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## QUIET TIME PROGRAMME

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



# ▶ INTRODUCTION

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

Mark 1:35

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

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

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

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

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

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

# THE GATEWAY STRATEGY

## This is Gateway International Church!

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

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

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

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

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

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

- i- Always come expectant and worship with passion!

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- 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!

**2024**

# **ROHI COVENANT CONFESSION**

**(Lift your right hand and declare boldly)**

I confess that God is a good God!

He is my source; He is taking good care of me!

My life is sustained by His covenant!

**Today, standing on Romans 10 vs 9-10, I reaffirm that Jesus Christ is my Lord**

He died and rose from dead!

His sacrifice paid the price for all my sins!

He is in heaven now but His Holy Spirit lives in me!

Jesus is my life; I live by His Word; I am led by His Spirit!

I believe that in Him and through Him, I am a member of the family of God.

And very soon, He will come back to take me home!

**Because of Jesus Christ, I am blessed of God!**

My DNA is supernatural!

I walk in prosperity; I create my dreams; I find favour everywhere!

Kings come to the brightness of my rising

**2024**

# **COVENANT CONFESSION**

Nations open their gates and treasures to me!

I cannot fail!

Nothing dies in my hand

No power can hurt my destiny!

Goodness and Mercy follow me at all times!

On my path, there is no sickness nor death!

**This year, 2024, I receive the covenant of ROH!**

The Lord is my shepherd!

Gateway International Church is my spiritual family!

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 relationship works; my business works; everything works!

My covenant place is at the topmost top!

Every promise and prophecy of 2024 will be fulfilled in my life!

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

Only good things are permitted in my life!

# THE NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES

## KEY TEXT

*Philippians 2:8-9 "And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every other name."*

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** There is something in a name. A name is the simplest definition of who one is, and his nature and characteristics as a human being. We all have names and there are fundamental reasons why we bear our names. A name connects you to your ancestry or an event or lineup of events that may have happened generations ago. Just as certain names do not carry any form of recognition or acknowledgement or the power to alter the course of the life of an individual or a situation, certain names have the potential to do just the opposite. There are names which, when called, have the potential to open doors of favour, alter a crucial verdict or impose itself on a people or system. Names are extremely powerful. The potential of a name depends a lot on our ability to understand its personality, power and purpose.

We have been given a name that is above every other name and that name is the name, Jesus. By His victory on the Cross, the name Jesus became the password for our access to everything divine by its ability to convey God's ultimate power and providence. Because of this providence, the name of Jesus became the secure hiding place for our destiny irrespective of the magnitude of whatever the devil and his cohorts try to project against us.

**APPLICATION:** Because of who we are, we can't approach God by ourselves unless we go to Him in the name of Jesus. There is always resistance when sin is involved but the righteousness of Jesus takes away that resistance. We enter into His presence not because we are qualified but because He is qualified. When we appear in His name, the righteousness of Jesus is counted as ours. We come to life in His name because of the power of His identity. When we call on the name of Jesus, the supernatural is released. The gift of His name authorises and empowers us to operate in God's supernatural dimension. Through His name, we have been given the power to foil the foes of darkness, walk in divine health and wealth, and reign in victory.



PRAYER

*Lord, by my sonship through Christ Jesus, give me a deeper understanding and revelation of the power in Your name, in the name of Jesus.*



Meditate on the power in the name of Jesus, and ponder on how it applies to your spiritual awareness as a Christian.



Proverbs 4 – 7



# HIS NAME CONVEYS POWER

KEY  
TEXT

**Proverbs 18:10** *"The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous runneth into it and they are safe."*

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** There are places on earth that are almost impossible to access but when a name that is revered or highly esteemed is mentioned, access is automatically granted because of the power and authority that name carries. For instance, when a person is given the influence and authority that has accrued to another individual, he can act on behalf of the person whose name he carries. This is why when we pray in the name of Jesus, Heaven responds as if it is Jesus Himself who is praying. Heaven comes into action on our behalf and in our defence by the authority of the name of Jesus.

The victory of Jesus on the Cross changed the power dynamics of the cosmic realm, which transferred power and authority into the hands of mere mortals: you and I. Taking His name is taking on His identity and authority. So when you say, *"In the name of Jesus"*, you instantly assume the place and authority of Jesus. You act on His behalf irrespective of your spiritual age or status. At the mention of the name of Jesus, your covenant inheritance in Christ Jesus is triggered. Have you also realized that sometimes when God calls someone and makes a covenant with him, He gives him a new name or gives him the revelation of his name? When God made a covenant with Abram, He changed his name from Abram to Abraham, meaning father of many nations. (Genesis 17:3-6)

**APPLICATION:** Names are not just pointers to someone's identity, but they are also a doorway to encountering diverse kinds of things, good or bad. As God's child, it is your right to partake of the numerous benefits the name of Jesus conveys, part of which is the power to address any negative issue confronting you. Evil powers, demonic entities, strongholds, health challenges and every manipulation of darkness, all bow to the power in the name of Jesus, provided that as a Christian, you understand the purpose and value of His name. Unfortunately, some don't. Mentioning the name of Jesus is not just a part of the spiritual preambles we must utter in the course of praying. It is, rather, a seal of authority and finality to the prayers we pray. When we pray in the name of Jesus, we have an assurance of the result.



PRAYER

*Jesus, teach me how to operate in the Spirit through the revelation of Your glorious name.*



ACTION  
POINT

Take some time to pray over our key text and ask the Lord to reveal Himself afresh to you as the strong tower in your spiritual and personal endeavours.



DAILY BIBLE  
READING:

Proverbs 8 – 11



# FORCING A SPIRITUAL RESPONSE

## COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

### KEY TEXT

*Matthew 11:12 "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force."*

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** Spiritual release many times is not automatic. There are times God moves in His own time but there are also times we need to move God. Foremost preacher of blessed memory, Smith Wigglesworth, who was often referred to as the Apostle of Faith, was a man who exhibited faith at an audaciously dangerous dimension. History depicts that Smith Wigglesworth was the only person who, by the power of the Holy Spirit, brought eleven dead people back to life. It is also on record that Smith Wigglesworth, on one occasion during a funeral, threw a corpse that was about to be buried to a wall and said, "You cannot die." At the fourth throw, the corpse came back to life. By virtue of his drastic display of faith, people also referred to him as the man of radical faith. When he was asked about how he obtained his strange results, he said, "If God doesn't move, I move Him." You too can be an individual of radical faith. Sometimes, when you're waiting for God, it just might be that God is waiting for you.

### PRAYER POINTS

1. Father, I thank You for Your gift of faith that is working in my life.
2. Lord, by faith, I declare, I am treading on new paths of grace and divine restoration.
3. Every negative force of fear and timidity that contends with my faith and boldness in Christ Jesus, be consumed by fire, in Jesus' name.
4. Lord, I believe You care for me, for my family, for the work of my hands, for my health and for my soul. I will not waver or fret anymore.
5. Oh Lord, let Your anger rise against every demonic stronghold that is contending with my covenant inheritance, in Jesus' name.
6. I declare: I am no longer a slave to fear, in the name of Jesus.
7. I curse the negative influence of every territorial power trying to stall the growth and increase of Gateway International Church. Let them be consumed by fire, in the name of Jesus!
8. We declare that Gateway International Church is expanding beyond every force of limitation by the grace of God, in the name of Jesus.
9. Lord, over Your servant, Pastor George Izunwa, we prophesy increase in national and international prominence, in the name of Jesus.
10. Father, over Nigeria, thank You because Your mighty hand of restoration and divine intervention, is being established over this nation, in Jesus' name.



DAILY BIBLE  
READING:

Proverbs 12 – 14

# PRAYER OPENS DOORS

## KEY TEXT

*Matthew 7:7-8 "Ask and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and the door and it shall be opened unto you. For everyone that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened."*

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** Prayer opens doors to spiritual realities and the revelation of spiritual mysteries. Anything is possible the moment a man begins to pray. When Jesus was praying on the Mount of transfiguration, the Bible says that His countenance changed and then there appeared to Him, Moses and Elijah. Prayer in reality transforms you. When you are able to have access into the supernatural realm, you can compel the supernatural to manifest in the natural. So the question is, what are you looking for and how far are you willing to go with God through prayer? Through prayer you can conquer spiritual and physical territories, overthrow adversities and destroy obstacles. You can conquer anything through prayer no matter what it is. The more you pray, the more you will get to know Him. And the more you know Him, the more you would desire to become like Him. The reason people, including Christians, struggle with all kinds of bondages, addictions, sins and failure is because they find it difficult to pray.

The first thing about prayer is getting to know the mind of God and following His will but this is where most people miss it especially when they are in dire need of divine intervention. When there is delay in their expectations, they give up praying because they do not have a clear understanding that many times, God simply wants them to pray so that they can get to know Him better and become more like Him. Delay is not attributed to wickedness or selfishness on God's part as many have wrongly presumed. God simply desires that our lives will fall in line with His divine purpose. In other words, prayer is not limited to asking and receiving but also getting to know God intimately.

**APPLICATION:** God has promised us so much but most of us end up reaping only peanuts because we have failed to develop the discipline of prayer. Very unfortunately, many people do not enjoy prayer because they see prayer as an uphill task. They see it as a chore and as a duty. Prayer is not about the number of hours you spend shouting and sweating. It's simply about relating with God the way a child relates with his earthly father. God wants to relate with you in the way and manner your earthly father relates with you. When you find time to talk sincerely to your heavenly Father, you'll hear Him speak back to you because He's interested in communing with you. God wants to be an integral part of your life. When you give ample time to prayer, you'll find out soon that prayer isn't as tasking as you think. You'll begin to enjoy prayer, you'll get to understand and walk in His will. And the more you are able to conform to His will, the quicker your needs will be met.



*Father, endow me with the grace to walk continually in Your presence and give me deeper insight into Your plan and purpose as I walk with You, in the name of Jesus.*



Practice the act of prayer by first conversing with God in the simplest way possible and listening for His voice.



Proverbs 15 – 17

# THE ESSENTIALS OF PRAYER

KEY  
TEXT

*Matthew 18:1 "And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;"*

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT**—The great evangelist T.L. Osborn said, “*The greatest cause of backsliding among believers is unanswered prayers.*” Sometimes, while praying and seeking the face of God on a particular matter and there is no visible change, it may seem like God is silent. You have received impartations and ministrations have been made on your head, all to no avail. Then you begin to feel miserable and frustrated as if you didn't gain anything. This frustration oftentimes drives believers away from God. Why? It's because they are missing some fundamental truths. When impartation is released, the atmosphere is conditioned for your prayers to be answered. Your pastor may not be there 24/7 for you but God is. Stir up the impartation by getting on your knees and talking to God about that matter until something happens.

Have you ever wondered about this? What could God possibly gain by lying to you in the first place? He is not the enemy. He is not a man that He should lie and He is not out to tempt you. God does not promise to give us everything we ask for, exactly the way we asked for it. He promises to be available any time we ask of Him, to give us what we need. A good father will not withhold any good thing from His children; the same goes for God too. In the kingdom, principles are non-negotiable; even the high priests could not approach God without blood in Hebrews 9:7. Leveraging on word meditation, mercy works, sacrificial giving and spiritual fruits contributes to effective prayers.

**APPLICATION**— Prayer is important because it opens the door to spiritual realities and the supernatural. It turns any situation around, introduces you to a world of possibilities, strengthens your faith and spurs you to encourage yourself in bad times like David did in 1Samuel 30:6<sup>b</sup>. It grants you access to the secret place (Psalms 91:1); in the place of prayers, secrets are revealed (Daniel 2:18-19). It lightens your countenance and transforms you.



*Dear Holy Spirit, stir up my heart to continually seek the face of the Lord and grant me the grace to tarry in prayers, in Jesus' name, Amen.*



Remember that what you do while waiting matters. Keep praying and believing (like the persistent widow in Luke 18:1-8) even while waiting. Your answer will come. A prayerless Christian is a prey in the hands of the devil.



Proverbs 18 – 20

# PRAY RIGHT

KEY  
TEXT

*Psalm 63:1-2 "Oh God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is."*

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** The three encounter stages of prayer are receiving from God, knowing God and becoming like Him. In case you have been praying and nothing seems to be happening, it's probably because there is something wrong with the way you have been praying. God has promised that He would be available to us whenever we call on Him. He may not give us everything we want but our assurance should be that He is constantly abiding with us and ensuring we have everything that we need. So if God has promised to give us what we need, why do so many of us still receive only the meagre portions of life? Why do we still struggle to survive in spite of the great God we serve? Why does it look as if God is so far away from us? Why does it seem as if our prayers aren't being answered?

There are a few reasons prayer doesn't seem to be working. The first reason is praying amiss: Praying amiss means praying against divine prescription and patterns of Scripture. The second is the violation of the essentials of prayer which is ignoring the conditions God has laid out for our prayers to be answered. In the Kingdom of God, the conditions God has set up for our advancement, success and victory should not be taken for granted. You are either aligned to these conditions or you're not. God is a God of orderliness.

**APPLICATION:** When dealing with God, we need to understand that there are some conditions or essentials that must be adhered to such as meditating on God's word, giving sacrificially, allowing the fruit of the Spirit take root in our lives and showing mercy. When God reveals conditions or essentials that are required for rising, it becomes necessary for us to align to them. If we are able to align to these spiritual essentials, we will no longer experience bottlenecks when it comes to overcoming delays and receiving answers. We cannot continue doing things in the same negative way, hoping to have different results. It's time for a change. Now, out of these four essentials mentioned above, if peradventure you inculcate only one or two, you might still experience unanswered prayers unless you endeavour to apply all of them to your life. These are the basic prerequisites for answered prayers.



*I rebuke by fire, every spiritual hurdle confronting my prayer life and I cast them out, in the name of Jesus.*



Discuss with God today just as you speak to your earthly father and ask Him to speak to you about making adjustments in your prayer life. He will answer you.



Proverbs 21 – 23

# IT'S NOT BY MERIT BUT BY GRACE

KEY  
TEXT

**ISAIAH 8:18** *"Behold, I and the children whom the Lord hath given me are for signs and are for wonders in Israel from the Lord of hosts which dwelleth in Mount Zion."*

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** Holiness is defined as being separate or set apart. Many verses of the Bible recommend that we must live in holiness. A perfect example is 1 Thessalonians 4:7 which says, *"For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life."* (NIV). It's rewarding to be holy but we are not holy by virtue of our works of righteousness but by the grace of Jesus. There are Christians who are profound advocates of holiness. In actual fact, without holiness how can the world testify that we are God's children? It's one thing to be holy and at the same time be a reflector of God's goodness, and another to be holy, and yet not have anything tangible to show for holiness. Holiness opens the door for the blessings of God but most times it appears as if there's something wrong with the lives of so many believers despite their holiness. The reason is this: many believers have transitioned from a lifestyle of holiness to a routine of holiness as a qualification or yardstick for obtaining God's blessings. When we try to get through works of holiness what we're supposed to receive graciously from God, God will simply abandon us to our works.

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

- You don't receive anything from God based on your merit or self-worth but by His grace and mercy.
- Trying to qualify for God's help and not depending on His grace can put you under a curse of stagnation and rejection.
- Everything we could have done to merit God's help and divine intervention has been paid for by the Lord Jesus.
- You are the apple of God's eye. God sees you as a special son or daughter of His who deserves the best.
- You are very special before God. Begin to act like you're His best because you are the best.



*Lord, I acknowledge the sacrifice of Calvary that guarantees my sonship and inheritance through Christ Jesus. In the name of Jesus, I declare I shall not want.*



See how very much the Father loves you and has called you His own. You can't earn God's love by works after He has sent His only begotten Son Jesus to die for you. Meditate on God's immeasurable love towards you, and ask the Father to reveal Himself afresh as a Father, Lord and Friend. He wants you to know Him better.



**Proverbs 24 – 26**



# GET DESPERATE

## KEY TEXT

1 Samuel 1:10 "In her deep anguish, Hannah prayed to the Lord, weeping bitterly. And she made a vow saying, 'Lord Almighty, if you will only look upon your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head.'"

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** One of the avenues through which we can ensure that our prayers are answered speedily is by getting desperate. Be desperate for an answer! Be desperate for help! Get desperate for an intervention from God. 1 Samuel 1 narrates explicitly the ordeal of a woman who was in sorrow because of her barrenness. Hannah was often provoked by her mate Peninnah because she had not given birth to children. The Bible records that Peninnah was a mother of children but Hannah didn't have a single child. That was indeed a very desperate situation. If Peninnah had children (plural for child), then it was certain that she had at least two children.

No one knows for sure how many years had passed before that *faithful* day at Shiloh when Hannah cried out her heart to the Lord. Hannah's cry was a desperate cry for help. One of the worst things you can do to yourself especially when you are in dire need is to treat your desperate issues with levity. It's not as if God refuses to help but sometimes, when we refuse to display some element of seriousness concerning the things we need, God likewise refuses to take us seriously. Beloved, have you ever pondered over the desperation of people who are in need of what you are also in need of? A lot of people are in a desperate need for political appointments, career expansion, financial breakthroughs, marriage, children, etc and many go to great lengths in a bid to have the same thing you have been praying for. The question is, how desperate are you?

**APPLICATION:** The time came in Hannah's life when there was nothing that could have made the difference in her life except the presence of a child. And in order to make her dream come true, she made an agreement with God: "Give me a child and I will give him back to You." It was a pact borne out of sheer desperation and a willingness to pay the ultimate price by handing him back to the Lord at the time she promised. Have you thought about the emotional anguish Hannah may have gone through at being separated from her child at such a tender age? But it was an agreement that opened the door for the birth of other children. God wanted a replacement for Eli and his sons and in His own desperation, He sought for a vessel who was desperate enough to release her child in order to make His divine purpose a reality. Get desperate! God may have your finances, your career, your talent, your marriage in mind to fulfil His ultimate purpose. Surrender your will to Him.



*Lord, I surrender to Your will, plan and purpose for my life, in the name of Jesus.*



Ask the Lord what He wants from you and be willing to release it for His use.



Proverbs 27 – 29

# FIND YOUR PLACE

KEY  
TEXT

**Psalms 32:8** "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you."

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** In life, there is a person, place and purpose for every individual. The fact that two things are good does not mean they go together. One of the keys to happiness is finding where you fit in; discover your personality (person), where you're supposed to be at every given point in time (place) and reason(s) why you are there (purpose). Everyone was created with their unique personality that differentiates them from others. Everyone is also predestined to be at a particular place and time for a particular reason. This is why you don't compare yourself with others.

The fact that we are able to fall in line with God's plan and purpose for our lives does not mean that we will not encounter challenges. But when going through challenges you find difficult to understand, it's important you ask the Lord about the person, place and purpose He has for you. Sometimes, because of our inability to understand who we are, where we should be and what God intends for us, we allow others to put labels on us. Many have been labelled as what they are not and are living in the shadows of the expectations of others and not God. Don't allow anyone put a label on you. You have only one life to live, for which you must give account. So strive to discover what God's plan is for you. Nothing can be better and more rewarding for you than what God has planned and prepared for you.

**APPLICATION:** Your uniqueness, your background and the personal experiences you've had while growing up all came together to mold you into the person you are right now. You were born in your family for a reason, you had good and bad experiences for a reason, you were born with your kind of temperament for a reason and you are where you are now for a reason. One of the keys to answered prayers is walking in line with God's plan for your life. When God said, "Let us make mankind in our image and likeness,"

it means He was willing to share His greatness with us. He gave us His intellect to understand His truth and the wisdom to understand His goodness. What's important is that you begin to accept the truth of who you really are. Stop trying to be what you're not or trying to be somebody else. Being or copying someone else, only makes you second best, not the best. You are the best!



**Father, reveal to me Your intent concerning my life and grant me the grace to walk in Your plan and purpose, in the name of Jesus.**



Carefully outline the areas you sense the Holy Spirit has been trying to unfold to you. Write out in detail what you think your personality is, your likes and dislikes, your areas of strength and your spiritual gittings. Prayerfully find out what God is saying about you through them.



**Proverbs 30 – 31**

# SHOW YOURSELF MERCIFUL

## COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

### KEY TEXT

*Matthew 5:7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy."*

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** You can't receive mercy in prayer if you fail to show mercy to others. If you have been praying for God to help you and show you mercy, you also need to ask yourself this fundamental question: is mercy one of your watchwords as a Christian? Have you been merciful towards others? It's quite normal to have issues with people that often trigger anger, bitterness and resentment, but it is impossible to be an unforgiving person and yet have your prayers answered. Let go of hurts, anger and strife. Fill your clouds with mercy all the way. The true definition of forgiveness is releasing those who have offended you and handing them over to the judgment of God.

### PRAYER POINTS

1. Lord Jesus, I thank You for Your gift of mercy and love You have shown towards me through Your Son Jesus.
2. Lord, in my distress I cry out to You: please help me and strengthen where I can't help myself.
3. Grant me the grace to do that which pleases You only, in the name of Jesus.
4. Father, as I approach Your mighty throne of grace, I nail my pain, disappointments and fears to the Cross. I declare that by Your Precious Blood, my hurts are washed away, in Jesus' name.
5. Lord, enable me to show forth Your mercy and kindness to those I have held captive in my heart.
6. I curse the root of bitterness and strife, and I cast them out of my life by fire. I decree that my life will not be a dumping ground for negative emotions anymore.
7. I decree that Gateway International Church is growing in every dimension. I prophesy numerical, spiritual and financial increase on every side, in the name of Jesus.
8. Every hand of occultism, witchcraft and evil projections projected against Gateway International Church, be consumed by fire, in the name of Jesus.
9. Lord, I pray for Your servant, Pastor George Izunwa: I declare safety, protection, increase, God's favour and blessings on every side in his life, marriage and ministry.
10. Almighty Father, look upon our nation with mercy, favour and compassion. Lord, heal and restore our land, in the mighty name of Jesus.



# THE COMMANDED BLESSING

## KEY TEXT

**Genesis 27:7** "Bring me venison and make me savoury meat, that I may eat, and bless thee before the Lord before I die."

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** A happy father can command God's blessing to rest upon the life of his offspring. Your sent man has also been spiritually empowered to do likewise for your own good. Our key text tells us that Isaac instructed Esau to prepare some venison for him which Esau willingly agreed to. Unfortunately, Esau was supplanted by his brother Jacob and lost the opportunity to receive their father's blessing (Genesis 27:30-37). Most times, when a person is in dire need of the kind of help he cannot render himself, especially at the spiritual level, it is necessary to seek the guidance of a sent man. But I've observed that most times, when instructions are given to sow for their lifting, they refuse to obey on the ground that they don't have anything to give. This is a negative attitude borne out of lack of understanding of the spiritual conditions that God has set up for our lifting. The trouble is, if you knew it all, you wouldn't have needed the grace and leadership of a sent man. This is why many Christians are still encountering setbacks.

When a person visits the shrine of a native doctor for instance, it's quite certain that he will be required to make some sacrifices no matter how small. Nothing less than a sacrifice is expected from anyone who desires the assistance of the gods or spirits who are connected to that altar. Failure to make the necessary sacrifices is enough to evoke the wrath of that altar once help has been solicited for. But why do most Christians despise the instructions of their sent man and imagine they can cut corners to get what they want from God without making sacrifices? Beloved child of God, learn to walk with God through the counsel of your sent man. Many times, you may not be able to see or understand what he sees by divine revelation. This is why God has positioned him to help you.

**APPLICATION:** The Kingdom of God thrives on sacrifice. Great men in the Bible who overcame very difficult challenges, overcame by sacrifice. Please stop allowing the deception of the devil lure you out of what God has laid down as a divine principle for your lifting. Isn't it possible that your lack of understanding or acceptance of this devout principle is what has kept you down for a long time? Sacrifice summons the intervention of spirits even in traditional circles. When you need God's help and intervention, get into the place of sacrifice. Sometimes, your sent man is able to see what you cannot see no matter how intellectual, intelligent or connected you are. This is why you need him. If he instructs you to make a sacrifice, do well to walk in obedience and humility. If you don't understand anything about the Kingdom, know one thing for sure: that the Kingdom operates in seed time and harvest, in sowing and in reaping.



*Lord, help me to understand the importance of the place of my man of God in my life. Please grant me the wisdom on how to walk in humility and in agreement with him.*



Decide to make a conscious note of everything your sent man says to you. Write down words of prophecy concerning you and the divine instructions connected to those words of prophecy, and intentionally and obediently apply them to your life.



**Ecclesiastes 5 –8**

# GET AWAY FROM THE BEAUTIFUL GATE

## KEY TEXT

*Acts 3:2 "And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the Temple."*

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT**— We have the experience of a man who was lame from birth and was always carried to the beautiful gate of the temple to beg. Daily, men and women went through the gate into the Temple to worship God and often came out rejoicing, but this man's situation remained hopeless and unsightly. The name Beautiful given to this gate was a daily reminder of what his life wasn't. Looking at the splendour, wonder and beauty of this gate, he was daily reminded of the ugliness, suffering, dependence, pain and chaos that was associated with his life. The beggar couldn't walk, yet he saw people daily walking effortlessly through this beautiful gate into the Temple. The beautiful gate represented a subtle form of bondage. What was clearly a bondage to this man? The fact that he got alms seemed to have pacified him enough that, at the moment of his miracle, he was still expecting the crumbs that came from receiving alms.

One of the greatest undoing of any individual is when they begin to see an anomaly as normal due to how long it has lasted; they tend to own the narrative or reality that comes with evil circumstances. This is a scheme of the devil to entrap a person. It starts first in the mind, then all forces move to produce the reality of it. What happens is that we find ourselves managing the situation afterwards. The man fastened his eyes on Peter with the hope of receiving alms. I make bold to say that he was disappointed when he heard something different instead.

**APPLICATION**— Refuse to accept an evil report. Do not allow any unbelief or fear keep you out of God's provision for you. Do not waste away and die without ever enjoying what God has already truly provided for you. Evil reports only confirm the people's unbelief and effectually prevent them from taking their possessions, but rest and victory will be made available to all who believe. The problem was, this man at the beautiful gate believed far more in his reality than in God's word. Now you have this choice to believe God's word to be free from bondage. No matter how seemingly pleasant that situation might be for you, if you're not free, you're not free. Become uncomfortable with that circumstance, activate the God nature inside you and take authority over that evil occurrence in your life. You will win!



PRAYER

*Today, by the word of God, I step out of every bondage holding me down and I decree I am free!*



ACTION POINT

Become uncomfortable with that unpleasant situation then break free!



DAILY BIBLE READING:

Ecclesiastes 9 – 12

# MODEL THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE

KEY  
TEXT

**Proverbs 12:21** "No harm overtakes the righteous but the wicked have their fill of trouble." (NLT)

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** Most times, change does not occur until someone makes up their mind to do what needs to be done and get it done. One of the reasons people complain and nag is because they take more notice of the wrongs in others than the wrongs in themselves. Wives nag when they refuse to take notice of their own faults; husbands complain when they refuse to accept their own shortcomings and the cycle of toxicity, peacelessness and unfruitfulness continues. When people refuse to see the need to change themselves but see the need for others to change, it puts a strain in their efforts to co-exist.

Has it ever crossed your mind that the change you crave for in your marriage, career, ministry, and business can actually start with you? Why most people are afraid of taking up the challenge to model change is because they do not want to be branded or labeled as weaklings. In marriages for instance, husbands want to be recognized as macho, fearless and unbendable; wives want to be referred to as the tough nut to crack. Sometimes, prayer is not the solution to a challenge but a simple change in attitude and personal perspective. Most of the challenges we encounter are due to the changes we refuse to initiate. When you take the initiative at doing what others feel too egocentric to do, it makes you the godly and more mature one.

**APPLICATION:** The need to model positive change is not a sentence to obscurity or inconsequentiality as many have wrongly perceived. Even in marriage, you can love your way to victory in the midst of turmoil in relationship. You don't have to wait for the next person to take the initiative. If you profess to be a Christian and you carry the grace of God, it's important that you demonstrate the power of Christian values. Most people experience a turnaround in their relationships and personal endeavours by virtue of the change they personally model, not by complaining, nagging and fighting. How do you get this done? You divinely partner with God, focus on your input, let grace generate the outcome and move fast and intentionally when you see an opportunity to make positive impact.



*Lord, I lay my pride and arrogance at the foot of the Cross in exchange for Your grace and humility, in the name of Jesus.*



Start making intentional changes in the areas that affect your life and wellbeing.



Song of Solomon 1 – 4

## LET GO!

KEY  
TEXT

*Galatians 5:22-23 "But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. There is no law against these things." (NLT)*

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON TEXT:** Letting go of hurts is essentially for your own good. You may have had disagreements that have caused you a lot of anguish and regret but you need to learn to let go. You can't imagine how many people who are praying, asking God for help and mercy, who still have their spouses, friends, neighbours, colleagues and relatives still locked up somewhere in their hearts because of strife, anger and bitterness. Many who have locked their hearts and thrown away the keys do not realize that they have also locked up their own destinies. Your release from bondage and your victory over the enemy is not guaranteed until you decide to let go of hurts and bitterness. If you cannot forgive, you cannot obtain what God has promised you. Your refusal to forgive blocks your right and access to God's forgiveness. Show mercy to others by choosing to let go and the Lord, will in turn, lift and bless you.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:**

- One of the strongest keys to making prayer effective is by showing mercy.
- If there is judgment speaking over your life, mercy is one of the keys required to reverse judgment.
- You can't receive mercy without showing mercy to others.
- Bitterness, anger and refusal to let go are all attributes of satan, no matter how justified you feel about them. Let them go!
- When negative experiences refuse to change, most times it's as a result of not showing mercy to others.
- Jesus is waiting and willing to collect your pain and frustrations more than you can imagine. Remember that He cannot do anything for you if you're not willing to trust Him to help you.



PRAYER

*Lord, I'm making up my mind to let go but I confess I cannot do it alone. Lord, take my hurts, take everything that has held me captive to the devil. I release myself to be washed and cleansed by the precious Blood of Jesus, in the name of Jesus.*

ACTION  
POINT

Study the life of Alexander the Great and make personal reference points to your own life.

DAILY BIBLE  
READING

Song of Solomon 5 – 8

# IT'S BY GRACE, NOT WORKS

KEY  
TEXT

*Ephesians 2:8-9 "God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it." (NLT)*

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT**— After the fall of man in Genesis, man was cursed to toil and earn a living with so much effort but Jesus' death, burial and resurrection brought us into a new covenant. Nevertheless, the residue of the old person we were often manifests with many of us, which is why we feel we need to toil or do something special to enjoy God's grace and mercy. We never consider ourselves qualified enough to enjoy what God has made available to us by grace. Many Believers have transitioned from holiness as the lifestyle of the faith person to holiness as a qualification for God's blessing. Anytime you come to God and you are trying to work and earn what you want from God, God abandons you. You don't receive by merit; you receive by grace and mercy.

Spiritual exercises are good for sharpening a believer, but the moment it becomes an act for earning grace and mercy from God, we are making the works of Christ here on earth of no effect. If you seek to relate to God by your observance of His laws and commands, you will fail because God says you must obey Him perfectly. His standard of obedience is perfection and nothing less and by that standard we all fail miserably. We all sin and fall short of God's glory and by that, we deserve His judgment. Grace and works cannot mix in any way when we consider the grounds of our justification before the Lord.

**APPLICATION**— The criteria from the moment of Christ's finished work became grace, and is only accessible by mercy. Let go of your work mentality, let go of self-righteousness and feel the unwavering, unreserved passion and love God has for you. Many times, the expression of our love for God which includes our service, giving and the like, are still contingent on His love for us. This is why Romans 5:5 tells us *"And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us."* So, the love you think you have was delivered to you by the Holy Ghost. Friends, remember that nothing we can do will ever save us. Salvation comes only through what Christ has done for us.



*Father, thank You for Your free gift of grace and mercy. I wholeheartedly accept this gift and I begin to live in the realities of your grace from now. I say, no to the dead works of the flesh, in Jesus name.*



Live your Christian life as a total product of God's grace and mercy.



Isaiah 1 – 3



## YOUR SENT MAN: THE BRIDGE BETWEEN YOU AND GOD

### KEY TEXT

**JOHN 6:28-29** "Then they said unto him, what shall we do that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, 'This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent'."

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** Your sent man is the bridge that connects you to God especially during life's challenges. By virtue of your salvation in Christ, you have been given direct access to the Father and do not need an intermediary to relate with God. But there are times you will need access to the help of God through the grace of God upon the life of your sent man. So the question is, why do many Christians still find it difficult to receive through their sent man? Firstly, it's because most times they put their faith in the man of God and not in the God of the man. Sadly, a lot have continued to fix all their attention on the sent man and not on God, thereby failing to cultivate a lasting relationship with God. Secondly, most people have unrealistic expectations of their sent man. When they begin to see the natural or human nature of their sent man, they begin to treat him with disdain and contempt and end up having challenges walking by faith in God.

The Bible records that there was a crippled man who usually sat at the Beautiful Gate. (Acts 3:2-11) Before the death of Jesus, it's quite certain that Jesus must have been going into that temple year after year or even giving him alms occasionally but didn't heal him. But who would have guessed that it was Apostle Peter God had prepared to heal him? What if this man who had been sitting at the Beautiful Gate had rebuffed Peter on the grounds that he wasn't Jesus Christ, the Great Healer or the great Rabbi? But the moment Peter asked him to take a closer look at this face, he realized that there was something about Peter and decided it was worth the try. And the Bible says he got his long-awaited healing. Peter was the man sent by God for that particular season in his life. Thankfully, this man honoured Apostle Peter and got his healing. Honour the man God has sent into your life. He is in your life for seasons when you may not be able to help yourself.

**APPLICATION:** As you come to terms with your prophet or man of God, don't look at his deficiencies or limitations or challenges and conclude he cannot help you. When God chooses to work through someone for you, until you give access to that individual, you might end up settling for a life of utter frustration. God's anointing on the life of your sent man is capable of bringing you to your place of rest and divine fulfillment. The capacity of your sent man is in God's anointing upon his life, not in his physical abilities. How do you reap from the grace on your sent man? Operate the Kingdom principle of honour, unleash your personal initiative of faith, be willing to follow prophetic guidelines and connect to prophetic

all that by sacrifice.



*Heavenly Father, by Your grace, I open up my heart and spirit to Your sent man. Help me to honour and appreciate Your grace upon his life, in the name of Jesus.*



As the month progresses, do something tangible to appreciate the man God has sent into your life.



**Isaiah 4 – 8**

# HONOURING YOUR SENT MAN

## COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

### KEY TEXT

*Ezra 5:2 "Then rose up Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and began to build the house of God which is at Jerusalem: with them were the prophets of God helping them."*

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** God does not affect the life of a family, community, society or nation without passing through a man. Whenever God wants to visit, He sends a man. Wise people will always involve the prophetic helping hands of their sent man when it comes to building their destiny. Receiving a sent man is also receiving the one who has sent him. When we are advised to believe in a man of God, it does not necessarily mean that we should put our faith in the man but rather, in God who works through the man He has sent. A lot of people see too much of the human nature in their man of God but cannot see the Spirit that empowers him. Honour and esteem the man God has sent into your life. Take your attention away from the man of God and focus more on the God of the man.

### PRAYER POINTS:

1. Father, I thank You for the life of Your sent man, Pastor George Izunwa. Honour, bless and increase him.
2. Lord, as I receive the ministry of Your servant, I declare that my life is growing from glory to glory.
3. Help me to be spiritually sensitive to the move of Your Spirit in my life through Your sent man.
4. Father, make me the manifestation of the fulfilment of the words of prophecy that have been released over my life and my family through Your sent man.
5. Every voice of the enemy speaking against my life, every veil of deception cast over my heart and spirit against Your servant, be consumed by fire.
6. Father, by Your grace, help me to walk circumspectly according to Your plan and purpose for my life through the ministry of Your servant.
7. Father, draw multitudes into Gateway International Church. Lord, we decree spiritual, numerical and physical increase upon every life. Let them find healing, safety, peace and restoration.
8. Gateway International Church, we decree that you shall be a household of mercy, grace and God's divine favour. All who come to you shall find peace, joy and restoration, in Jesus' name.
9. Father, we commit Your servant Pastor George Izunwa and his family into Your able hands. Let Your hands of provision, protection and preservation continue to rest over them, in the name of Jesus.
10. Father, over Nigeria, let Your hand of restoration and divine provision heal our land, in the mighty name of Jesus.



DAILY BIBLE  
READING:

Isaiah 9 – 11

# HOW TO DRAW FROM A SENT MAN

KEY  
TEXT

*1 Timothy 5:17 "Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine."*

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT**— When a man is sent by God, He makes sure to provide the requisite backing to validate the call of the man. God has placed some people around us who are there for our growth and nourishment, and who will mould us into perfection as believers. It is important to know that the best way to harness grace from the lives of these people is by honour, faith and sacrifice.

The people in Jesus' hometown of Nazareth knew Jesus very well, or at least they thought they did. They thought they knew Him because they knew His family and were familiar with His upbringing. As far as they were concerned, they knew all that there was to know about Jesus. But the man they thought they knew was not the man who had just preached to them and taught them in the synagogue. The Jesus they thought they knew was Someone whom they felt they could control, but this Jesus was Something altogether different. They may have been impressed with how this hometown Boy had matured and acquired oratory skills but they could not and would not recognise Him as a Prophet. When you disdain the grace on a man's life, it is impossible to draw virtue from him.

**APPLICATION**— Honour means to revere, to prize and to fix a valuation upon. Honouring your man of God is receiving him as one sent from God to you. The woman with the issue of blood expressed her faith and belief in the ministry of her sent man. Your faith on the line with a sacrifice on the prophetic altar causes supernatural intervention. When there is a genuine connection to a sent man, the oil at work in his life begins to manifest in your life. The Bible talks about a prophet's reward as an aftermath of receiving the prophet; this means that there is something called the father's blessing. Jacob was wise enough to receive that before the death of Isaac, his father. God placed him there for you; draw grace by genuine honour, faith and belief in his ministry. And finally, give to the ministry commissioned into his hands. Your reward will be quick!



PRAYER

*Father, empower me to see who you've given me as my sent man. Help me to engage the virtue of wisdom in drawing virtues from his life*



ACTION  
POINT

Make an inspired prophetic sacrifice in whatever capacity you can and tie a desire to it.



DAILY BIBLE  
READING:

Isaiah 12 – 14



# HONOUR THE GRACE UPON YOUR SENT MAN

KEY  
TEXT

**NUMBERS 12: 9-10** *"The Lord was very angry with them, and he departed. As the cloud moved from above the Tabernacle, there stood Miriam, her skin was as white as snow from leprosy."*

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** Whenever you are close to somebody, it's natural to see some negative characteristics that others may not be able to see. A sent man has weaknesses too because he is human. It doesn't matter how weak or inadequate your sent man is; the grace of God upon his life is capable of accomplishing great things in the lives of those who honour him. Spiritual capacity is not determined by human competence or physical abilities but by the grace of God upon one's life. There is a big difference between proficiency and capacity. Proficiency is an indicator of one's physical attributes, natural skills, physical abilities and human expertise but capacity points to the spiritual giftings in the life of an individual and, in this regard, your sent man. When we talk about the deposit of God's grace upon the life of an individual, capacity comes into focus, but when we talk about his physical abilities, we must shift our focus to his proficiencies. So, when you're trying to understand your sent man, stop looking at his proficiencies. Instead, concentrate more on his spiritual capacity to accomplish what God has purposed to achieve in your life through him. It is what he has been endowed with by God to complete in your life that should matter more to you, not his weaknesses, deficiencies or inadequacies. No man is perfect and no *man of God* is perfect. Your sent man is first a man before he is a *man of God*. Let's not forget that every man sent by God is a human being with human weaknesses.

**APPLICATION:** In Numbers 12, when Moses the sent man married a Cushite (a black woman) named Keturah, Aaron and Miriam complained and murmured bitterly against Moses for his apparent laxity in managing his intimate affairs. The Bible says that God was very angry and He summoned the duo for gross spiritual misconduct. The Bible also says in that chapter that when the cloud moved from above the tabernacle, Miriam's skin was leprous and as white as snow. But surprisingly, nothing happened to Aaron. Why? Because he was an anointed servant of God. It's possible that some of the setbacks you've been encountering are a result of the curses you may have invoked into your life by your insensitivity and judgmental attitude towards your sent man. Any man God sends into your life holds the key to your destiny. Please honour the grace of God upon the life of your sent man and see God lift you.



*Father, please forgive me for my callous attitude towards Your sent man. Today, I repent from every act of rebellion and I receive grace to obey and honour Your sent man, in the name of Jesus.*



Spend time to pray for the life, ministry and marriage of your sent man today. Ask God to be gracious towards him or her.



Isaiah 15 – 19

# KNOW YOUR DIVINE SEASONS

## KEY TEXT

*Ecclesiastes 9:11 "I have seen something else under the sun: The race is not to the swift or the battle to the strong, nor does food come to the wise or wealth to the brilliant or favour to the learned; but time and chance happen to them all." (NIV)*

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** Anytime it looks as if God has forsaken a Christian, it's possible that such a person is not taking note of his divine seasons. A divine season is a time God sets aside to meet an individual at the point of his need for a destiny shift or a destiny turnaround. There are many turns in the destiny God has arranged to move an individual to the next level of his life but, unfortunately, many miss their season because of their lack of spiritual sensitivity. Your season may not be another's season. This is why there is a need to be spiritually sensitive. God has a particular time for every individual but whenever we decide to do things our way or fail to be intentional, we are bound to miss His divine timing.

Many Christians go through life feeling forsaken, deprived and utterly confused because they feel God doesn't have a genuine interest in their lives. This is not true. God has a genuine interest in our lives. The crux of the matter is that many don't have a purposeful walk with God and don't understand His leading and purpose. There are several people in the Bible who God met at the particular time He had purposed for their destiny turnaround. For example, people like Abraham, Joseph, Rahab, the Shunammite woman, Ruth, Esther, etc, all experienced the move of God in very unique ways which moved them to the next level of their lives. One of the characteristics of the lives of these individuals and a lot more that stood out in their dealing with God was their ability to perceive and key into a destiny shift.

**APPLICATION:** Why do people miss their divine seasons? People miss their divine seasons when they: 1) Feel overly entitled to God's intervention.

- 2) Are too busy working for God and not walking with God.
- 3) Get too used to how things are done and forget that God could use an unfamiliar channel as an instrument of blessing.
- 4) Are prejudiced or biased against certain people, things or events.
- 5) Are insensitive to the move of God.



*Lord, help me to walk in spiritual sensitivity at all times.*



Pray specifically about the areas you have not had answers and ask the Lord to reveal His intention for you concerning those areas.



Isaiah 20 – 24

# GO WITH THE BLOOD.

KEY  
TEXT

**HEBREWS 9:7** "But into the second went the high priest alone once every year not without the blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of other people."

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** In Hebrews 9, the Bible talks about the priest going into the temple. When the high priest enters the temple, he must go with blood. The phrase, "Not without blood," means that the priest must not enter into the Lord's presence without blood. The blood was meant for personal and congregational purification and the remission of sins. But even after he enters into the Lord's presence, he must offer the blood properly. In the days of the Law, the blood of animals was offered as a remission for sin but today, we have something greater than the blood of goats, rams, sheep and bulls. It is the Blood of Jesus Christ. There is power in the Blood of Jesus. When we plead the Blood of Jesus, great things happen; demons flee and the atmosphere becomes decontaminated from the traffic and influence of evil.

In the force of prayer, you must go with the Blood. No force of hell, no unseen terror of darkness can withstand the Blood of Jesus when it is invoked by a child of God. Sometimes, it's not about the prayers one prays but the atmosphere under which the prayers are being said. The impartation of God's grace that flows in an atmosphere determines to a very large extent your assurance of answered prayers. The Blood of Jesus liberates, the Blood sanitizes and the Blood purifies. Sometimes, prayers don't get answered because the Blood has not yet been invoked. By your right to sonship in Christ Jesus, take charge of your spiritual atmosphere by releasing the Blood of Jesus.

## 4 Keys to Releasing the Blood:

- 1) Ensure you are born-again.
- 2) Invoke the Blood with audacious faith and personal conviction.
- 3) Be sensitive to the voice of the Holy Spirit.
- 4) Be spiritually sensitive to your physical environment.



*Father, I invoke the power of the Blood of Jesus over every negative force contending with my spiritual atmosphere, in the name of Jesus.*



Step out in your spiritual authority as a child of God and exercise your dominion with the victory Christ has given you by His sacrifice on the Cross.



Isaiah 25 – 28

# ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE

## KEY TEXT

**2 Kings 3:16-17, 20** "And he said, 'This is what the Lord says: This dry valley will be filled with pools of water: You will see neither wind nor rain, says the Lord, but this valley will be filled with water. You will have plenty for yourselves, and your cattle and other animals. The next day at about the time when the morning sacrifice was offered, water suddenly appeared: It was flowing from the direction of Edom, and soon there was water everywhere.'" (NLT)

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** Anything is possible or as expounded by the Cambridge dictionary, "Any event, act, object or situation is able to exist, to be done and to be achieved." As unbelievable as it may seem, this statement is true. Anything is indeed possible but only under the right conditions. For instance, a beggar can become a billionaire, a dying patient can be the winner of a marathon and a broken marriage can bring forth the best-behaved and most beautiful children but only under the right conditions.

Our text for today takes a look into one of the right conditions under which an impossible event can be made possible. It is the condition of sacrifice. In the text, the kings of Israel, Judah and Edom were in the wilderness on their way to attack the Amorites when they suddenly ran out of water. Unable to move forward or go backwards, they sought the prophet Elisha who gave them a prophecy that appeared impossible. Water? In the middle of the desert!? Unbelievable right? Seasonal lakes and rivers often form in the desert, particularly after heavy rainfall. However, the prophet didn't mention that the rain was going to fall. He boasted that water would appear without rain. Who would have believed such a thing? But the kings believed. What other choice did they have? Not only did they believe, they put their money where their mouth was by making a sacrifice. And then as the text says, "Water suddenly appeared."

**APPLICATION:** What is that impossible situation you think is bigger than God? Do you believe it can be surmounted? Do you have faith for it? Then put a sacrifice on it. Anytime you desire to experience an impossible shift in your life, you need to make a major sacrifice. Altars don't mobilize their spirits and weaponizations of life to fight for you unless you have put something on them. Whether it is in the shrine of a native doctor or the altar of the Most High, something must be placed on it first. Are you going to serve? Are you going to sow seeds? Or are you going to keep on saying, 'It is impossible?'



*Father, please give me the heart of a giver.*



Put a sacrifice over that seemingly impossible situation in your life.



Isaiah 29 – 31

## PUT SOMETHING ON THE ALTAR

### KEY TEXT

**Genesis 8:20-21** "And Noah builded an altar unto the Lord; and took of every clean beast...and offered burnt offerings on the altar. And the Lord smelled a sweet savour; and the Lord said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground anymore."

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT**— There is a life-giving principle in every fruit-bearing seed. Every seed has the power to reproduce itself. And it usually produces in multiple proportions of what was sown. In God's Kingdom, many things revolve around the principle of sowing. The offerings we give to God are seeds. But unlike fruit-bearing seeds, seed offerings have a greater range of harvest beyond what is sown. There is so much power in sacrifices offered to deities. However, the devil does not give you any blessing for free. It is in exchange for something of great value. When it comes to giving sacrificially, many people wrestle with it in their minds. However, to prepare for a miracle, we have to take a step and bring our sacrificial seeds to God. Sacrifices are transgenerational. Just as evil altars can be raised and keep speaking for many years to come, so also good altars of sacrifice can be raised that speak far into future generations.

It has been scripturally proven that sacrifice establishes freedom. From our key text, we saw how God perceived the aroma of Noah's sacrifice and removed the curse. So, sacrifice is an antidote for curses. Sacrifice turns captivity be it ancestral captivity, family captivity or generational captivity. When a man lives sacrificially, captivity situations are turned. The life of sacrifice makes you go beyond the point where an embargo has been placed or a spiritual ceiling has been erected.

**APPLICATION**— Beloved, every opportunity to sacrifice is an opportunity to attack curses. And when the ancestral spirits or the demonic agents of your family try to stop you, they will realize that you are not a stoppable personality. Raise altars of sacrifice continually to counter any altar speaking against your life and destiny. The truth is, if you have any meaningful destiny, some altars would not want you to fulfil it. So let your altar of sacrifice speak against those evil altars continually. In my few years of pastoring, the most miserable people I have come across are those who, when God brings an opportunity to give sacrificially, refuse to give. Choose not to be part of this group so you can rise.



PRAYER

*Lord, I receive the grace to live sacrificially. I silence every altar speaking against my life and destiny by the Blood of Jesus, in Jesus' Name.*



ACTION POINT

Live sacrificially; deploy your time, efforts and resources for the benefit of humanity and Kingdom advancement. Make demands on God for the grace to sacrifice.



DAILY BIBLE READING:

Isaiah 32 – 34



# STOP COMPLAINING

## COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

### KEY TEXT

**PHILIPPIANS 2:14-15** *"Do everything without complaining and arguing. So that no one can criticize you. Live clean innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people."* (NLT)

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** Complaining will destroy you but gratitude and a positive attitude will keep and preserve you. Have you ever experienced mosquitoes making sounds in your ears? It can be a very annoying experience. Some people prefer to be bitten by mosquitoes than have them singing in their ears. That's exactly how we sound in God's ears and the ears of people when we continue to grumble or complain. Complaining does not only repel God, it also scares people away. Challenges are a part of everyday life but complaining or nagging about them will only make you a nuisance before people and rob you of the grace of God. People of faith, people of grace and people of deep insight give thanks despite their challenges. People of faith praise the Lord in high expectancy of His divine intervention. If you want your prayers answered, quit complaining and begin to trust God to intervene speedily in your life.

### PRAYER POINTS:

1. Father, I thank You for the availability of Your grace and power that can mould me into spiritual perfection, in the mighty name of Jesus.
2. Lord, I ask for Your forgiveness for the times I rebelled against Your precepts and walked in my way.
3. By the power of the Holy Ghost, empower me with the grace to bridle my tongue and conform my heart to Your ways, in Jesus' name.
4. Every stronghold of darkness that has set my path and destiny on the course of destruction, I curse you by fire now, in the name of Jesus.
5. Every sense of mediocrity that the enemy has set against my destiny, I crush you now, in Jesus' name. I decree that my place is at the topmost top.
6. I tear down every stronghold of disfavour and rejection I have erected for myself unknowingly by the wrong use of my tongue. Lord, by Your grace and power, I move from darkness into Your marvellous light.
7. Father, we declare that as many who walk into Gateway International Church will find peace and rest on every side, in the mighty name of Jesus.
8. Over Gateway International Church, let there be great supernatural manifestations of Your divine power and glory in the lives of God's people, in Jesus' name.
9. We declare over Your servant, Pastor George Izunwa, peace, increase, favour and ministerial open doors nationally and internationally, in the name of Jesus.
10. Father, over Nigeria, we decree that by Your divine favour, Nigeria is blessed and saved for Jesus, in Jesus' name.



Isaiah 35 – 37



# GIVING SACRIFICIALLY

## KEY TEXT

*Proverbs 11:24-25, "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, and it tendeth to poverty. The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also "*

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT**— The efficacy of every altar is dependent on the quality of sacrifices made and prayers laid on it. Believers who know that God is a rewarder will freely and gladly give their resources, means and services to the growth and advancement of the Kingdom. Hence, faith in God will influence our attitude of giving sacrificially. Failure to understand this truth can be reflected in the life of the rich fool who depended so much on what he had, thereby falling into ruin. (Luke 12:16-21) One rich fool is enough already! Those who cannot give to God and others believe that God will reward them for eating. So they disobey covenant principles like tithing and feel like God is cheating them when things are not working: They are only cheating themselves. Giving to God will surely cost you something. That is what sacrifice embodies. Sacrifice is not an offer of leftovers. It entails giving God your best, not even your second best. Take a close look at Abel's sacrifice in Genesis 4:4. Even the Almighty God did not hesitate in giving His beloved son to die in our stead. If you know and truly believe that you are made in the image and likeness of God and He is your Father, give as He will give. Psalm 126:4-6 captures this truth succinctly as giving may not always be smooth sailing. It may not be convenient, but rest assured that the harvest is worth the effort.

**APPLICATION**— Giving sacrificially is an attitude every believer must imbibe and uphold. Inculcate this mindset that while it is important to give God your time, resources and materials in furtherance of His will on earth, giving yourself wholeheartedly and without reserve unto God is the best you can ever give.



*Father, grant me the grace to give myself and all that you have given me without counting the cost. Give me a heart like yours, in Jesus' name.*



Dare to give God something that touches you. Go all out for Him in doing His will. Love Him with an unmatched passion. Give with cheerfulness of heart and thanksgiving, knowing He is your Source.



Isaiah 38 – 40

# CAST YOUR BREAD UPON THE WATERS

KEY  
TEXT

*Ecclesiastes 11:1-2, "Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days. Give a portion to seven, and also to eight; for thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth."*

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT**— Bread symbolizes sustenance while casting it on the waters means that you trust God enough to give it away too. This is a profound kingdom principle which means that every time you sow a seed, it is an investment that will yield returns. For anything to come down from heaven, something will have to go up from the earth. Until your cloud is full, you won't have rain. So, don't be envious when others' harvest come like a flood and yours like dew or when theirs come in hundredfold and yours in thirtyfold. It is the level of input that determines the output. If your cloud is not full, don't ask for a downpour; just ask for mercy drops.

The second verse means you should always be prepared. When praying in tongues and engaging in other spiritual exercises are not working, adopt a different approach to sacrifice. Intelligent people don't attain the fullness of their potential because they stopped giving at some point in their lives. This is why their miracle is delayed. Unlike David in 2 Samuel 24:24 who decided to give something that cost him, they forget that it may look foolish but God can use it to confound the wise (1 Corinthians 1:27). Some people will never give God something of quality and value; they only give conveniently and want God to answer their many needs. Hannah cast her bread by giving her son to God who needed a prophet to replace Eli and his sons and God in turn, gave her five more children (1 Samuel 2:21).

**APPLICATION**— Sacrifice is a plea of mercy that can reverse any judgment and

end any calamity in a believer's life. It abates destruction and attracts God's attention and respect. Every sacrifice has a voice, and that is why Jesus' blood is still speaking better things than any other sacrifice forever. Ponder on this: what will your sacrifice be saying if all you think about is how to cut costs? Look at where that landed Cain (Genesis 4:11-12).



*Casting your bread entails being patient and exercising self-control. You may have some doubts and questions on whether the bread will sink or if fish will eat it. However, if keeping it for a long time will only make it mouldy eventually, why not just take the leap of faith by giving it to God?*



Take note of these different characters in the Bible and point out one particular area they exhibited fear of what lessons you learn from their story. King Saul, Moses, and Eli.



**Isaiah 41 – 43**

## PRAISING GOD IN THE VALLEY

KEY  
TEXT

*Habakkuk 3:17-19, "Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation."*

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT** — Oftentimes you may have a good reason to feel depressed and discouraged but you must make a decision not to follow your feelings. Depression will only give room to the oppression of the enemy. The 'sacrifice of praise' is praising God even when your circumstances dictate the contrary. **Hebrews 13:15** says *"By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name"*.

You should offer praise "continually." You don't just praise God when it feels good, looks good or benefits you in some way. As **1 Thessalonians 5:18** says *"In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."* The truth is that in life's journey, sometimes you may have to pass through some valleys before you can get to your mountaintop. And though you may sometimes walk through the valley of the shadow of death, never forget that God has prepared a table ahead of you and your cup is about to run over. However, you must stay joyful and praiseful to see the harvest God has promised you (**Habakkuk 3:17-19**).

**APPLICATION** — Don't give in to negative emotions. Fix your eyes on Jesus and not on the negativity. The children of God walk by faith and not by sight. You need to stop looking at the problems and focus on God's promise. Choose to live each day in God's peace, by spending time in His Word until joy is imparted into your heart. Then maintain an atmosphere of joy around you and keep giving God thanks in all things. As you do so, you will see God work in your life in greater ways than you can ever think or imagine.



*Father, thank You for everything You do around me. You are too faithful to fail. Help me to maintain a praise-full lifestyle, no matter what comes my way.*



Pause at intervals today and just say, "Thank You, Jesus!"



**Isaiah 44 – 46**

# PROVE YOUR PASSION.

## KEY TEXT

**1 Timothy 1:18** *"This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare."*

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** Sometimes, even when you force a spiritual response and then God shows up, He needs to prove your passion before He can release your portion. Radically and intentionally get into God. Go all the way with God and ensure that something positive happens for you by warring out your prophecy. A lot of misinformed people wait for prophecies to happen but you don't have to wait for prophecies to manifest on their own. Many times, you just need to work out prophecies into physical manifestation with a lot of intentionality through worship, prayer, declaring the Word, speaking positively and acting in faith. One of the things that have deprived a lot of people from having their prayers answered is when they fail to play their part in working out their prophecies. Our key text enjoins us to war "a good warfare" with the word of prophecy over our lives. God has His role to play and so do we.

### 4 keys to enforcing your spiritual response.

- **Take your inheritance by the violence of faith.**

Be a person of radical faith. Someone who has radical faith can believe in the most 'impossible'. Believe in the impossible even when the situation around you says otherwise. Nothing shakes heaven like a man of radical faith.

- **Force the earth to acknowledge your place in God.**

Some people know their place in God. When people see them, they can vouch for their stand in Christ. Who are you really in Christ? Are you a Christian seated instead on the periphery of life or does the fire of the Holy Spirit burn in you? Live a life of in-depth consecration.

- **Give a sacrifice of praise.**

War a good warfare through praise. Singing is a natural response to a person's emotion. Normal people praise when they have something to be thankful for but people of faith praise in anticipation of what they are expecting. They praise their way to victory.

- **Make a vow of desperation.**

People make vows when they are desperate but not everyone keeps their vows. One way to enforce a spiritual response is to make a desperate vow and ensure that you keep your side of the bargain with God and you will see God bless you.



*Lord, I declare that I am no longer a candidate for failure. By faith, I receive Your strength to war a good warfare, in the name of Jesus.*



Step out of every form of spiritual mediocrity. Choose to refine your stand in God by being a quality Christian.



**Isaiah 47 – 49**

# THE POWER OF THE WORD

KEY  
TEXT

*Psalm 107:20, "He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions"*

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT** — It is indeed God's plan to wipe away tears and bring healing and deliverance to His people. However, people are being destroyed because they simply lack the knowledge of what God has made available in His Word. Many are perishing due to a lack of knowledge of what the power of God can do. Today, people are victims of afflictions because they don't realise that divine provisions of healing, deliverance, prosperity, protection, grace and favour can be real in their lives.

Spiritual ignorance can be likened to darkness, which is only destroyed by the light of God's Word. Our source of light is the entrance of the Word of God into our hearts. God wants you to have knowledge and understanding of His Word to experience deliverance from all afflictions of the enemy. **Psalm 125:3** says *"For the rod of the wicked shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous"*. It is God's will that every form of the rod of the wicked is destroyed from your life. However, knowledge of the Word is the key to our deliverance. A discovered truth from God's Word can change your life forever. Through an in-depth understanding of God's Word, you will enjoy multiplied grace and divine favour which will cause you to be outstanding in all your endeavours.

**APPLICATION**— The way out of every closed door is knowledge. It takes knowledge of the truth to be set free to enjoy the blessings of redemption. And knowledge comes through an in-depth study of God's Word. Be intentional about studying your Bible; don't make it a 'once in a blue moon' affair. Take note of the lessons you learn and practise them. As you continue in the Word, you will encounter the truth that makes you free (**John 8:32**).



*Father, help me to always walk in the light of Your Word so that I can continually have dominion over all afflictions. By Your grace, I shall always be victorious and triumphant, in Jesus' name.*



Create a Bible discussion with a few friends and share your Bible study lessons throughout this week.



**Isaiah 50 – 52**



# PRAYER IS NOT THE MASTER KEY

KEY  
TEXT

*Job 36:11 "If they obey and serve him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures."*

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT**—Many years ago, there used to be a very popular song, "Prayer is the key... Prayer is the master key. Jesus started with prayer and ended with prayer; prayer is the master key". This seemed like a beautiful song until I realised its potential to mislead God's people and told the congregation at Gateway to stop singing it. The reason I did this was simple: it's not scriptural to say prayer is the master key. In 1 Samuel 15:22, Saul had been instructed on what to do but chose to do otherwise by making a sacrifice he had been told not to make until Samuel showed up. His disobedience and religious preferences cost him his throne and walk with God.

Many Christians have been trained to believe so much in prayer without works. They pray but fail to act. They ask God questions, get answers from Him and fail to act on what He has said. What many fail to acknowledge is that prayer is communication. This means there are two parties involved—the speaker (you) and the receiver (God), and vice versa. Understanding this changes your prayer strategy. It makes you more attentive to the voice of God and helps you become more intentional about receiving guidance in the place of prayer and more importantly, pleasing God by **ACTING** in faith.

**APPLICATION:** Without obedience and action, prayers are often wasted. While Elijah prayed, He also acted on His faith and instinct to run ahead of Ahab (1 Kings 18:46). What if he did not act? I imagine Abraham was praying to God for divine direction and clarity when God asked him to leave his father's house to an unknown place. His prayer didn't change His life, his obedience did. He obeyed God at this time and at the time God asked him to offer Isaac as a sacrifice. Can you take a break from prayer and begin to act? I am not asking you to stop praying; I am asking you to act on what you are praying about and what God has already instructed you to do. Stop praying to get a job, apply for the jobs you desire; start the business God has put in your heart; volunteer in that organisation you have noticed. Stop praying for peace in your home; instead, learn to speak with courtesy and start respecting and giving honour to your spouse. Are you in doubt about what God has already said or unsaid? Begin by obeying the Bible and the words of His servant. Prayer is not the master key; obedience is. Obey God and watch Him turn your life around for good.



*Father, I'm sorry for the times I have disobeyed You. Help me to be more obedient as I continue to walk with You, in Jesus' name.*



**Obey God today!**



**Isaiah 53 – 56**

# KEEP YOUR HEART OPEN.

KEY  
TEXT

*Psalms 108:1 "My heart is confident in you, O God; no wonder I can sing your praises with all my heart."*

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** One of the ways Satan keeps us from receiving answers to our prayers is by trying to frustrate us when it appears as if God is not answering. The worst thing you can do to yourself is to throw in the towel due to depression, despair and discouragement. God answers prayers but He answers in ways He deems fit and at His perfect timing. When it appears as if nothing is happening, do yourself some good by going humbly to God in prayer. Don't complain, don't grumble, don't get angry with God or with your pastor. Keep your heart open. Don't close your heart. When you keep your heart open, the Lord will definitely speak to you. He will reveal to you why your prayers are not answered. Complaining, worrying, getting anxious and unnecessarily worked up are like poison that ravages the spirit and ruins the soul. Sadly, this is the condition of many people. This is why they cannot receive their answers from God. And until they repent, they remain under a closed heaven. This will not be your portion, in the name of Jesus.

## PRAYER POINTS:

1. Father, I thank You for Your words of hope and the assurance of my salvation.
2. By Your mighty hand, I declare in the name of Jesus that no power can drag my destiny down.
3. Lord, I bless Your glorious name because I know that You are leading me into greener pastures according to Your will and purpose. I declare I will not die small.
4. I shall not grow weary nor faint on my way to destiny. Father, Your love is perfect and ever before me and I know that You are more than able to uphold me and keep me in the days of trouble.
5. Lord, empower me with Your grace and wisdom to understand what Your Spirit is saying to me at all times.
6. I rebuke spiritual stubbornness and pride and I divorce myself from their negative influence, in Jesus' name.
7. Your plans towards me are of peace and not of evil to give me an expected end. I declare I am arriving at my God-given destination in Jesus' name. No power can stop me; I declare I am unstoppable!
8. Father, use Gateway International Church as the instrument of restoration in this city, state and nation, in the name of Jesus.
9. We declare a glorious harvest of souls through Gateway International Church in the name of Jesus.
10. We cover Your servant, Pastor George Izunwa, and his family with the precious Blood of Jesus. His voice shall be an oracle in the land and beyond the borders of this nation and continent, in Jesus' name.
11. Father, we lift up Nigeria before You: Every evil hand released over the destiny of this nation is subdued by the power of your Holy Spirit, in the name of Jesus.



DAILY BIBLE  
READING:

Isaiah 57 – 59

# Prayer Of *Salvation*

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

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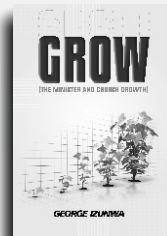
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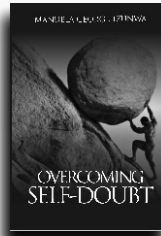
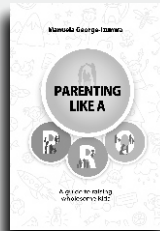
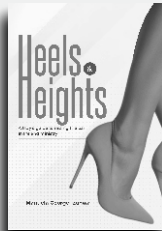
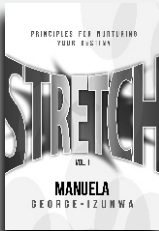
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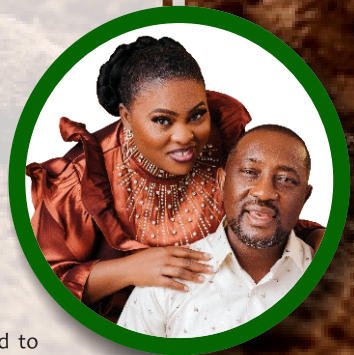
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