT Psalm 8:6, "You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet."

nyone without power is easily victimized by life! It is the Holy Spirit that gives you supernatural power for destiny dominion!

### **PRAYER POINTS:**

- Lord, thank You for the Holy Spirit! Holy Spirit, You are welcome! This year, I will walk with You in the supernatural! I will be Your evidence! My life will represent Zoe!
- 2. Jesus, You are the baptizer with the Holy Spirit and fire. Fill me with Your fullness. Set my life on fire by Your Spirit. Anoint me with fresh oil!
- 3. Precious Holy Spirit, come with fire! Fill me with life! Charge me with power! Equip me for supernatural results! Holy Spirit, take over!
- 4. Today, I stir up power for signs & wonders. I stir up every spiritual gift in my life. Let the river of God flow out of me! I am God's agent in my world!
- 5. Every strange power over 2023 is broken! I saturate the year with the fire of God. The devil will have no space to operate! I declare, victory every day!
- 6. Today, I judge evil by the anointing. I curse witchcraft. I uproot occult kingdoms. I overturn curses! No to negative atmosphere & evil spirits!
- 7. Father, grant mercy to all souls that turned away from You. Open their hearts and minds with Your light. Gather Your children from the east and the west, from the north and the south. Let there be a massive harvest of souls to the kingdom!
- 8. Acts 2:41— I declare that Gateway Church shall experience a great inflow of multitudes and as the people come, may they be established in this house.
- 9. Oh God, let the apostolic manifestation of signs and wonders accompany my man of God, Pst. George Izunwa. May his ministry be backed up with undeniable proofs!
- 10. Father, by Your Hand, oversee the 2023 general elections in Nigeria. Let lives be preserved; there shall be no outburst of violence, crises or war, in Jesus

name.



THURSDAY 2ND FEBRUARY SEED TWO

## THE GRACE ADVANTAGE

KEY TEXT 1 Timothy 4:14, "Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery."

**BACKGROUND & THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** In the scripture above, the Apostle Paul gave an important admonition to young Timothy, to take advantage of the grace of God. He emphasized the same thought in **2 Timothy 2:1**, saying, "Thou, therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus."

When God gives you a responsibility, He gives you the grace to accomplish the task. To neglect that grace or not to know that you have it could render your work ineffective. For example, if you're called of God to be a pastor or a business man, there's the grace for that office/position. Once you recognize and acknowledge that you're called into that office and graced for it as well, it'll produce results for the glory of Christ, as you walk in that light. Some people struggle and experience frustrations in life, generally, because they are working and walking outside of God's grace. Working with the Lord and for the Lord is a walk in glory when you lean on His grace to pilot you.

**APPLICATION**— As Apostle Paul admonishes Timothy, who he entrusts with leading the Church at Ephesus, he clearly instructs him as one who had the capacity to do everything he was saying to him. Beloved, as you journey through 2023, remember that you carry the capacity and potential to become! Move around with the consciousness of ZOE. Refuse to be timid or

chicken out at obstacles/challenges that may surface. You are GRACED! The gifts of God and the power of God work by the principle of recognition and proclamation (Philemon 1:6). Recognize that His grace is on you to function in that office, business, ministry assignment, school, etc, and keep proclaiming accordingly.



DAILY BIBLE

Dear heavenly Father, I thank You for Your superabundant, overflowing and infinite grace that's at work in me. I live an extraordinary life of excellence, victory, and dominion, and reign as a king in this life, in Jesus Name.

Declare, "I am sufficient in Christ's sufficiency."

## GOD DOES NOT BEIJEVE IN SMALLNESS

KEY TEXT Daniel 2:31-35, "Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible. .... Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. ...: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth."

**BACKGROUND & THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** God was giving Daniel a vision of what His kingdom looks like. The image that Daniel saw represented the old kingdoms of this world. (Babylonian empire, Grecian empire, Roman Empire, etc...) He saw a stone, that just appeared from nowhere and hit these kingdoms, and the moment it hit the kingdoms, they scattered. The Bible said they so broke in pieces that they were like the chaff that wind blew away. No place was found for them. Then the Bible also said this small stone began to grow and grow, and it didn't just become a mountain and replaced them where they were, it became a mountain and filled the whole earth.

The kingdom of God is not small, cannot be small! It may begin small but it never dies small. And beloved, the kingdom of God is revealed in your life. As most people travel through life, teachers might label them "average," family members might limit their dreams, bosses might stifle them. All too often, people respond by simply settling into a boring, mediocre life. But that's not the kind of life God wants for anyone. Don't settle for it! If you refuse to be satisfied by a life of mediocrity, you'll be free to pursue excellence. In the process, your life will become the unique adventure God has planned for you - and you'll fulfill your highest potential.

**APPLICATION**— **Excel at being who you are.** Embrace your uniqueness by accepting God's unconditional love for you. Know that you are today who

you have decided to become, you can be more than you are right now, and you should be the best you can be as an act of worship to God. Impose the kingdom in your world, don't just carry God, reveal God.



I cannot and I won't die small! Greatness lies in my DNA. Today, I rise above the limitations around my life and enter into the realm of limitless possibilities. I won't die small!

ACTION POINT

Meditate on key text and rebuke the spirit of smallness.

SATURDAY 4TH FEBRUARY

## LESSONS FROM NOAH

Genesis 6:14, "Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch."

BACKGROUND & THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT— If we are not careful, we can miss the powerful story of Noah and mark it off as a kid's Bible story. Noah, despite his shortcomings, had his name inscribed in the most powerful book of all time! The Bible! Noah was called to build an ark that would save humanity and animals. He was an obedient servant of God in the Old Testament who found favor with God amidst a sinful world. There are definitely some lessons to glean from the life of this man who escaped a worldwide destruction. What did he do that every other person didn't?

**APPLICATION**— Noah did not have an equipment/hardware shop anywhere. He could not just go shop for an ark, he had to build it. He didn't stumble upon it in the woods. God did not supernaturally make an ark appear out of the air. No, Noah was responsible to BUILD the ark. It's not enough to hope that one day you will wake up with the life you've always dreamed of living. Life is not about stumbling into your purpose, it's about building your purpose. Your future is what you make it. Living a successful life is not automatic. There is no auto-pilot that leads to success. As a matter of fact, the only thing that comes automatically without any work is failure. It takes WORK to build our life the way God has called us to live. Understand that Noah was RESPONSIBLE to build the ark himself. Don't

wait for something to magically appear in your life, go out and work your field to produce the harvest you are believing for. Work like it depends on you and pray like it depends on God. You can never fail with hard work as you are trusting God.



I declare that I am a vessel unto honour. God is doing the unimaginable in and through my life. I take up responsibility and I move to greater heights. Laziness, get out of my life, in Jesus name.

How can you incorporate today's seed into your life? Write it down and act on it.





If you know who you really are in Christ, your consciousness of your personality, origin, and heritage in Christ will affect the way you live, control the decisions you make and the things that happen with and around you. God wants you to be conscious of His life in you. You don't have to "feel" it in your body first to be conscious that you have eternal life; it's in your spirit!

### 3 ways to walk in the "Zoe" consciousness—

- Pull down every vain imagination that exalts itself against the knowledge of God
- Fix your gaze on the Lord.
- Speak Zoe life. Remember, a closed mouth is a closed destiny.



I have the life of God in me; it flows in every fibre of my being. Negativity cannot thrive in my body! I am whole, sound, and excellent, in Jesus Name.



Keep declaring, "I have the life of God in me!"



MONDAY 6TH FEBRUARY

SEED SIX

## STRENGTHENED FOR DOMINION

1 Kings 19:1-3, "And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by to morrow about this time. And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant there.'

BACKGROUND & THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT— Even the most committed of God's servants may at times experience discouragement, pessimism, and a desire to withdraw from their calling. 1 Kings 19 tells the story of how the mighty Elijah succumbed to human weakness. The story opens with a reference to the previous chapter where Elijah has bested and killed the prophets of Baal in the great contest on Mount Carmel. When Jezebel, the royal patron of the Baal prophets, hears of Elijah's actions she dispatches a messenger to inform him that she will have his life. He took off! Elijah believed it was the end of the line. He had every reason to believe Jezebel's threat of death because she had killed the other prophets of the Lord up until this point.

After he ran far away, he laid down to sleep. An angel comes and tells him to eat and eat again because the journey was far, according to the angel. So Elijah ate and drank and then went as he was directed. He goes for 40 days and 40 nights to Horeb, the mount of God. He was completely restored, empowered and strengthened! He quickly moved from being weak to being energized! As you journey through the year, you might feel alone; you might think you are failing. But remember, that God is with you and for you.

APPLICATION— What Elijah did was so important. Elijah prayed to the Lord. How often we might forget to talk to God when we are feeling alone! But God always wants you to tell Him how you feel. Tell Him about those challenges before you and watch Him strengthen you to conquer them!



DAILY BIBLE

Father, I pray that Your grace and strength is made perfect in my weakness. I have a glorious destiny assignment and I declare that I am empowered for exploits, in Jesus name.

Write down one thing you have struggled with on a sheet of paper. Tear it off while declaring, "His strength is made perfect in my weakness".

## GAINING SPIRITUAL MOMENTUM

KEY TEXT Matthew 17:21, "Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting."

**BACKGROUND & THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT**— In science, momentum is defined as the product of the mass and velocity of an object. It is the force coherent in a moving object, or the extent of impact that an object can have on another. It is true to establish then that, the measure of momentum a person or thing generates, will determine the measure of impact or changes he can cause. From our opening scripture, we see the place of spiritual momentum in causing desired changes in the realms of the spirit.

Fasting and prayer, remains an indispensable key to generating spiritual momentum. There are certain things in your life that won't change until you fast and pray. In the verses preceding our opening scripture, the disciples of Jesus had tried to cure the diseased boy but they could not. However, when Jesus came and rebuked the devil tormenting the boy, the devil came out immediately and the boy was set free. This happened because; Jesus had already gained a level of momentum by a life of fasting and prayer, which the disciples did not have. And so with that momentum, He was able to effect that level of result! As it is with the Lord, so it must be with you. Strive daily therefore, towards gaining spiritual momentum, in order to be able to triumph over situations as they come your way.

APPLICATION— No one learns how to shoot on the battlefield. So, you

must begin to intentionally engage in momentum-building activities, in preparation for the challenges of life that might spring up. Firstly, live a sinfree life! Sin is a momentum killer! Do only those things that will bring God glory. Don't join the bandwagon. This year, choose to live for Christ!



Oh Lord, thank You for Your Word! I receive mercy for my shortcomings and I ask that You help me to gain momentum in every aspect of my life, in Jesus name!



## DESTINY ACCELERATION

#### COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

KEY TEXT 1 Kings 18:46, "And the hand of the LORD was on Elijah; and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel."

G od doesn't want you to be late. In life's competitions, lateness can be disastrous. Today, there is an anointing for destiny speed. It will rest on you today!

#### **PRAYER POINTS:**

- 1. Oh God, I thank You for a year of grace! 2023 is indeed my year. It is a year of getting things that I don't deserve! There will be quick results in 2023! No more lateness!
- 2. Holy Spirit, giver of destiny speed, I welcome Your anointing! I invoke the oil of destiny speed upon my ministry, family, business, career, marriage etc! oh Lord, lay Your hands upon me!
- 3. In 2023, I walk in spiritual might! I receive grace to give life whatever it demands! I receive quickening in my inner man! No more weakness!
- 4. I will reach & exceed every goal of 2023. No mountain will stop my life projects! The Zerubabel mantle is upon me! It will be by grace!
- 5. Father, lay the same hand You laid on Elijah upon me! Let me run by the spirit! Give me a spirit of urgency! I won't settle in mediocrity! I say 'No' to mediocrity!
- 6. Today, I judge every altar, coven or covenant behind spiritual weakness & destiny delays in my life! Every mystery sabotaging my life must die now!
- 7. Father, grant mercy to all souls that turned away from You. Open their hearts and minds with Your light. Gather Your children from the east and the west, from the north and the south. Let there be a massive harvest of souls to the kingdom!
- 8. Acts 2:41— I declare that Gateway Church shall experience a great inflow of multitudes and as the people come, may they be established in this house.
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preserved; there shall be no outburst of a jolence, crises or war, in Jesus name.



## BUTID DESTINY SUPPORT

KEY TEXT Ecclesiastes 4:12 (NLT), 'A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.'

**BACKGROUND & THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT**— 2 Samuel 23 provides a roster of David's "Mighty Men." Who were these mighty men, and where did they come from? Between the time when David was anointed king and when he was crowned, he was forced to hide in the wilderness to escape the anger of King Saul. Saul was fiercely jealous because David had become a celebrity in Israel after his victory over Goliath. During this time, many people joined David in the wilderness. They became a loyal army of about 400 men. Some of these brave followers accomplished great things on David's behalf, and they're described in the Bible as David's "mighty men". Everybody needs a support system. Sometimes when others disappoint us, we say, 'From now on it's just going to be God and me!' That's a big mistake! It's the sheep who strays from the fold that gets eaten by the wolf. Satan will isolate you in order to destroy you.

Studies show that people who have caring support live longer, recover from illness faster, and find life more meaningful. Support gives a sense of connection and acceptance, which are core human needs.

**APPLICATION**—Just as David, you need to understand that life is a journey. While on your journey, how you treat the people you come in contact will determine, to some extent, the next phase/experience of your life. David

was a kind leader who wanted to honour his friends and their families. Reasons he had men who were ready to lay down their life for him. How do you treat the 'little people'? No one wants to be around a self-centered person. Be kind to others! Kindness will attract the destiny support you need!



Father, thank You for Your Word today. I receive wisdom to build destiny relationships. I reject the spirit of greed and selfishness.

ACTION POINT

Call up an old friend and show them some acts of kindness.



## EXTRAORDINARY IN THE ORDINARY

Y Acts 8:35 (NIV), "So beginning with this same Scripture, Philip told him the Good News Acts 8:35 (NIV), "So beginning with this same Scripture, Philip told him the Good News

**BACKGROUND & THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT**— Acts 8 holds the story of a man named Philip. Philip was a servant in the early church who loved to share his faith with others. One day, Philip was walking on the road that led from Jerusalem to Gaza. As Philip strolled along, he saw a chariot heading down the same road. The chariot happened to be transporting a very important official from Ethiopia. The Holy Spirit spoke to Philip and told him to go and walk alongside this carriage. Philip obeyed. When Philip approached the chariot, he heard this man reading from the scroll of Isaiah the prophet. Philip asked the official if he understood what he was reading. The man said that he needed some help, and Philip offered his assistance, and began telling the man about Jesus. This man accepted Christ that day, was baptized and went home a new man!

A great moment in Philip's life happened because he looked for extraordinary moments in an ordinary day. One thing that often happens in the flow of daily life is the loss of expectation and anticipation of the special moments. We fall into the rut of the ordinary and fail to look for the extraordinary in our ordinary lives. Because of this, we miss many of the special moments and unique opportunities God brings our way. Most times, the ordinary anesthetizes us to the extraordinary.

**APPLICATION**— Going through our life's daily routine can be very mundane and very ordinary. But remember, God has extraordinary, special moments and

opportunities for you. Keep your spiritual eyes open to see them and your spiritual ears tuned to hear God's Spirit guiding you to embrace the unique, divine appointments in the mundane of your daily life!



Oh Lord, I believe it is Your will that I walk in the supernatural and extraordinary lifel Today, I receive discernment to maximize my divine opportunities in life. I cannot be ordinary!



Pray in the Holy Ghost, concerning your day, for at least 3mins.



## GRACE QUALIFIES YOU

KEY TEXT 1 Samuel 16:12 (KJV), "And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he."

**BACKGROUND & THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT**— One of the teachings we can never over-emphasize is the fact that God deals with us on the platform of Grace. Grace is the unmerited favour of God; favour that we do not deserve. God deals with you and I as New Creations. When you understand the message of grace from that standpoint, it empowers you, enables you and strengthens you. This understanding will also make your Christian walk and experience joyful. You won't have to struggle with it.

David was a product of the Grace of God. David was a man who truly enjoyed Grace because when you look at him; everything about him pointed to the Grace of God. You remember how David was not among those that were called when the prophet Samuel came to Jesse's house? Jesse, his father, didn't even remember him. His brothers did not remember him. In fact, he was an afterthought. And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are these all your sons?" Suddenly, Jesse remembered saying "There remaineth yet the youngest." He was not counted in the number. He was discounted but God counted him in. God qualified him as a king when no one wanted him. God's Grace has qualified you! Enjoy His grace!

**APPLICATION**— if God puts His grace at your disposal, it is your responsibility to take hold of it and maximize it optimally! How then? Or in

what ways can you receive and enjoy grace? By prayer and study of God's word. When you pray, you approach the throne of Grace; as you study His word, you experience growth and an infilling of the spirit and life contained in His word. Begin today to enjoy grace!



Oh God, thank You for the provision of Grace! I rise on the wings of Grace in this season. I soar through the hurdles and hitches of life by grace! Halleluyah!

Practice the tips for today's seed — pray and read your Bible!



## NOTHING MOVES **UNTIL YOU MOVE**!

KEY TEXT Philippians 3:13-14, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus"

The deadliest and hazardous mentality a man can possess is to feel he has arrived. God is a God of progress: He upgrades things! But He can never increase and improve a man that is reluctant and comfortable with his present situation. Nothing **MOVES AROUND YOU**, until you **MOVE** yourself. He expects you to be in constant motion towards your great future. Friend, MOVE! Develop yourself all round. Get better at the things you do. Your world awaits!

### TIPS ON SELF-DEVELOPMENT—

- Never allow your work for God interrupt your walk with God. Build your personal altar.
- Invest in mental development. Pursue knowledge by laying hold on relevant books and messages from renowned authors to build your mental capacity.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help and guide you.

PRAYER PRAYER Father, in the Name of Jesus Christ, let every chain and stronghold of spiritual stagnation and lukewarmness in my life be broken now by the Power of the Holy Spirit. I make tangible progress, in Jesus name.

Draw a PDP (Personal development Plan) for this week and follow through.



## GOD-THE COVENANT-KEEPER

TEXT

Genesis 9:15, "And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh."

**BACKGROUND & THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT**— Notice the form of the promise. God does not say, "And when you remember and follow My covenant, then I will not destroy the earth." What God actually said was "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth." (Genesis 9:12-13) The covenant does not depend on your memory, which is fickle and frail, but on God's memory, which is infinite and unchangeable.

It is not your remembering God, it is God's remembering you which forms the foundation of your security. It is not about you laying hold of His covenant, but His covenant laying hold of you. Halleluyah! The remembrance of the covenant is not left to your memory, because you might forget! But our Lord cannot forget the saints, whose names He has written on the palms of His hands. He is with you as He was with Israel in Egypt; with the blood on their door posts He said, "When I see the blood, I will pass over you." (Exodus 12:13) He never forgets His word. He is indeed the covenant keeping God.

APPLICATION— You can only walk hand in hand with the Covenant-

keeper by absolute trust! Abraham trusted God every step of the way. He didn't know where God was taking him, yet he trusted in the Lord and followed Him faithfully. Even when Abraham gave in to his human frailty, God kept His covenant. Trust God to keep His word over your life and He will come through for you.



ACTION

In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I declare that I live by faith and not by sight! I believe every word God has spoken concerning me. No matter the challenge or circumstances, I will have my evidence, in Jesus name!

Read the 2023 Covenant declaration boldly.

## BEING A LIGHT TO OTHERS

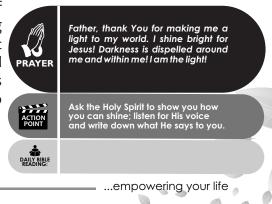
Matthew 5:16 (NIV), "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

**BACKGROUND & THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT**— Throughout life's journey, God teaches us to follow His word and abide with Him. However, He's also asking you to be a light to others, which means sharing your faith with others around you. It is important to understand that this applies not just with Christian people to whom you are close, but also with people who don't believe. Such sharing can be empowering to you as well.

In the same way, Jesus' message to treat one another with kindness and equality applies to everyone, regardless of background or past actions. When being a light to others, you are acting as a disciple of Christ and giving people a sense of hope. You are giving them a chance to commit fully to God. Although it is important that you share the gospel with others, it will not always be easy. There will be some people who are open to listen, and there will be some who are resistant to the idea. But keep up the good work. Do not be discouraged to shine the light that you are. Light cannot be anything other than what it is. It's bright; it dispels darkness; it enables people to see what they are doing. God is light, and since He sent His Holy Spirit to live inside believers, so are you.

**APPLICATION**— In order to shine your light, examine your life and align completely. It cannot be light and dark in the same place. You cannot be fence-sitting in your walk with God. It is either you are with God or not.

Confession marks the beginning of salvation but a continued God-fearing lifestyle will enable you shine as a light to the world. Don't play with sin; avoid it like a plague. Light has no business with darkness. Receive grace today to shine your light.



## ANOINTED FOR GREAT EXPLOITS

#### COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

Igenesis 26:12-14, "Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the LORD blessed him. And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great: for he had possession of flocks, and possessions of herds, and great store of servants: and the Philistines envied him."

estiny smallness is not our portion! Mercy has spoken for us! The land is subdued! 2023 dreams must be achieved!

### **PRAYER POINTS:**

TEXT

- 1. Oh God, my sponsor & helper! I thank You for the promise of 2023! You are the pillar that holds my life together. Nothing will go wrong because of You!
- 2. Lord, I welcome Your oil of authority. I am anointed to be higher & greater than my equals! Help me! Lord, bring me to my destiny portion!
- 3. The dry seasons of life will have no impact on my year! I will sow in 2023 & reap 100 folds in this same year! The blessing of God is upon the year!
- 4. Today, I destroy every spiritual resistance. I break the powers working to unplug me from the help of God. Sin will not ruin my 2023. I will succeed by all means!
- 5. This year will fulfill every expectation. No land will be too difficult for me to conquer. No dream will fail or be delayed. Nothing will stop me!
- 6. Today, I invoke angelic help for every endeavor of 2023. Let unseen hands minister to me. My results will exceed what a man can achieve!
- 7. Father, grant mercy to all souls that turned away from You. Open their hearts and minds with Your light. Gather Your children from the east and the west, from the north and the south. Let there be a massive harvest of souls to the kingdom!
- 8. Acts 2:41— I declare that Gateway Church shall experience a great inflow of multitudes and as the people come, may they be established in this house.
- 9. Oh God, let the apostolic manifestation of signs and wonders accompany my man of God, Pst. George Izunwa. May his ministry be backed up with undeniable proofs!
- 10. Father, by Your Hand, oversee the 2023 general elections in Nigeria. Let lives be preserved; there shall be no outburst of violence, crises or war, in Jesus name.

DAILY BIBLE READING:

## THE ABUNDANT LIFE

TEXT

Ephesians 3:20-21 NIV, "Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

BACKGROUND & THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT— God gives us more than we could ever ask for. He sent His Son to die on the cross so that everything could be made right again. Jesus gives you abundant life. In fact, He gives you more than your salvation. He doesn't just love you; He gives you access to a continuous, intimate relationship with the Father. He also gives you eternal hope and a hope that you can live in light of today. You can live an abundant life, right now.

Christ died on the cross and rose again so that you might join him in living an abundant life. Your security and comfort can be found in Him. Living a life of abundance means that you go around being grateful and joyful for the things God has given you. We don't covet or envy others for what we don't have or wish God had given us. We live a life of abundance because God is good and faithful. He has done a glorious work through Jesus Christ. He is doing the same glorious work in and through you so that others might know Him.

APPLICATION— To live an abundant life means living a life that is contented in Christ; living every day with a sense of purpose. This has very little to do with the amount of money in your bank account. God wants you to live a life of greatness, a life that has more to offer, a better quality of life. Make God first, trust in Him, pursue purpose and uplift others! An

abundant life is one characterized by these traits.



Heavenly Father, thank You for wanting me to have an abundant life. Help me to trust You more and to live a life that is pleasing in Your sight, in Jesus name.



List 5 things you are thankful for and specifically thank God again for them.





Daniel 11:32b "... but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits."

**BACKGROUND & THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT**— Have you ever wondered what gives a person the strength to become a champion, such as Daniel or David in the Scriptures? Daniel himself started out as a young captive taken from Jerusalem to serve in the courts of Babylonian and Medo-Persian kings. Yet Daniel stood out among his peers. Over his lifetime he interpreted dreams by the wisdom of God and demonstrated an "excellent spirit" that people around him could see (Daniel 6:3). He always found favour in the eyes of the gentile kings he served and experienced supernatural deliverance when there seemed to be no way out.

When the presidents and princes of the Medo Persian Empire prevailed upon King Darius to issue a decree prohibiting anybody from making petitions to any god or man except the king, or be cast into the lion's den, Daniel went right on praying to the God of Heaven (Daniel 6:4-15). Not even the threat of death could keep him from it. He knew his God! The people who know God have the courage and strength to do His will, even if the whole world is against them and everybody around them is giving in to sin.

**APPLICATION**— Do you desire to walk in strength, wisdom, and favour that is undeniable and irresistible? Do you desire to see the God-kind of miracles and breakthroughs in your life? Then know your God! It's okay

that you attend church services and obey the words of your man of God, but do you know God on a personal level? Do you know what He is saying to you at this time of your life? Leave the surface and dig deeper in God. Only then can you manifest Zoe.



Oh Lord, help me to know You more. May my heart constantly burn and yearn for an intimate relationship with You.



Create a plan for your quiet time.



KEY TEX1 Mark 1:38 (ESV), "And he said to them, 'Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out.'"

**BACKGROUND & THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT**— In Mark 1, Jesus begins His ministry. In one day, He cast out an unclean spirit and healed Simon's mother-in-law, and as soon as the sun went down on the Sabbath, everyone from the town with diseases and demons was at His door, and He healed them. Jesus was the talk of the town. Everyone wanted His miraculous touch. But Jesus, having spent the morning in prayer, tells the people looking for Him it was time to move on to the next town because preaching the gospel was *why* He came out.

But Jesus, isn't healing people a good thing? Yes, but it was not His why. Jesus knew His priority was to preach the gospel. Souls needed saving! What would have happened if Jesus allowed Himself to get stuck in a town doing meaningful, but not purpose-driven things? How often are you guilty of doing all the good things to the detriment of completing the purpose God has for you? Jesus had the wisdom and the conviction to pursue His purpose. Don't be like a cat chasing bright lights! Evaluate yourself; work, personal projects, church responsibilities etc. They are all good things, but do they align with your God-given purpose?

**APPLICATION**— One thing Jesus did to keep Himself focused on purpose was staying unhinged to the past; be it past glory, trophies, or past

pain/unpleasant experiences etc. He was on the move! Savouring in the euphoria of your victory moment is good but don't get caught up and ignore the opportunities of your present. On the other hand, the bad past is past; don't overburden yourself with regret. By all means, keep moving.



DAILY BIBLE

Father, help me look to the example of Jesus. Help me pull away to spend time with You, and keep my eyes focused on my why. Give me the courage to cut the things that are not Your priority for my life, in Jesus Name.

Keep moving!

SUNDAY 19TH FEBRUARY SEED NINETEEN THE PROFITABLE **VENTURE** 

KEY TEXT Exodus 23:25, "And ye shall serve the LORD your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee."

Most giants in the Bible were referred to as the servants of God. Service to God was a distinguishing identity of their lives. It is not possible for a person to be truly spiritual and not serve. Kingdom service is about actively making yourself available for the use of growing God's kingdom. Avail yourself today as you serve in God's vineyard.

### KEYS TO EFFECTIVE KINGDOM SERVICE—

- Ask God to show you your area of service or assignment.
- Look inwards to identify inherent giftings or potentials that can be used in service.
- Look outwards to see needs that compel your attention or involvement.
- Serve reverently and in the fear of God.

PRAYER Je

Father, I come before You today to receive the grace to serve You. Show me what to do and help me to do what You want me to do Lord, in Jesus Name.



Join a Church department to enable you serve.



MONDAY 20TH FEBRUARY SEED TWENTY

## BUTED AN ALTAR

KEY TEXT Exodus 20:24, "An altar of earth thou shalt make unto me, and shalt sacrifice thereon thy burnt offerings, and thy peace offerings, thy sheep, and thine oxen: in all places where I record my name I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee."

**BACKGROUND & THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT**— Most notable men in God's scheme of operations over the ages were men that built personal altars to God (the likes of Abraham, Noah, Jacob, David). On the contrary, those that did not build altars remained small and insignificant in God's house.

Your altar is the point of regular contact. It is your meeting point with God. It is your point of communion. It is the point and place where God works in your life. The Christian life is a life. It's a walk with the Lord. It is not a jumping in and out of experiences. It is cumulative; progressive and experiential. It is at personal altars that God finds enough quietness, concentration and attentiveness in a man to pass across to him what He intends for his life and ministry. The congregational meetings are good, yet very little with respect to your personal walk with God is accomplished there. The public meeting should enhance your personal altar while your personal altars enrich your public ministry.

**APPLICATION**— You cannot have a personal revelation of God without a personal altar. So, what is required of you? Make a commitment to God that you will build Him an altar; a time and place of regular meeting with God. Let Him know that you will no longer make excuses for not keeping your appointment with Him. Tell the Lord that you will commune with Him daily as a personal disciple and practice. If you have an already existing

altar, you may need to repair and rekindle the fire on your altar. God wants to spend time with you; don't keep Him waiting.



Father, help me today to draw nigh to You. let the baptism of fire rest afresh on me today. May the fire on my altar never burn out, in Jesus name.

ACTION POINT

Build your altar; rekindle your prayer fire; study your Bible.





## CONFUSION TO CLARITY

John 14:6, "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

**BACKGROUND & THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT**— Confusion. It can mean many things to different people but it's basically a lack of clarity and understanding. Not being clear on something can lead to other issues such as frustration, depression and guilt. Not being able to see clearly on what to do or what's to happen cause frustration and irritation.

Truth and clarity are the opposite of confusion. Confusion destroys while truth builds up. The world is filled with voices, opinions, possibilities and directions. Which way do you go and whom do you believe? It can be very confusing. It's different for those that have put their faith in Jesus Christ. The Bible says that Jesus is the way, the TRUTH and the life; not just that He speaks truth, but that He IS truth. Everything about Jesus is clarity and understanding. Jesus is the Son of God. He is one with God and, therefore, is absolutely perfect in every way. You don't have to be bogged down and drowning in confusion. Jesus is the same today and forever and will never change. He promises many times to give you understanding and wisdom if you simply ask.

**APPLICATION**— So what are you to do? It all comes down to faith and trust. God promises you clarity and understanding if you put your faith and trust in Him. By obeying Him and following His word, you are guaranteed clarity and understanding. It doesn't stop there. You will be taught how to

understand. Trust Him with your 2023 plans and follow Him obediently through every phase. Everything will be clearer every step of the way.



Jesus, forgive me for trusting in myself for too long. I need Your clarity, peace, and understanding. Come into my life and make me new. Renew my spirit and my mind for clarity, peace and understanding, Amen.



READING

Make a list of 3 steps you will take to display your trust and faith in God.

WEDNESDAY 22ND FEBRUARY SEED TWENTY-TWO

## DESTINY EASE BY WISDOM AND DIVINE DIRECTION

#### COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

KEY TEXT 1 Kings 4:29-31, "And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore. And Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east country, and all the wisdom of Egypt. For he was wiser than all men; than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, and Chalcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol: and his fame was in all nations round about."

Visdom is a gift of grace. Wisdom ends unnecessary toiling & struggling. Divine wisdom goes with guidance!

### **PRAYER POINTS:**

- 1. Father, thank You for the promise & provision of wisdom! Jesus, You are the wisdom of God! Holy Spirit, You are the Spirit of wisdom. Welcome!
- 2. In 2023, I stir up the spirit of a sound mind in me! The counsel of God speaks in me! I will think right, believe right & act right! No more idiocy!
- 3. I receive quick understanding! I will rise by wisdom! I receive greatness ideas, direction, counsel & influences! No more mediocre results!
- 4. I cast out the spirits of deception and confusion. I bind the spirits of mental blindness. I reject destiny errors! My life choices will be right!
- 5. Every attack & manipulation on my mind is cut off. No hotness of the brain. No blackout. No memory loss. No strange headaches! My mind works perfectly!
- 6. This is my year of wealth by wisdom! No wrong investment! Everything I do this year must be profitable! My business & career must work! Everything around me is working!
- 7. Father, grant mercy to all souls that turned away from You. Open their hearts and minds with Your light. Gather Your children from the east and the west, from the north and the south. Let there be a massive harvest of souls to the kingdom!
- 8. Acts 2:41— I declare that Gateway Church shall experience a great inflow of multitudes and as the people come, may they be established in this house.
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name.





### THOUGHT Worship has a way of preparing our hearts to present Him with gifts.

**BACKGROUND & THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT**— One of the most famous stories in the Bible is about discernment. After King David died, his son Solomon was anointed and ascended to the throne. Overwhelmed with the responsibility, when God offered him anything in the world, his request was simple, "Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil" (1 Kings 3:9a).

God granted him this wisdom, and much more. He became famous for his wisdom, and solving problems and addressing disputes became a part of his job. When two women came to him claiming to be the mother of one baby, it seemed to be a difficult dilemma. Both had sons, but one child died. Without modern genetic testing, how would he determine who was the child's rightful mother? At first, it seemed like he suggested something unthinkable, to cut the child in half. In that instance, the women revealed their inner character. God gave Solomon the understanding of human nature to discern which woman had **love** in her heart, which had malice, and how to extract the truth. The baby was given back to his mother. Discernment is a necessity in life's journey.

**APPLICATION**— True discernment starts with prayer. Just like Solomon requested wisdom, the believer should ask the Spirit for guidance and discernment. God smiles on those who ask for it. "The Lord looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if

there are any who understand, who seek after God" (Psalm 14:2). You can also grow in discernment when you are willing to learn from those who are older and wiser. Consulting God in prayer, asking wise believers for their input, and reading the Scripture helps cultivate a spirit of discernment. Grow in discernment.



Father, thank You for wisdom from Your Word and guidance from Your Spirit. Help me to understand Your will and Your way in all circumstances. Give me conviction to do what is right, and peace to know it is Your leading, in Jesus name.

Talk to God about your 2023 goals /plan; show them to a mentor and read books on what you intend to do this year.



FRIDAY 24TH FEBRUARY

## IS HUMILITY WORTH IT?

KEY TEXT 2 Chronicles 26:15-16, "And his name spread far abroad; for he was marvellously helped, till he was strong. But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to his destruction: for he transgressed against the LORD his God, and went into the temple of the LORD to burn incense upon the altar of incense."

**BACKGROUND & THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT**— Many of us know the tale of the tortoise and the hare. The hare, sure of his win, takes a break from the race to rest. He wakes up to find that the tortoise, who had run slow and steady keeping his eyes on the goal, was about to cross the finish line. Victory belonged to the tortoise. It's easy to see the hare's pride and the tortoise's humility in this story, but how easy is it to see those characteristics in our own lives?

King Uzziah is a man who was both the tortoise and the hare. When he was humble and seeking God, he saw victory in battle, a flourishing economy, a growing ministry, and fame. According to the Bible, *"His fame spread far and wide, for he was greatly helped until he became powerful."* In his pride, Uzziah wanted spiritual authority in addition to his political authority. He attempted to burn incense in the Lord's temple — a job only the priests were allowed to do. When the priests confronted him, he became angry until the Lord afflicted him with leprosy. Uzziah died years later, remembered for his pride, not his humility. Humility focuses on Jesus while pride focuses on 'you'. Look at yourself in the mirror, who do you see— a tortoise or a hare?

APPLICATION— There are multiple ways you can stay humble and one of

which is being grateful for and content with what God has given you. Make a habit of noticing all of the positive things in your life and giving thanks for those good things while you expect greater. Don't be like King Uzziah, be open to corrections. If he hearkened, he would have been spared. Remember... pride goeth before a fall.



Father, take away from me the spirit of pride! Create in me a clean heart and renew a right spirit within me, in Jesus name.

Get feedbacks about your behavior from your friends; make changes where necessary.

SATURDAY 25TH FEBRUARY SEED TWENTY-FIVE

## GET RID OF STRIFE

KEY TEXT

1 Peter 3:11 (AMP), "must search for peace [with God, with self, with others] and pursue it eagerly [actively – not merely desiring it]"

**BACKGROUND & THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT**— God created us to have relationships. The most important relationship is the one we have with Him through our faith in Christ. And when we have a healthy, personal, intimate connection with God, we can have great relationships with the people in our lives. It's God's will for us to live in peace and harmony with one another.

Having peace with others doesn't mean you won't ever disagree, but you must do it respectfully and avoid strife! Strife is a terrible evil spirit that creates this atmosphere, and it's one of the greatest threats to the body of Christ. It makes you miserable and causes bickering, arguing—all sorts of things that offend people. You can sense it in the room, but nobody wants to confront it. Strife is a trap the devil lays to destroy marriages, businesses and even churches. It's very important to understand strife, how dangerous it is, and how to stand against it.

**APPLICATION**— You can actually keep strife out of your life by doing the following — Consider who you spend your time with. What kind of character do your friends have? Think about the people you eat lunch with at work or those you consider your closest friends. Do they gossip? Are their attitudes generally negative or positive? Make sure you are affecting the people you spend time with instead of letting them infect you. There's a big difference! Secondly, Guard your heart! You are influenced and become like

those you spend time with and what you open your heart to. Lastly, when you see someone who has something you want, instead of being jealous about what they have, ask God to help you be genuinely happy for them. In the meantime, keep all the strife out of your life and be a blessing wherever you go.



Father, thank You for the gift of peace. I speak to every troubled situation around me to keep calm and let peace prevail!! I refuse and reject the spirit of strife, in Jesus name.

Choose peace always.

SUNDAY 26TH FEBRUARY SEED TWENTY-SIX

## GET ON FIRE AND STAY ON FIRE!

Proverbs 30:15, "The horseleach hath two daughters, crying, Give, give. There are three things that are never satisfied, yea, four things say not, It is enough:"

We need more Christians to get on fire today. What we need more than that is for Christians to get on fire, and stay on fire! It seems that so many today get fired up and two weeks later, they are in the dumps, missing church, doubting their salvation, giving in to temptation, vulnerable, weak, and discouraged, thinking about quitting on God. You need to GET ON FIRE, AND STAY ON FIRE!

### FEW WAYS TO BURN AND STAY ON FIRE FOR GOD-

- Allow the Holy Spirit to perfect His good work in you.
- Do a spring cleaning of your heart.
- Stoke the furnace with consistent prayers and study of the Word.

PRAYER

Oh Lord, set my heart on fire for you! Cause me to burn brighter for You and help me to stay on fire, come what may!



Ask the Holy Spirit the for a fresh baptism of fire.

# TRUST THE PROCESS

KEY TEXT Matt 27:35-37, "And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots. And sitting down they watched him there; and set up over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS."

**BACKGROUND & THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT**— Process is not easy. Process can be messy but God allows it so we may be shaped into Christ's character as we journey through life. Some of us have been accustomed to think that if something doesn't occur now, something is wrong. Truth is God allows process. Sometimes, He lets you go through the storms until you get on to the other side.

In the book of **Matthew 27:35-44**, we get verses of a part of Jesus' crucifixion. The process of what would later end in resurrection. Jesus had the power to simplify and quicken the process but He did not. God the Father allowed process. He allowed humiliation on His son, humiliation to His own existence as the Father and to His existence as the triune God. Jesus, the Messiah, perfect as He is went through this process of mockery, betrayal and death. The blessing, the final product was worth it. Life is a process, period. No matter what you will go through, you will have to get through each phase of the process to step out onto the other side. The process is necessary for growth and overall development. We tend to rush the process and fail to realize it's during the process we are sharpened and refined. In the end, the process is progress.

APPLICATION— How can you learn to trust the process? First, you must

learn to develop trust and the optimal way to trust is to trust things that are trustworthy. There is nothing more trustworthy than God. He is truthful and worthy! If you begin to trust someone who is trustworthy then you will see that the process is worth it. Begin to trust God! Trusting Him is trusting the process.



ACTION

Oh God, thank You for Your good thoughts and plans concerning me. Bring to the place of complete trust in You, no matter what I see around me. You are working out Your perfect plan through every phase of my life and I believe I am emerging victorious, in Jesus name.

Meditate on Matthew Chapter 27

TUESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY

# YOUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST

KEY TEXT EPHESIANS 2:4–7 (NKJV), "But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus."

**BACKGROUND & THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT**— According to this passage of Scripture, you are seated with Christ in heavenly places. Unfortunately, some Christians are having an identity crisis. They don't know who they are in Christ or where they are seated. Instead of identifying with Christ, they identify with the problems that confront them. You can tell they do this because they call themselves by their problems: divorced, bankrupt, and so forth. Some just identify with a profession. They say things like, "I'm a salesman," or "I'm a lawyer." But their profession is not who they are; it's what they do. Others identify with the disease that is attacking their bodies. They say, "I'm a diabetic," or "I am bipolar."

When you really understand your identity in Christ—who you are in Him—it changes the way you think and live. **2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV)** says, "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." That same verse in The Living Bible says, "When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a brand new person inside. He is not the same anymore. A new life has begun!" Before you were in Christ, you were destined for death and destruction. Now you are destined for eternal life!

**APPLICATION**— Since you are adopted in God's family, it is now your job to be His son and daughter, making your pursuit <u>of God your main goal in life</u>,

because after all, your identity in Christ is idle without faith. Now, whenever you look at yourself in the mirror, may the thought of Jesus Christ inspire you to see a confident, wonderful, radiant, forgiven, man/woman of God. Raise your head high and enforce your identity in Christ.



In the name of Jesus, I declare that I am carefully and wonderfully made in God's image. I identify with the beautiful image of His Word and I increase from one level of glory to the next. I am blessed, prosperous and in good health! Amen!



Declare, "I am a child of God."



Paniel 11:32, "...but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits."

God has marvelous things planned for you and one of which is living a supernatural life. Your life can and should be overflowing in the presence and power of God. As a believer, the supernatural should be your natural! You ought to be doing "exploits" for God. And yes, you can! Today, receive grace and strength for greater exploits!

The supernatural can become your natural when you—

- know Your Power Source
- are Filled with the Spirit of "Greater Works"
- believe that with God, all things are possible
- attend to God's Word
- put Your foot on the promise

OH Lord, thank You for ushering me into my season of exploits. My life can never be ordinary; I walk in the supernatural, in Jesus' Name.



Speak in tongues as you invoke the supernatural

.empowering your life



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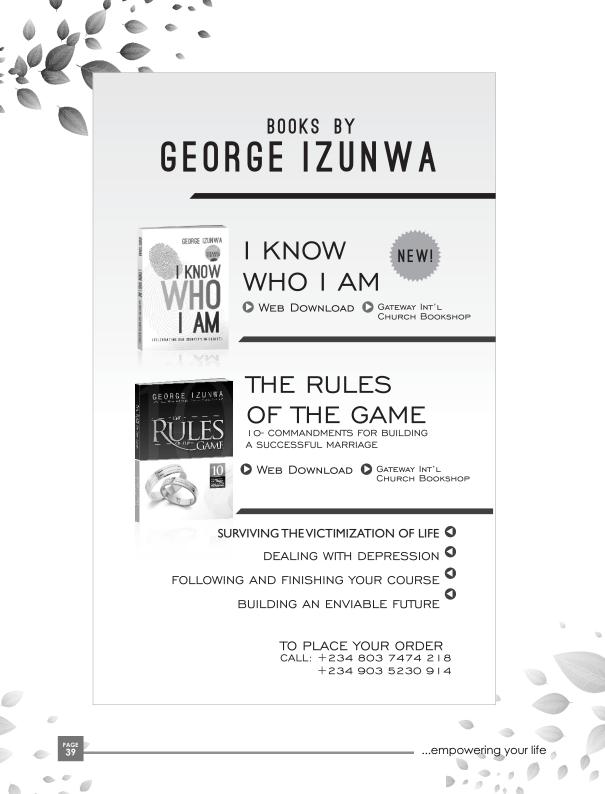
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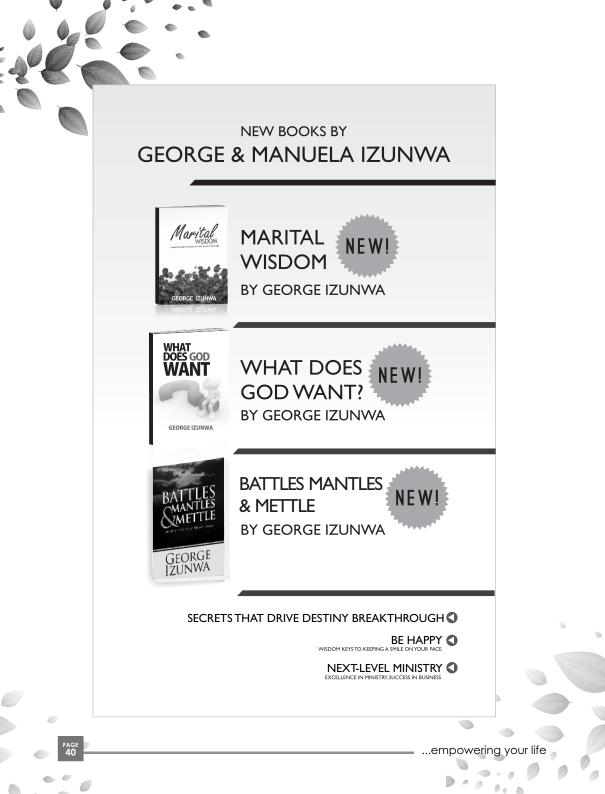
Lord Jesus, I ask you to come into my life today and forgive all my sins. I confess with my mouth that

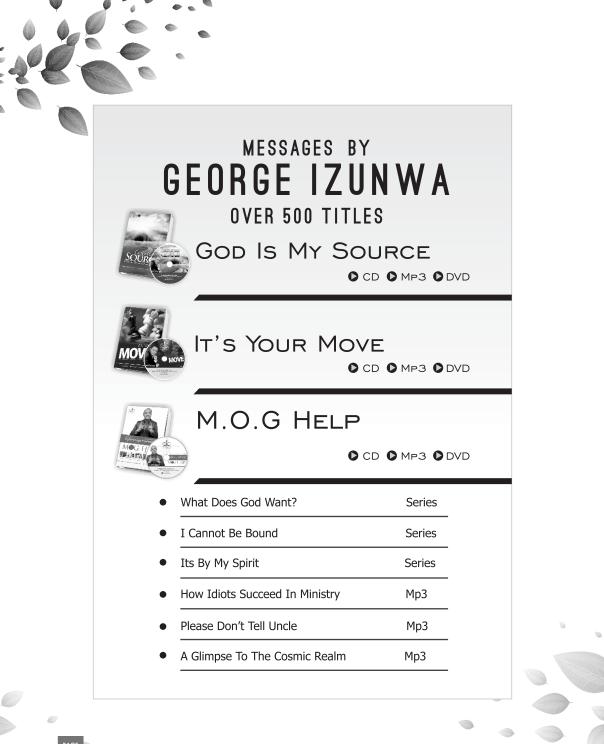
You are the Lord of my life and I believe with my heart that you rose from the dead. I am saved! Thank you Father for saving me in the name of Jesus. Amen.

If you just prayed this prayer, please email or call us, we would love to help you understand more about this new life in Christ:

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