

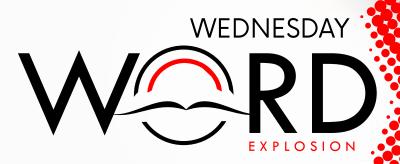
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# QUIET TIME PROGRAMME

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



# **O** INTRODUCTION

"And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed."

Mark 1:35

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

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

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

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

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

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

# THE GATEWAY STRATEGY

# This is Gateway International Church!

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

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

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

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

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

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

-i- Always come expectant and worship with passion!

# THE GATEWAY STRATEGY

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

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

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

# **2023** Ocov<u>enant **Confession**</u>

### (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...

I cannot fail!



# **2023** Ocov<u>enant **Confession**</u>

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!



# HONOURING GOD'S COVENANT

KEY

Deuteronomy 7:9 NIV "Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; He is the faithful God, keeping His covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love Him and keep His commandments."

A aking and keeping covenants is an essential part of the plan of salvation. Throughout history, God has made covenants with His people, and He promises to bless us as we honor His covenant. We live in a world where keeping promises is often disregarded, but the Lord expects you to keep promises and He is ready to bless those who are willing to make and keep covenants with Him.

You can honour God by—

- Becoming a good steward of the wealth and all that He has given you.
- Putting Him first in decision-making. Learn to seek His will and not yours.
- Living an obedient, sacrificial life.



Father, thank You for the gift of a New Year. I make a vow to honour You and the covenants surrounding my existence, in Jesus' name.



What vows have you made for 2023? Begin to redeem them.



# THE GOD-CHASER

KEY TEXT Psalms 132;1-5 NLT, "Lord, remember David and all that he suffered. He made a solemn promise to the Lord. He vowed to the Mighty One of Israel, "I will not go home; I will not let myself rest. I will not let my eyes sleep nor close my eyelids in slumber until I find a place to build a house for the Lord, a sanctuary for the Mighty One of Israel."

**BACKGROUND & THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** What you do first, testifies to what you put first. Our key text talks about David. He was trying to bring the ark of God from the place where Saul left it, to a place of rest. Saul's reign was for 22 years or more and before He became king, the ark of the Lord was collected from the sons of Eli. The question is, how did Saul rule over Israel for this long and it never occurred to him to bring back the ark? What kind of a heart did he have?

Many times, we say David did more wrong things than Saul but yet, God loved and forgave David much more than Saul. Where was Saul's heart? He didn't care about the ark. From the day he became king, he just wanted royalty. This is how some believers act. They get what they want and disappear. Little wonder God called David 'a man after my heart'! The account of David's life speaks everything about God-first! If the spiritual realm powers your destiny, you will fanatically put God first.

**APPLICATION:** You can begin by practicing God-first in your—

- DEVOTIONAL LIFE— Build your life on the covenant of God first.
   Putting God first is kingdom service. Find your place serving God in the house of God.
- TITHING—before you spend any income, pay your tithe. Don't give

God your leftovers. Put God first.

 DECISION MAKING—what is your first consideration in any issue? How to look good or how to respond to this issue in a way that honours God? Decide to honour God irrespective of the position it puts you in.



Oh God, help me to put You first in all that I do, in Jesus' name.



Intentionally decide to put God first this year.



# THE BEST RESOLUTION OF ALL

KEY TEXT Colossians 2:6-7, "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."

**BACKGROUND & THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** It's the New Year! Have you made any resolutions for 2023? At this time of year, many people try to change habits and set goals they would like to accomplish. One resolution you would do well to make this year is to grow in your relationship with Christ.

Most of the time, keeping New Year's resolutions requires a lot of energy and commitment on our part. It's no wonder so many of us have a hard time sticking to them! Growth in spiritual matters can seem just as hard at times, but here's the good thing about the resolution to grow in Christ: it involves His work much more than yours. This doesn't mean that pursuing greater spiritual maturity is easy. Practicing Christian virtues is rigorous. But all the energy you devote to spiritual growth is ultimately your response to the primary work of God's grace, and it is evidence of the Holy Spirit's fruitful ministry in our lives.

**APPLICATION**— you can cultivate these underlisted habits as you resolve to grow spiritually this year;

- Growth in the Word. spiritual growth comes from knowing the heart of the Lord. Consider following the yearly Bible plan. Making time in the Word part of your daily life will open your eyes to absolute truths and revelations you never knew.
  - Build intimacy with the Holy Spirit. Rekindle your personal altar and quiet

time. Spiritual growth starts and ends with that sacred space of prayer and pondering with the Holy Spirit.

 Nurture your spiritual gifts. Be found in the place of kingdom service. This can be a pointer to discover your gifts and it gives you the opportunity to express them.



Dear Lord, thank you for bringing me safely into another year. May I experience spiritual growth this year like never before, to Your praise and glory, in Jesus' Name.



What is your growth plan?



# INVITING THE DIVINE PRESENCE

### **COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER**

KEY

Genesis 35:5, "And they journeyed: and the terror of God was upon the cities that were round about them, and they did not pursue after the sons of Jacob."

The presence of God is the greatest asset in the journey of destiny! No one ever takes a journey with God and ends up in emptiness and shame! Ease is guaranteed when God is in the lead! Today, invite Him as you journey through this year.

### PRAYER POINTS:

- 1. Father, I thank You for Your presence that has been with me in 2022; I thank you because I will see a greater manifestation of your presence this year! Halleluyah!
- 2. This year 2023, I receive grace to put God first in every single aspect of my life! In my finance, in my relationship, career, business, ministry and in every area of my life in Jesus' name!
- 3. 1 Corinthians3:16; 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 demons.
- **4. 1 Corinthians3:17**; Father in the name of Jesus, by Your Spirit, I destroy whatever defiles my body and soul as Your temple in 2023
- **5. Psalms139:7-8**; 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 71:7**; This year, I will be a man of mysteries! People will wonder at me because of the hand of God. My results will be supernatural. Nothing will die in my hands!
- 7. John 16:8— Lord Jesus, thank You for convicting this world of sin. Oh Lord, soften the hearts of the men yet unsaved. Help them to understand the truth about You and Your kingdom.
- **8.** Oh God, thank You for Your power at work in Gateway Int'l Church. establish her upon the face of the earth. Gateway Church will grow mighty and become very great, in Jesus' name.
- 9. Lord, thank You for Pst. George Izunwa. Let there be an increase of Your anointing upon his life and upon his assignment and life's endeavours. He will never go down, in Jesus' name.
- 10. Father let Your power visit our nation Nigeria. Let there be a strange manifestation of Your glory for a tangible and positive turnaround.

  Oh Lord, change our story!

# DO AWAY WITH **PROCRASTINATION**

KEY

Proverbs 20:4 NKJV, "The lazy man will not plow because of winter; Hewillbegduring harvest and have nothing."

**BACKGROUND & THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** The book of Proverbs casts procrastination in the context of the harvest. Our inner procrastinator loves tomorrow, but only because he does not see tomorrow clearly. If he did, he would notice the coming harvest and know that today's nap might be tomorrow's barren field. In other words, you reap tomorrow what you sow today.

What happens when, for example, you procrastinate in every aspect? When procrastination is the seed you always sow, soon, family and friends will learn to no longer rely on you; your promises for today will always slip into tomorrow. Your colleagues will come to expect disappointing work that always bears the marks of eleventh-hour haste. In time, others will stop asking much from you. On the other hand, if you can keep your eyes on the harvest, slowly, you will grow in stature and in no time, become all that God has made you to be.

**APPLICATION**— Four actions you can take to stop procrastinating:

- **1. Stop making excuses.** "The lazy man is full of excuses" **(Proverbs 22:13 LB)**. You must make a choice to prioritize what is important.
- Start today. Not next month, next week, or tomorrow. "Never boast about tomorrow. You don't know what will happen between now and then" (Proverbs 27:1 GNT).
- **3. Establish a planned schedule.** Proverbs 13:16 says, "A wise man plans ahead. A fool

doesn't" (LB). If you fail to plan, you're planning to fail.

4. Focus on what you gain, not the pain.
There are very few things in life that are easy. Push through the frustration and look at the gain beyond the pain.
Concentrate on how good you're going to feel once you've finished the task.



Oh Lord, thank You for today's word, I ask that You help me with my prioritization. Guide my thoughts and my hand as I break things down into tasks; help me to stay focused and get them done, in Jesus' name.



Write out 3 steps to get your tasks done and follow through.



# BREAKING THE CURSE ON THE FIRST

KEY

Exodus 13:1-2, "And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, sanctify unto me all the firstborn, whatsoever openeth the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and of beast: it is mine."

BACKGROUND & THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: God's portion is sacred. It carries the blessing or the curse. The Greek call it *Coban* and the Jews talk about it in light of the blessing. When you read the bible and you hear the *'accursed thing'*, in Hebrew it is the same word as **'blessed'**. Why this contradiction and slight confusion? It's simple! If God said, "this thing is my own", giving it back to Him makes it a blessing and touching or taking it for yourself makes it a curse.

God is emotionally invested in being number one; He can never be number two. When you are walking with God, the test of the first and the best is one of the foremost tests of honour and stewardship. This test is important because your first sets the order for the rest. If you can get it right with God as you begin 2023, believe me, this year will answer to you!

**APPLICATION**— one sure way to reverse the curse on the first is by offering your firstfruit.

### How to offer your firstfruit this year—

 Offer your firstfruit and best as a testimony of your love and reverence to God. One of the things I learnt very early in Christianity is that there is nothing that fights with God for the souls of men like money. Please give your first and give your best.

• Offer it as your first covenant altar of the year. Throughout this year

there may be challenges and issues, but God will always direct you to the altar of firstfruit and that automatically becomes an anchor for you this year.

Father, I receive the grace to offer You my very best this year. The best of my resources, time, effort and service, I give to You unreservedly.

Offer it in faith expecting the best of God. Whatever is not of faith is sin. Offer to God in faith and you will reap the rewards.



Give to God, your firstfruit.



# SHARPEN YOUR SPIRIT MAN

KEY TEXT

1 Corinthians 2:10, ".....for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God."

**BACKGROUND** & **THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** If you carefully observe any woodsman, you will notice that his axe is almost like his best friend—if he's not sharpening its edge, he's either caring for it, one way or the other. What is true of the woodsman and his axe, or the gardener and his shovel, is also true of the Christian and his spiritual life.

Your life can become spiritually dull when you do not give time and attention to sharpen your spiritual edge. For most people, they fail to recognize gradual change when it begins to take place in their lives. When a person loses spiritual sensitivity, he/she becomes open to attacks and, eventually, destruction. Refuse to be disconnected or cut off from the voice and visions of your spirit man.

### APPLICATION—

- **Maintain consecration:** be separated to God in all purity. Protect and sanctify your eye, ear, heart and mouth gates always.
- **Be a consistent student of the word:** when you stay on the Word of God for long, then you will hear the voice of God. The living Word came to reveal to us the written word.
- Speak in tongues more often: this act purifies your spirit man. Speaking in tongues is the doorway to activating and operating other gifts of the spirit. It will help you to walk in the supernatural.

• Get mentored by a grounded and spirit filled prophet: it is pride to be

looking for what has been found. Impartation and activation of dormant spiritual virtues can only be sought with a humble and hungry heart. Connect to a man who has a proven record of hearing from God and submit for mentorship in order to sharpen your dormant abilities.



I receive the grace to remain awake in the spirit; I declare that my light will never go dim, in Jesus' name



Take at least 15 minutes today to pray in the Holy Ghost.



...empowering your life

# GOD **ABOVE ALL**

KEY

Mark 12:30, "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment."

Giving God first place means that that you place Him before all and above all; it means that nothing else matters until He is satisfied. God doesn't have the capacity to be second place. Wherever God is not put first, He will not manifest. When God takes first place in your priorities, He makes sure every other thing comes into its place.

### How can He be above all in your life?

- Make knowing and fellowshipping with Christ more important than any other life pursuit.
- Place kingdom business first and above every other business of your life.
- Honour God with the firstfruits of all your increase.



Father, I declare that You are number one in my life now and forever more, in Jesus' name.



Redeem your 2023 vow



# SURRENDER CONTROL

KEY

John 12:24-25, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it dies, it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

POWER THOUGHT

True worship stems from the place of obedience...

BACKGROUND & THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: To lose control in anything is very frightening. Man is created a free moral agent, so we decide our actions and many times we want to have a say in our outcomes; that's who we are. Hence, it is very difficult for a human being to want to lose control. But like the corn of wheat described by John, the greatest place of blessing in your Christian faith is in total surrender. Nothing releases spirituality like surrender!

The truth is, your lack of fruitfulness in Christ is based on just one thing: you didn't die. Being in Church and giving God 100% control over your life are two different things. Nobody can serve God and fulfill purpose who is not willing to lose control. You can get used to something that looks like it's working and never listen to God again for something He is about to do because you are still in control. Beloved, God can never mismanage your destiny. It's okay to surrender completely to Him.

**APPLICATION**— note the following points as you surrender completely to God.

- When you keep what you can't secure, you will lose sleep and risk loss. Your life is a treasure and only God can keep everything about you. Never ever become the guardian of your own destiny.
- People surrender control by a decision to trust and not on 100% certainty. Trust the One who knows the end from the beginning.
- The more yielded a life is to God, the more God will reveal His purposes in that life.
- Many times, it takes obeying God in the ridiculous to experience him in the miraculous.



Father, thank You for showing me once again that you can never mismanage my destiny. I trust in You and I give You total control over my will, desires, thoughts, actions and complete life!



What can you sense God is saying to you today? Do it!



# YOUR PAST DOES NOT **define you**

Isaiah 43: 18-19, "Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old.19 Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert."

BACKGROUND & THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: Everyone's life is affected by the past in one way or another. Your past experiences, exposures, education, encounters, all of that affects your life and in fact, sociologists will tell us that, sometimes, the best predictor of future results is your past results. This is why if you are about to enter a new school, they ask for your transcript; doctors will ask for your medical history; lenders will ask for your finance report or your business report, because they believe it will give them an idea of who you are. The past matters but it should never be the heart of the matter. Your past may not have been pleasant or smooth, but God is saying He is bringing you the NEW! What's better is that He is ushering the New in the most difficult places of your life. Do you believe and trust Him?

### APPLICATION—

- Learn to keep a good record wherever and whenever. Do you know that people can forgive your bad past, but they will not forget it? So instead of saying, my past doesn't matter, I am in the present now, make sure you aren't doing things that when remembered, can become a blackmail on your destiny.
- You can't change reality, but you can change how you respond to them. How you respond to anything is called your attitude. You're going to

meet terrible situations, things are going to turn upside down, but never carry a negative attitude.

Don't allow memory overshadow imagination. The past cannot cancel your future. Keep dreaming, keep believing for more, keep pushing for more.



I declare that my past cannot keep me down! I have a beautiful life ahead of me and I walk into the fullness of God's will for me!



Write out 3 things that have defined your attitude to life and cancel them out.



# 1 SURRENDER ALL

### COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

KEY

Prov. 23:26, "My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways"

If God is not Lord of all, then He is not Lord at all. If you are not living in total surrender, you are practicing fruitless religiosity. The greatest desire of the enemy is that you never yield yourself completely to be used of God. Today, every idol obstructing your total surrender must be uprooted!

### **PRAYER POINTS:**

- 1. Rom. 12:1—Lord, I thank You for grace to be able to present my body as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to You. Have Your way in me, in Jesus' name.
- 2. Today, as I come to the point of total submission to Your will, I completely surrender my will to yours. May my life move in accordance with your will, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Father, I yield my thinking faculties to you. Help me, to think good thoughts, even when the pressure is on, as this will magnify and glorify You.
- 4. Oh God, I bow in total surrender to You. As I bow before You, I declare that I will never bow to evil circumstances, sickness or poverty, in Jesus Name.
- 5. I rebuke the spirit sponsoring the lust of the flesh, get out of my mind, body, soul and spirit, in Jesus' name.
- **6. Exodus 33:15** Father, I lift up the entire members of my family to You. May Your Presence never depart from us. Let Your covering of fire be round about us, in Jesus' name.
- 7. John 16:8— Lord Jesus, thank You for convicting this world of sin. Oh Lord, soften the hearts of the men yet unsaved. Help them to understand the truth about You and Your kingdom.
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  Colossians 1 4

# DISCERNING AND DEMANDING **A MANIFESTATION**

KEY

Psalms 30:5, "For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favor is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning."

BACKGROUND & THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: Every exciting life is colored with all shades of experience. No matter the experiences of your life there is nothing that takes heaven unawares. Heaven doesn't permit emergencies; it only permits transition. Do you know David was anointed king three times? The first time, he was anointed as a youth by Samuel the prophet; the second time he was anointed by the elders of Israel over Judah and, the third time, he was anointed by the entire Israel to become King of Israel. After the first anointing, it took David 7 years before he sat on the throne. God praises discernment in His children. In the Old Testament, the sons of Issachar understood the times and knew what Israel should do—they were discerning (1 Chronicles 12:32). Beloved, there is no season without divine promise and purpose. "When we refuse the takeaway from any season, we waste our pain". There is a reason for the night and there is the blessing of the night. More so, God's kingdom doesn't permit unending suffering, so anytime a season is extended, a spiritual hand is forwarding it. With the help of the Holy Spirit, you need to know when a situation is long overdue and demand your manifestation!

**APPLICATION**—how to discern and move from night to morning season

- Wait with patience.
- Accept God's timing.
- Learn to rely completely on God.
- Understand the law of seedtime and harvest.

God causes things to happen at exactly the right time! Your job is not to figure out when, but to make up your mind that you won't give up until you cross the finish line and are living in the radical, outrageous blessings of God!



Father, I believe that 2023 is my year! I refuse to be clueless about what You are doing in my life. I walk into the fullness of this season, and I receive the manifestation of my answers, in Jesus' name!



What season are you in? take out some minutes today to pray about it.



## ENTERING YOUR **EXPECTED END**

KEY

Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you," says the Lord, "thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope."

**BACKGROUND & THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** God wants what is best for you, even more than you do, and if you allow Him to rule your life, He will use everything you go through (Romans 8:28) to help you become who He intended for you to be.

A new year is a new beginning, with new challenges and new successes or failures. Have you ever considered that what seems to be a failure when it happens might become a success after a period of time? Every single one of us has lived through situations that were almost impossible to accept at first, only to realize later, as we started to consider all the factors and circumstances, that what happened was for our benefit in the long run. There is so much that you cannot control, but you can choose how you respond to it!

For most of us, our jobs are very important and are also the main cause of many of our problems and stress. However, in some cases, the fear of losing a job can be consuming and make it hard to hear God's voice. If it really happens that you lose your job, it may seem to be a disaster, but God can use it as a "springboard" for a better job, with better pay and less stress; it might also be a turning point, as you might find out that you were created by God for a totally different profession than the one you had chosen, worked and prepared for. And after all the changes, going to work might become a blessing instead of a burden.

### APPLICATION—

- Be thankful to God in all situations and express complete faith in His plan for your life.
- Turn your worries into prayers.
- Make Bible study and fellowship with the Holy Spirit a habit.



Father God, please give me the spirit of wisdom and revelation of Your love towards me and of my value in Your eyes. Help me understand that You always want what is best for me and to always rejoice in You and in what You have already provided for me, in Jesus' Name.



Declare, "All things are working together for my good."



# ANCHOR ON THE WORD

KEY

Psalms 119:103-105, "How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth. I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path."

BACKGROUND & THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: This psalm was written by David. He talks about his observations on the word of God and its precepts, the usefulness and excellency of it. The Word of God is the most integral instrument for Christian growth and victory. Until the Word of God becomes a part and parcel of a Christian's life, it is almost impossible to experience supernatural dimensions of faith. The manifestation of faith cannot be separated from the revelation of the Word. It is the Word that actually boosts faith. How can a man exercise faith and trust God when he doesn't even understand the mind of God? It is absolutely impossible! The Word is not a collection of bedtime stories, and neither is it a compilation of basic commandments for holy living. It is the will and the mind of God. The importance you give to God's Word and how much of it you have internalized, will determine how victorious you will be in the battles of life. Many Christians in this era are unfortunately addicted to various things that do not avail them the opportunity to study the Word of God and receive spiritual illumination. When the Word is in total control of your spirit, then faith becomes an easy thing to exercise and experience.

### APPLICATION—

- Make personal Bible Study a lifestyle.
- Memorize and declare the promises of God concerning any need. Learn to remember what the Word says concerning you per time.
- Always say what God is saying.



Father, I anchor my life on Your Word and I declare that Your Word will continually be that light to my path, in Jesus' name.



Recite 3 verses of scripture you have memorized concerning your current need.



# TNCREASE YOUR CAPACITY

KEY TEXT Isaiah 54:2-3, "Enlarge the place of your tent, and let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings; do not spare; lengthen your cords, and strengthen your stakes. For you shall expand to the right and to the left, and your descendants will inherit the nations, and make the desolate cities inhabited."

or there to be expansion, there must be the capacity to accommodate the expansion. A lot of expansion is not taking place in your life because you have not built the capacity to accommodate it. 2023 is too loaded! You cannot afford to remain where you have been. Increase your capacity for more.

You can increase capacity in—

- your spiritual life. Develop intimacy with God
- your finances, business and social network. This can be achieved through training, capacity building programmes, teachings, mentoring sessions with role models etc.

By all means, build capacity!



I receive His sufficient grace today to increase capacity in every aspect of my life. I won't die small, in Jesus' name!



Learn something new this week.



# HE IS AT WORK **IN YOU**

KEY

Philippians 2:13 WEB, "For it is God who works in you both to will and to work, for His good pleasure."

**BACKGROUND & THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** I like how the Amplified Bible translates **Philippians 2:13...** "[Not in your own strength] for it is God Who is all the while effectually at work in you [energizing and creating in you the power and desire], both to will and to work for His good pleasure and satisfaction and delight." (AMP)

The Christian life is a life of learning how to live from your heart, not from your head. If Christ lives in you, you have a new heart and you can trust your new heart to guide you in all that you do. It is amazing to think that God actually directs us by godly heart's desires that He has already placed in our hearts. I pray that you will learn to trust the still small voice that resides within you as you carry on this 2023.

**APPLICATION**—you can allow God work in you by doing the following:

- Draw near to Him. Unless you are near to God, you cannot know His heart. The beautiful news is that God invites you to draw near and has made a way to do so through Christ. (See Matthew 11:28)
- **Trust His ways.** Sometimes God's ways seem too tough and even illogical. But rest assured His way is always better.

Read His Word. The Bible is not an emblem for display purposes.
 It's a manual meant to be read, studied and applied. When we read God's Word, we know more

about His will.

 Allow the Holy Spirit. When you allow the Holy Spirit to do His work in you, He guides you into all truth and into the center of God's perfect will. Father, I give You complete permission to finish the good work You have begun in me. Help me to align to all You are doing in my life this season, in Jesus' name.



**PRAYER** 

Practice listening to the voice of God. Seek counsel from a mentor on anything you believe God is leading you to do.



# HAVE A **CHILDLIKE HEART**

KEY

Psalms 116:6, "The Lord preserves the simple; I was brought low, and He saved me."

**BACKGROUND & THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** The New Living Translation (NLT) Bible puts **Psalms 116:6** this way... The Lord protects those of childlike faith; I was facing death, and he saved me. The reality of today's promise is that fathers protect their children. It is not some great miracle that they do because that is what good fathers do. Today's promise tells us that God protects those who trust in Him with the simple heart of a child.

Having the heart of a child is not limited to those who are physically little. While you are not called to be childish, you are encouraged to be childlike. Little children are completely dependent on their parents for everything. To be fed, clothed, protected, everything. Without their parents' care, they are completely vulnerable. When you trust your Father with the simple heart of a child, I believe that He responds by being your safe place and your defender in every situation.

### APPLICATION—

**FAITH:** A childlike heart is a heart of faith; simple and trusting without doubt or suspicion. Have simple childlike faith in Him and His promises.

**FORGIVENESS:** A childlike heart will accept forgiveness easily. It doesn't bear grudges. Children don't analyze past experiences in detail. Life is way too short to let past pains, betrayals, and disappointments linger in your mind.

**TEACHABLE:** A childlike heart is a heart of humility and is teachable. A child is always eager to learn new things. The Lord reveals His secrets to those who have a childlike heart. Those who consider themselves very wise and knowledgeable will not be humble enough to learn.



Father, create in me a clean heart that is pleasing and acceptable to you. Uproot whatever You have not planted within me. Glorify Your name in my life, in Jesus' name



Have you been hurt by someone? Let go



# NO BONDAGES **TN 2023!**

### COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

KEY

Isaiah 49:24-25, "Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the captives of the righteous be delivered? But thus says the Lord: "Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible be delivered; For I will contend with him who contends with you, and I will save your children."

Sin is a door opener to spiritual bondages. But Christ's gift of righteousness frees us from curses, yokes and damnation. Today, every evil yoke will break!

### PRAYER POINTS:

- **1. Rev. 12:11;** Father, thank You forgiving me victory over the activities of darkness through the blood of Jesus. 2023 is my year of the Zoe life! I walk in total victory!
- 2. Today, I call forth my destiny portion. Whatever the enemy seized is recovered. Destiny speed begins today! Shame is destroyed! Abundance everywhere! I will not die small!
- 3. I break the spell and influence of any curse over my mindset, habits and life experiences! I recover my dignity by the blood of Jesus Christ now.
- **4. Numbers 23:23;** No strange spirit is permitted to live or visit my body and my physical or spiritual environment! Every personal contamination, fire!!!
- **5. Luke 19:27**; Every evil priest projecting evil atmosphere against my destiny and family, fire!!! You evil priest, receive judgmental fire and perish now in the name of Jesus.
- **6. Isaiah 25:7**; By fire, the days of evil news and reports are over! No more strange covering! Curses and bondages are broken in the name of Jesus Christ!
- John 16:8— Lord Jesus, thank You for convicting this world of sin. Oh Lord, soften the
  hearts of the men yet unsaved. Help them to understand the truth about You and Your
  kingdom.
- 8. Oh God, thank You for Your power at work in Gateway Int'l Church. Establish her upon the face of the earth. Gateway Church will grow mighty and become very great, in Jesus' name.
- Lord, I thank You for Pst. George Izunwa. Let there be an increase of Your anointing upon his life and upon his assignment and life's endeavours. He will never go down, in Jesus' name.
- 10. Father let Your power visit our Nation Nigeria. Let there be a strange manifestation of

Your glory for a tangible and positive turnaround. Oh Lord, change our story!



# ENJOYING **REST**

KEY

Psalm 23:2 (WEB), He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

BACKGROUND & THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: In this one chapter, King David draws from his experience of being a shepherd boy to build an analogy of the Lord's shepherding heart towards us. In John 10:11, Jesus clearly makes the connection to Psalm 23 by telling us that He is the Great Shepherd who wholeheartedly gives His life for His sheep... I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. (WEB)

Everything that a shepherd does is for the benefit of the sheep. In today's seed, we read how David writes that the Lord makes him lie down in green pastures and He leads him beside still waters. In the hustle and bustle of life, you need to find rest in green pastures. There are times in your life where the Lord will make you rest even if you don't think you need it. May the Great Shepherd of the sheep give you the rest you need today

### **APPLICATION**—you can enjoy rest by:

- trusting God with your future.
- allowing Him to lead you.
- giving all your worries to Him
- quieting your soul before God using His Word.



Dear Jesus, thank You for leading me in times past. Today, I declare my trust in You. Lead me through this year and help me find rest all around, in Jesus' name



Read psalm 23 and speak in tongues as you meditate.



# KEEP KNOCKING ON THE DOOR

KEY

Jeremiah 29:13 NIV, "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

POWER THOUGHT

...the child she was holding was the very God who holds everything.

BACKGROUND & THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: Children love to play the game called 'hide and seek'. They would hide and then try to find each other. The game is pretty simple and lots of fun. The whole point of this exercise was that eventually, someone would be found... and that was the best part! Anyone who had to hide wouldn't hide so thoroughly that he/she could never be found. That would not have been fun at all, for the real joy was in being found. I don't think our Heavenly Father is much different, though His ways are way higher than our ways for sure! He absolutely delights when you seek Him with all your heart, and He loves to be found by you! Today's seed is a reminder that you will indeed find Him when you search for Him with all your heart. If you are feeling discouraged today, hungry for God but somehow feeling that you have not yet found Him, don't give up. Keep seeking. Keep knocking on the door. Keep on asking. He promises to be found by you!

### APPLICATION—

- Call upon Him through prayers
- Serve Him with wholehearted devotion and with a willing mind.
- Cast your cares upon Him.
- Keep your tongue from evil, turn from evil, do good, seek peace and pursue it
- Do what is right and live humbly.
- Make the business of God, your business.

Receive grace to keep seeking Him!



Father, help me to keep searching after You this year. I receive a heart that is stayed on You, in Jesus' name.



Take your personal relationship with the Holy Spirit seriously.



# DELIGHTING IN THE FATHER

KEY

Ephesians 1:5-6, "he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves."

**BACKGROUND & THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** Today's scripture tells us it is by God's unearned, undeserved, and unmerited favor that we have been made accepted in the Beloved—Jesus. This is true for every believer. If you are a believer, then by God's grace, you are accepted in the Beloved.

The Greek word for "accepted" here is *charitoo*, which means "highly favoured." Our Father in heaven wants you to know that you are *charitoo*, that is, highly favoured in the Beloved. *Charitoo* also means to "compass with favour." In other words, you are surrounded with favour. This is your position in Christ: highly favoured and surrounded by favour by the glory of His grace! Now that you know how much you are loved and are established in His grace, you should begin to do good works to bring delight to Him. Paul, who had a revelation of God's grace, didn't become a lazy, passive Christian. On the contrary, he worked harder than all the other apostles for the gospel's sake, and he attributed all his ministry success to God's grace in his life.

**APPLICATION**—delighting yourself in the Lord is a way of life and can be done by doing the following:

 Get to Know Him. Delighting in God requires you to get to know Him well, too. He is immortal, invisible, and beyond full comprehension with your human, finite mind, but He is knowable.

 Spend time with Him. If knowledge of God is a fountain, time spent with Him is its widest input spring.

 Take an interest in Him. If we are delighting in God, we will be interested in Him and in what interests Him.



Oh Lord, thank You for the privilege grace offers me. Help me to continually do the things that bring You pleasure and delight, in Jesus' name.



Apply the above listed points.



# EXCHANGING THE FIRST FOR THE BEST

KEY TEXT 1 Samuel 2:30, "Therefore the Lord God of Israel says: I said indeed that your house and the house of your father would walk before Me forever.' But now the Lord says: Far be it from Me; for those who honour Me I will honour, and those who despise Me shall be lightly esteemed."

Life is all about give and take. In the spiritual realm, spiritual covenants are built on the principle of exchange. For you to enjoy the very best of God in this season, you must be ready to give something to Him. Not just anything but, like Abel, your very best! If you know what He wants, then it is easy to give Him the very best.

### What does God want? —

- God wants first place
- God wants undiluted worship and praise
- God wants unwavering faith
- God wants harvest of souls



Today, I make a commitment to give my very best to God. I live the God first life. My life will constantly honour God, in Jesus' name.



Think about your value system and ensure that God comes before every other thing.



# THE POWER OF WORSHIP

KEY

Psalm 95:6–7, "Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD our Maker. For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand."

POWER THOUGHT

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

**BACKGROUND & THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** Worship is simply a response on our part to God's love for us. We don't have to, but when we experience His love and grace in our lives, we want to. It's a response birthed out of a revelation in our hearts of just how great, how awesome, how majestic, and how altogether lovely our Lord and Saviour truly is.

As you worship Him and become utterly lost in His magnificent love for you, something happens to you. You are forever changed and transformed in His presence. All fears, worries, and anxieties depart when Jesus is exalted in your worship. Some people think that when they worship God, they are giving **something** to Him. On the contrary, I believe that as we worship and praise Him, **He is giving to us**, imparting His life, wisdom, and power into our lives, renewing our minds and physical bodies as well in His sweet presence. May the grace to make worship a lifestyle rest upon you, in Jesus' name.

**APPLICATION**— worship, for you, shouldn't be a one time/day schedule; it should be the routine of your life. How possible is this?

- Listen to Gospel songs more.
- Wear His Word as an apparel
- Offer everything You do to Him.
- Consult Him before every decision.

Beloved, aim to make worship a lifestyle and not just a one day schedule. As you start making it your way of life, you will see that greater things will happen in your life. Miracles

will be an everyday event, and everything becomes so light. How wonderful that is! You will feel His presence too in your life. The best wonderful feeling of all is to know that God is always with you every single moment of your day.



Lord Jesus, thank You for the grace to come before You in worship and praise. Today, help me to live a life of undiluted worship and reverence to You. I remove the distractions and I focus my heart on worship, in Jesus' name.



Intentionally listen to gospel songs today.



# SEEKING THE FACE OF GOD

KEY

Hebrews 11:6b, "...for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him"

POWER THOUGHT

Though a manger may be unfit for a king, it's perfect for a lamb.

**BACKGROUND & THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** Man has, almost always, fallen prey to the feelings of self-sufficiency; where we assume we have 'arrived'. Having that feeling of smartness and over-confidence can make you feel sometimes you know better than everyone else, but you need to understand that human knowledge is limited. But then, you serve an all-knowing God. His voice from above is the voice of guidance.

One of the most important reasons you should keep asking God for His will and support is that God's permission can give victory but only His presence can give rest. He said in **Exodus 33:14**, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." Any man can have success without having rest; you can have a major breakthrough and that becomes an open door for envy and hurt. One can have great wealth and yet suffer from terrible incurable sicknesses. That is not rest! Only God's presence guarantees rest.

**APPLICATION**— Seeking the face of God requires the following—

• A conscious choice. This setting of the mind is the opposite of mental coasting. It is a conscious choice to direct the heart toward God. This is what Paul prays for the church: "May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ" (2 Thessalonians 3:5). We do not make this mental and emotional effort to seek God because He is lost. That's why one

would seek a coin or a sheep. But God is not lost. The heavens are telling the glory of God.

An intentional study of the Word. He reveals Himself in His word. So, you can seek Him through that. He shows Himself to us in the evidence of grace in other people. So, you can seek Him through that. Receive grace to seek His face!



Today, I make the decision to stay in the place of seeking. My mind is focused, and I will stay undistracted in my pursuit of God this year, in Jesus' name.



Meditate on today's seed



# I RECEIVE DIVINE WISDOM FOR 2023!

### **COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER**

KEY

Proverbs 24:3, "Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established:"

Anywhere wisdom is lacking, destiny struggles & useless battles become the norm. When God gives a person his wisdom, ease begins, errors reduce & destiny takes on speed!

### PRAYER POINTS:

- 1. Romans 12:1—Lord, I thank You for grace to be able to present my body as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to You. Have Your way in me, in Jesus' name.
- 2. Today, as I come to the point of total submission to Your will. The spirit of God is in me; my mind must think the thoughts of God, in Jesus' name.
- 3. Father, I yield my thinking faculties to you. I receive quick understanding, clarity of thought & a discerning heart! I invoke ideas, concepts, creativity & inspiration for my destiny rising!
- 4. No more destiny errors; no more wrong decisions; Oh Lord, guide me this year! Give me prophetic insight into the future & order my steps!
- 5. Today, I attack mental blackouts, confusion, distractions & inner noise: Fire!
- 6. By the wisdom of God, I will do mighty works; I will achieve greatness with ease. I rise through levels of life by divine direction and guidance!
- 7. John 16:8— Lord Jesus, thank You for convicting this world of sin. Oh Lord, soften the hearts of the men yet unsaved. Help them to understand the truth about You and Your kingdom.
- 8. Oh God, thank You for Your power at work in Gateway Int'l Church. Establish her upon the face of the earth. Gateway Church will grow mighty and become very great, in Jesus' name.
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# MAKE GOD **NUMBER ONE**

KEY

Proverbs 3:6 TLB, "In everything you do, put God first, and he will direct you and crown your efforts"

**BACKGROUND & THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** In our world today, many things are contesting with God as number one in our lives – our work or career, family, recreation or hobby, friends, social media, etc. But to put anything ahead of God is to make it a god in your life. It is a dangerous thing to do. He says you shall have no other gods before Him **(Exodus 20:3)**.

God is a jealous God (Exodus 20:5a; 34:14; Deuteronomy 4:24b; 5:9a; 6:15; Joshua 24:19a). God wants to be number one in your life; He wants you to put Him first. When you do, you'll get other priorities right. Make God your number one priority in all things. A paraphrase of A.W. Tozer's statement says, "As God is exalted to the right place in our lives, a thousand problems are solved all at once."

**APPLICATION**—So, what can you do to show God that He is number one?

- You must be born again. The only way to come into a relationship with God is through His Son, Jesus Christ. You cannot put God first in your life without giving your life to Jesus first.
- Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. Be Kingdom-minded. Think first of the Kingdom of God its advancement, its wellbeing.
- Love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. Let your relationship with Him come before any other. Loving the Lord with all your being resultantly

means that you will obey Him. Obedience to God flows out of love for Him.

 Set your heart on the things above. Live for eternity. Don't be preoccupied with worldly things. This world is fading away, along with everything it craves. But if you do the will of God, you will live forever.



Father, forgive me for every time I have given You second place. I make a commitment today to live the God-first life. So, help me God! Amen!



Read Matt. 6:33



## HAVE FAITH **AND A PLAN**

KEY Luke 14:28-30 (NLT), "But don't begin until you count the cost. For who would begin construction of a building without first calculating the cost to see if there is enough money to finish it? ..."

POWER THOUGHT

...He that is from above is indeed above all"

**BACKGROUND & THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** Jesus made some very clear points in these three short verses recorded in Luke. He was explaining that being a follower of Christ takes commitment and there are costs that must be considered. He uses an example of constructing a building because the people could relate with the significance that planning has in the building process.

But the question that begs to be asked is, where does faith come in if we simply make every decision a calculated decision? If we have to plan every step, are we exercising the faith we read about in **Hebrews 11:1**? The important thing to understand is that verse one of Hebrews 11 leads into the Hall of Faith, highlighting the spiritual giants who lived a life of faith. Their hope was placed on greater things – not of the things in this world. Their certainty was founded in the faithfulness of God, not the provisions of this world.

Yes, we depend on God to provide for all our needs, but that doesn't mean that we are exempt from planning ahead. In fact, it is foolish not to plan.

#### **APPLICATION**—How then do you mix faith and planning ahead?

Engage proper and thorough research about any venture. I think one of the
greatest ways to exercise your faith is to prepare the best that you can before
embarking on a new goal or idea. Moving forward with blind faith is a

dangerous habit and can even be an excuse for laziness in planning. Understanding the costs to a project will allow you to make the very best of what you've been given. This will build your faith even stronger as you approach God knowing that you've been a diligent steward of the resources He's provided.

Father, thank You for thus far You have brought me! I believe that 2023 holds great things for me and I know that I will walk in them. Help me to prepare for the opportunities You are sending my way this year; I reject the spirit of laziness, in Jesus' name!



PRAYER

Write out your 2023 plans; if you have, re-read them.



### THE POWER OF OBEDIENCE

KEY TFXT Malachi 3:10, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it"

**BACKGROUND & THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** The "supernatural" in this context simply represents God's intervention in the affairs of men. We want miracles and heavenly interventions, but in life, we must understand that nothing goes for nothing. No one may be able to pre-empt God in the real sense, He always knows what He wants to do ahead of time, and He can do whatever He wants whenever He pleases. However, in many instances, your actions can prompt God to step in.

**APPLICATION**— there are few things you can do to trigger divine release from God.

- Obedience. The Word you hear from reading the Bible, and those your pastor tells you, are not for fancy, they are divine instructions! God is not a respecter of persons but a respecter of principles. Obedience to the law of tithing provokes open Heaven to defend your possessions. Obedience in a lifestyle of humility will always provoke grace to defend you. Also, obedience to living in generosity will always provoke a harvest. Beloved, if you cannot obey now, you are not preparing for eternity. There is never a convenient time to obey God.
- Seeding. Note: nothing is too small to give God. A young man was heard to be saying; "I heard a word from the man of God so, I went

to sow a seed". That seed is not buying a miracle. It proved that the man agreed with what the man of God said and claimed it for himself. He had testimonies later. Receive GRACE to provoke the supernatural in Jesus' name.



Father, I surrender in total obedience to Your Word and Your prophet over my life. I invoke every bountiful harvest over every seed I have sown in faith in Jesus Name.



Pay your annual firstfruit.



## MAKE THE SUPERNATURAL YOUR NATURAL

KEY

Daniel 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



## NO MORE **SMAUNESS**

KEY

Joshua 17:14, "And the children of Joseph spake unto Joshua, saying, why hast thou given me but one lot and one portion to inherit, seeing I am a great people, forasmuch as the LORD hath blessed me hitherto?"

POWER THOUGHT

Laziness never arrived at the attainment of a good wish!

BACKGROUND & THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: In our text today, the children of Joseph exhibit some qualities that are worthy of emulation. Joshua belonged to the tribe of Joseph, Ephraim to be precise. And so, they may have thought they would again be given 'favorite-son' status in the land sharing process, but such was not the case! They got less than their expectations. Seeing that their desires weren't forthcoming, they placed a demand on Joshua and at the long run, they got their request.

It is an error for you to carry the potential of a nuclear bomb and end like a firecracker. Beloved, you have so much treasure on the inside of you but always remember that life doesn't give to people what they deserve; life grants people what they press for or what they press into. The proof that you desire anything is your pursuit for it. Life may begin small, but it is not meant to end small, so fight until it is done.

**APPLICATION**— How can you say NO to smallness and demand from life what you want to see manifest all through this year?

- Build character and establish a reputation for excellence.
- Think big and structure your business with growth mindset.
- Learn to market yourself and take faith risks to pursue something big.
- Secure the connection and networks crucial for your rising.
- Raise altars and fight the spiritual forces that resist destiny flight.



Oh God, I have so much for my world to see! I refuse to live life in mediocrity or obscurity. I place a demand on 2023; give me my portion, in Jesus' name!



Declare out loud; I won't die small!



## JESUS, BE **THE CENTER**

KEY

Daniel 3:25, NKJV, "Look!" he answered, "I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God."

BACKGROUND & THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: Luke 24 intricately records the meeting that Jesus had with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus on the very first day of His resurrection. With heavy hearts, grieved and shell-shocked, they talked about how Jesus, whom they greatly esteemed, had been taken by the religious leaders, condemned to death, and crucified. As a result, they were downcast, disappointed, and depressed. This is what happens when the truth about Jesus is absent from our minds.

The disciples were downcast because they didn't believe in what God's Word had prophesied about Jesus' suffering and resurrection. If they had believed and understood that the events in the last three days were all orchestrated by God and that the cross was His grand redemption plan to save all men, they would have been rejoicing with faith, love, and hope. If you are feeling fearful, anxious, or depressed today, do a quick check. What's on your mind? What's your heart occupied with? Are your thoughts filled with faith in Jesus, the Shepherd of your life, or are they filled with apprehension about the future, fear about your current situation and excessive self-introspection?

#### APPLICATION—

- Take a quick look at your current priorities.
- Where are you investing most of your time, money, and energy?
- Where do you currently place God on your list of priorities?
- Give Jesus the center place in your heart and life by believing that He is the answer to everything you need in life and begin to walk in a new measure of His peace, joy and liberty.



Father, I know my life can only make sense with You as the center. Jesus, please be the Center of my life; help me to constantly recognize you as Number One in all that I do, in Jesus' Name.



In at least 3mins, tell God about 2023 plans and listen to hear what He has to say to you.



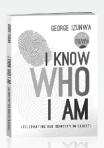
# Salvation

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

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

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