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



▶ 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!

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 ROHI!

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!

GET TO KNOW THE SHEPHERD MORE INTIMATELY.

KEY
TEXT

Isaiah 64:8. "But now, oh Lord, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: God is our Shepherd but who is He to you? Is He some immortal you go to church to worship on Sundays or a dictator with a set of rules and regulations trying to control you? Or is He Jesus the Giver of life, the One who loves, cares and saves? The Bible gives us names that describe who God is: Adonai, El-Shaddai, Emmanuel, etc. Our text reveals Him as the Father and as the Potter: the One who shapes and moulds us. However, whichever name you choose to call Him, the more important thing is getting to know Him deeper and more intimately.

How do I get to know God intimately?

- Prayerfully and sincerely ask the Lord to reveal more of Himself to you with a promise to follow Him without reservations.
- Be more intentional about studying His Word.
- Never go through a day without creating time to stay in His presence.
- Practice meditation and listening for His voice as you go through the day.



Lord, give me the grace to stay in Your presence and to study Your word.



Decide on a time when you will devote yourself to studying the Word and prayer.



1 Corinthians 10 – 13

GET BACK TO THE SHEPHERD.

KEY
TEXT

John 10:9. "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: King David called God His Shepherd. A shepherd is one who looks after sheep and shares a close bond with them. The shepherd leads his sheep to where they can find food. He protects them throughout the day and night. A shepherd nurtures his sheep. When David called God his Shepherd, it clearly meant that he had come to experience God as His giver of life.

Jesus is our Shepherd but one of the reasons many people fall away from enjoying His covering is because they are yet to see God as their true Shepherd. When you reflect on the personality of God, what really comes to your mind? Is He God your Father, your Provider and Protector? Or is He the strict disciplinarian who is waiting for you to make a mistake so He can punish you? God is your Comforter who wants to help, guide, heal and deliver you. But if you're too intelligent or too arrogant to be led by the Shepherd, you will continue to suffer loss.

APPLICATION: Jesus is your Shepherd. He became committed to you even before you recognized and accepted His Lordship over your life. One of the fundamental decisions you need to make as a Christian, is to open yourself to the love and guidance of the Shepherd, Jesus Christ. God is not waiting for you to fail so that He can use a long whip to discipline or punish you. He wants to be your Father and Friend. Get back to the Shepherd. Surrender totally to Him and ask Him for an outpouring of fresh grace over your life.



PRAYER

Holy Spirit, be my guide. I will no longer walk in foolishness and ignorance.



ACTION
POINT

Decide that from this day, you will walk intentionally and obediently with the Shepherd.



DAILY BIBLE
READING:

1 Corinthians 14 – 16

WHY YOU NEED THE SHEPHERD.

KEY
TEXT

Psalms 32:8. "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go. I will guide thee with mine eye."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: The security of the sheep lies in the shepherd's guidance and protection. As God's children, we are His sheep and He is our Shepherd. This means that we should naturally be able to hear His voice and follow His leading. When God instructed Joseph to flee to Egypt with his wife Mary and Jesus in a bid to escape the murderous plan of Herod, the question is, why couldn't God protect His Own Dear Son? Why was it necessary to flee to Egypt?

How could Herod, an ordinary man, be a threat to the Creator Himself? We cannot guess the thoughts of Mary or Joseph at the time but, in that dangerous circumstance, Joseph heard the voice of God through a dream and obeyed. By that act of obedience, the life of Jesus was preserved. If you can not hear the voice of the Shepherd, you will experience loss over and over again. You need the Shepherd. When you follow the leading of the Shepherd, you're sure to experience safety.

APPLICATION: When you stand alone, you become more vulnerable to the attacks of the enemy, but when you're under the covering or protection of the Shepherd, life will never take you by surprise. When Abraham was instructed to sacrifice Isaac his son, if he hadn't heard the voice of God the second time, he would have gone ahead to fulfil a previous instruction without realizing that God had spoken again. This is why you need the Shepherd. Being in a healthy relationship with the Shepherd will protect and preserve you.



Oh God, help me to reorder my footsteps in accordance with Your will and leading.



Disconnect totally from sin and assumptions.



2 Corinthians 1 – 4

GOD IS COMMITTED TO YOU.

COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

KEY TEXT

John 10:11. "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: God is committed to you. He is committed to your life and destiny. No one, not even you, can be more committed to you than God already is. God wants you to live a blessed life, He wants to help you fulfil destiny and more importantly, He wants you to enjoy eternal life. But the only way you can enjoy God's commitment to you is by staying committed to Him. Are you committed to God? If you're not, make a decision to get committed and remain committed to Him.

PRAYER POINTS:

- 1) Father, I thank You for Your continual commitment to me. I thank You because I know You will not fail me.
- 2) Holy Spirit, give me the grace to remain committed to You.
- 3) Lord, I thank You because I know that whenever I run to You, You will not reject or forsake me.
- 4) Holy Spirit, teach me to understand the peculiar ways You speak to me and grant me the grace to follow Your leading.
- 5) Lord, sharpen my spiritual perception. Give me a heart that continually yearns for Your presence.
- 6) I command every voice of hell speaking over my life and destiny to shut up now, in the name of Jesus.
- 7) I speak the blessings of increase and continual expansion over Gateway International Church. I decree, no power of hell will hinder or resist our rising.
- 8) I decree, Gateway International Church is taking the community, state, nation and continent for Jesus. We are taking our place at the Topmost Top.
- 9) Over Your Servant Pastor George Izunwa, we declare this season as his season of harvest and increase on every side in his life and ministry.
- 10) Father, we ask You to show Nigeria mercy for the sake of the Body of Christ.

BECOME THE SHEPHERD'S FRIEND

KEY TEXT

Romans 5:10. "Since we were restored to friendship with God by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies we will certainly be delivered from eternal punishment by his life." (NLT)

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: God is our Father, Lord, Creator, Judge, Redeemer and Saviour. Someone once called Him, 'My Jehovah Everything'. I guess he said that when he was unable to find a suitable name to express the magnanimity of God. To many, He is simply God; to some, He is the Father and to others, He's the Saviour. But has it ever crossed your mind that God wants you to be His friend? The Shepherd is not just a leader but a friend to his sheep. Friends relate, friends converse, and friends do not condemn one another.

Only a few people in the Old Testament had the privilege of communicating with God but thankfully, our salvation through Christ Jesus has given us the privilege to relate with the Shepherd without the aid of intermediaries. Personal daily devotion and fellowship with the brethren are very essential for spiritual growth but it is only through intentional personal relationship via conversation or discussion with the Father that we can become His friends, just like He was with Abraham. Abraham talked with God and God called Abraham His friend.

APPLICATION: Conversing with God is also prayer. When the Scripture enjoins us to pray without ceasing, it means we can communicate with the Shepherd through conscious and constant practice while working, taking a shower, exercising, shopping, cooking, taking a walk, etc. You will discover that as you do this, not long afterwards, you'll build up spiritual sensitivity that will help you receive feedback from the Shepherd every time you need it.



Lord Jesus, give me the grace to remain focused on You.



Try having a conversation with God today as you go about your daily tasks.



2 Corinthians 10 – 13

LEAN ON THE SHEPHERD. TRUST THE SHEPHERD (I).

KEY
TEXT

Proverbs 3:5-6. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and he shall direct your paths." (NKJV)

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: To lean on means, to put your weight on something. Most of us lean on our mental, intellectual, psychological and even spiritual capabilities but it's important we realize that we cannot have access to everything that pertains to life until we're able to lean on the Shepherd and trust Him. The Shepherd wants us to lean on Him, but we cannot lean on Him if we don't trust Him completely.

When David made the choice to confront Goliath, going by his senses, size and relative combat skills, he knew there was no way he could take down Goliath all by himself. But there was something the Shepherd had that David didn't have, and there was something the Shepherd knew that David didn't know. So, if he was going to take down Goliath, he had to lean on Him by trusting Him completely despite his physical limitations. What was a sling and five smooth stones compared to Saul's armour? It's simple: trust! David allowed his assurance in the strength and might of the Shepherd overshadow his fear, his limitations and incapacities, thereby, leading Israel to victory.

APPLICATION: You have a sling. Your sling might not be similar to someone else's but there is something God has given to you. All you need to do is lean on Him and trust Him to show you just how to use it. David didn't feel inadequate because he wasn't wrapped up in Saul's armour. David trusted in God's ability to perfect his own inability. God knows you more than you know yourself. So, lean on Him and trust Him and He will give you the grace to take down any goliath in your life.



Oh Lord, help me to nurture my strengths and capabilities.



Prayerfully identify and map out ways you can maximize the skills God has deposited in you.



Galatians 1 – 3

LEAN ON THE SHEPHERD. TRUST THE SHEPHERD (2).

KEY
TEXT

Isaiah 40:11. "He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are young."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: While preparing to fight Goliath, David was given armour that restricted his movement. When David chose his miniature weapons, a sling and five smooth stones, it looked like nothing compared to the weapons of war his brothers and other soldiers were more familiar with. But it wasn't about the sling or the stones but more about the supernatural force that drove David's shot right into Goliath's forehead.

How do I build trust in God?

- 1) **By believing in His word:** Take the Word of God just as it is. Don't be afraid of leaning wholeheartedly on God's Word. God's word is true.
- 2) **By taking faith risks:** There are actions you might need to take that do not make any sense but if God is leading you, take them! David took a risk but he did it by faith.
- 3) **By waiting patiently on Him:** There are times you must wait patiently for what God wants to do in your life. Your waiting time may be long or short; wait patiently for yours.

APPLICATION: The more you trust God, the more you will experience His faithfulness. The reason the sheep follow the Shepherd is because they trust Him. God is your good Father who will never mismanage your life. If you can't trust the Shepherd, you wouldn't be able to follow Him, and if you're unable to follow Him, you will encounter difficulties in life. The Shepherd is waiting for you to open the doors of your heart to Him. Trust Him.



I bind the spirits of fear and doubt, and I cast them out of my heart.



Ask the Holy Spirit to quicken your spirit by helping you build an unshakable trust in Him.



Galatians 4 – 6

DESIRE THE SHEPHERD.

KEY TEXT

2 Corinthians 3:16. *"Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away."*

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: David so longed for the presence of the Shepherd that he constantly fellowshiped with Him. Like a lover, David thought and wanted nothing else other than the Shepherd. This was why God called him a man after His heart. You should have a deep desire for God more than anything else. You can't do life without the help of God. As you get more connected to the Shepherd, it will reflect in every aspect of your life. The more intimate you are with Him, the more you will be like Him.

How do we build a strong relationship with the Shepherd?

- By intentionally staying in His presence.
- By living in obedience to Him.
- By trusting in Him completely even when we fail.



Lord, help me to be more like You.



Say these words to yourself: "I am made for Your glory. I am walking in the light of Your salvation. I am unstoppable."



Ephesians 1 – 3

CHOOSE LIFE.

KEY TEXT

Deuteronomy 32:9-10. "For the Lord's portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance. He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: When we choose to walk with the Shepherd, we choose life. One of the features that made David stand out differently was his desire to walk with the Shepherd. The more we walk with God, the more our intimacy with Him increases, and the more He trusts us and commits things into our hands. God is responsive. He treats you better than you treat Him. When you walk with Him constantly, the more you will be provided for, protected and preserved.

It's almost impossible to find a malnourished sheep that walks with the Shepherd. The only time you see a sheep in trouble is when it chooses to remain on its own. When we walk with God, we thrive in peace and prosperity. God led, fed and preserved the children of Israel when they walked with Him. When they wanted food, He rained manna from the sky; when they wanted meat, He sent quails and when they wanted water, He brought out water from the rock.

APPLICATION: Make a decision to follow and obey the Shepherd step by step. Choose life by following His commands. Make the Shepherd your primary pursuit. People who seek and follow God are quicker to rise in life. If you make it your life's pursuit to seek God, you will rise higher and faster than your peers and counterparts. Take your eyes off human channels. Human channels, as the name implies, are the channels through which you receive help from God. Channels change but God does not change.



Father, I come against every distraction set up by hell to distract me from achieving Your best for me.



Hinge your faith on the truth of God's word, not on your feelings.



Ephesians 4 – 6

ADMIT YOUR WEAKNESSES.

KEY TEXT

Psalms 80:17. "Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand, upon the son of man whom thou madest strong for thyself."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: Pride is one of the reasons we often fail to be led. We do not admit that we are mere creations who do not have all the answers, no matter how privileged we are. When I think about the story of Naaman, I see a man who was lucky because he had subordinates who were genuinely interested in his well-being or else, he would have lost the opportunity of being healed of leprosy.

Sometimes, you've got to admit you don't know it all. You've got to admit you need God's help and that you may not be as strong as you want people to think. When we end up at a dead end, it may be because we refuse to admit our weaknesses. It's okay to be strong or supposedly wise in your own understanding but there are times life will force you to admit that you cannot do it all by yourself. Do you know that help sometimes comes from just tapping into grace to be able to do what God wants? When you remain connected to the Shepherd, even when you can't seem to understand Him or where He's leading you to, you're assured of safety at least.

APPLICATION: No matter who you are, don't let the voice of the enemy, or pride, self-pity or anger stop you from admitting when you're weak and in need of help. God is touched by your infirmities. He knows your battles, He understands your weaknesses, He understands your person and He is more than willing to help you. Even when you're confused or have stumbled and fallen or can't understand what He's doing, trust Him to help and lead you. Come to think of it, if you could do everything by yourself, then you don't really need God's help. But can you really do it all by yourself? The answer is no.



Lord, the thoughts You have for me are thoughts of good and not of evil. By grace, I receive an expected end.



Have a one-on-one discussion with God. Pour out your heart to Him.



Philippians 1 – 4

MAINTAIN SPIRITUAL REVIVAL.

COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

KEY TEXT

2 Peter 3:18. *"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever. Amen."*

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: The Shepherd is your source but if you must enjoy the help and covering of the Shepherd, you need to maintain a life of continual spiritual revival. Revival is an act of God but to experience revival, there is need to continuously partner with God. There are practices that highlight a revival atmosphere: (1) Passionate praying. (2) Faith adventures. (3) Intense evangelism. (4) Repentance and hatred for an ungodly lifestyle. (5) Sacrificial giving and uncommon generosity.

PRAYER POINTS:

- 1) I declare, my life is not permitted to be stagnant. I am an express image of God.
- 2) Lord, today, I repent from every ungodly lifestyle and from habits that hinder the manifestation of Your grace.
- 3) Nothing is permitted to stop my increase and fruitfulness. I am indeed blessed of God. I declare, I won't die small.
- 4) I destroy every power of the enemy set out to hinder my rising, spiritually and otherwise, in the name of Jesus.
- 5) In agreement with God's Word, I enjoy unlimited favour. I will succeed where others fail. I curse every root of failure trying to alter the manifestation of God's goodness and I cast them out of my life.
- 6) Gateway International Church is increasing with multitudes of people. I decree, we're going higher and higher and increasing on every side.
- 7) I destroy every power set out to hurt any member of Gateway International Church, in the name of Jesus. I decree, there shall be no loss!
- 8) Lord, I thank You for the life of Your Servant Pastor George Izunwa. Thank You for the mega display of Your manifold grace in his life and ministry.
- 9) Lord, give Your Servant Pastor George Izunwa, a voice and ministry to the nations of the world, in the name of Jesus.
- 10) Lord, let Your hand of restoration rest over Nigeria. Our nation is going forward and achieving great success, in the name of Jesus.

INTENTIONALLY GROW UP.

KEY
TEXT

Luke 2:40. "There the child grew up healthy and strong. He was filled with wisdom, and God's favour was on him." (NLT)

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: Growth means becoming larger or greater or increase in size over a period of time. It means to improve physically, spiritually, financially and otherwise. Most of the time, we experience growth in other areas apart from spiritual areas. The fact that we have access to the Shepherd or to a higher spiritual authority figure does not change the fact that we ought to grow our spiritual capacity.

God expects us to grow. It's essential that you do your own growing up. Our text clearly shows that Jesus grew. He did not only grow in size but also in divine wisdom and God's favour. An integral part of growing up is fulfilling a part of God's plan which is having a kingdom of priests. A priest is someone who mediates between God and man. Anywhere you are, irrespective of your spiritual status, your salvation qualifies you to be a mediator between God and man. There are two things you need to know about priests: A priest traffics in mysteries and a priest is the voice and oracle of God. You are an oracle of God.

APPLICATION: How do you stir the grace of God towards becoming a priest?

- Build a routine of fellowshiping with God. People without spiritual routine don't go far in life.
- Fast regularly and consistently.
- Understand the fear of God.
- Understand and apply God's principles.



Lord, please help me to invest my time wisely in getting to know You.



Intentionally put together a spiritual routine for yourself.



1 Thessalonians 1 – 5

DRAW LIFE FROM THE CROSS (I).

KEY
TEXT

Genesis 3:19a. "By the sweat of your brow will you have food to eat until you return to the ground from which you were made."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: Those who draw life from the Cross encounter life with ease. When you look at the Cross, there are things you would see: you would see the love of God manifested unto men and the defeat of Satan. Everything called toiling and suffering died on the Cross. There's nothing wrong with working hard. In fact, I recommend that you work hard but if you have to toil endlessly before you can enjoy life, then that's a mark of the curse and not a benefit of the Cross.

The Cross came to abolish the curse but if you're a child of God and yet laboring continually under the curse, there's a problem. You're either carrying the Cross or carrying the curse. One of the things you need to take care of if you want to draw life from the Cross, is allow the peace of God take root in your spirit. Rest begins on your inside. You cannot be a Christian with a toxic perspective of life and enjoy the benefits that come from the Cross, one of which is peace. A restless heart destroys the faith process. When you allow restlessness through worry and anxiety reign in your heart, the things you are afraid of will begin to manifest in your life.

APPLICATION: When you came to Jesus, you came for a faith encounter with Him. Beloved, calm down. Have faith. Restlessness will hinder you from optimal level performance in life no matter how many positive confessions you say or Bible verses you recite. Jesus was in the boat when the storm came, but He wasn't restless. He was at peace. This means that the fact that you're encountering storms is not an indication that Jesus is not in your life. He's right there but maybe the reason you cannot feel His presence is because you've gotten too restless. Calm down please. Adversity has everyone's address but don't let it undress you.



Father, I declare, I am arriving at my God-given destination. I won't die small. My end shall be the Topmost top.



Reflect on the essence of the Cross and how it should affect your life.



2 Thessalonians 1 – 3

DRAW LIFE FROM THE CROSS (2).

KEY
TEXT

Isaiah 26:3. "You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust you." (NIV)

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: God wants your heart settled in His grace and His love towards you. God is not glorified when your heart is filled with worries, pain, concerns, anxiety or a sense of dread. When you are restless or peaceless, nothing differentiates you from the unbeliever. Absolutely nothing! The one who cannot understand the beauty of God's immeasurable grace and loving-kindness has every excuse to fret and worry but not you, a child of The Covenant.

Jesus paid the price for your healing, provision, protection and preservation on the Cross. Everything you need has been delivered through Calvary. If you're down financially, there's provision for your prosperity. If you're sick, there's provision for your healing. If you're oppressed or going through addiction or living in a toxic marriage, there is provision for whatever you need. So, why worry? When you know that the only thing that qualifies you to receive God's blessings is your faith in the finished work on the Cross, your heart should be firmly established in faith and in peace.

APPLICATION: Let not your heart be troubled. Stand firmly in God's promises. Walk in the fullness of His assurance that He's not going to let you go down. He's not going to let you fall victim to the devices of the evil one and He's not going to let you suffer shame. Walk without fear. Be rest assured that God has got your back. If you're truly called by the name of the Lord, troubles will come but your troubles will not swallow you. Build an unshakable faith and trust in God no matter what the situation is. He'll come through for you.



PRAYER

*Father, I reject fear and anxiety.
I choose to walk in grace and in faith.*



ACTION
POINT

Lay your burdens at the foot of the Cross today and leave them there.



DAILY BIBLE
READING:

1 Timothy 1 – 6

BE COMMITTED TO PEACE.

KEY
TEXT

Leviticus 26:6. "I will give you peace in the land, and you will be able to sleep with no cause for fear. I will rid the land of wild animals and keep your enemies out of your land." (NLT)

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: Commitment is an essential requirement to achieving anything. It is the dividing line between having something and not having it. For instance, many want to experience peace without realizing that they must be actively committed to working out peace. Peace doesn't fall on any situation like a ripe fruit. You've got to work at it. In your personal life, in your business, home, marriage and family, intentionally advocate for peace. In Matthew 5:9, the Bible says, *"Blessed are the peace makers, for they will be called children of God."*

How do I find peace?

- **Fight for peace:** Do whatever it takes to actualize peace except that which contradicts God's word.
- **Learn from others:** Watch others who have survived what you're going through and learn from them.
- **Be a carrier of God's presence:** God's presence instills calmness, wisdom and self-control in you. It gives you an edge over any situation.



Father, by faith, I receive Your peace that passes all understanding.



Declare peace into your heart right now. Decide that anxiety ends today



2 Timothy 1 – 4

ADAPT TO ELEVATED THINKING (I).

KEY
TEXT

Proverbs 18:2. "Fools have no interest in understanding; they only want to air their opinion." (NLT)

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: Elevated thinking is thinking on a level that is higher than your present status. In today's world, you need to be able to raise your thinking to a higher level if you want to become relevant. An elevated thinker should be able to apply, analyze, evaluate and create. The egg is on a natural journey. This simply means that life is supposed to move from one level of maturity to another.

Even animals that do not change from egg stage to the insect stage, must grow from one level of maturity to another. God created us to grow from one level of life to another. People, including Christians, find it difficult to grow because they do not spend time to think creatively and analytically. They do not involve their minds in proactive and creative thinking. This is one of the major factors that deters people from accomplishing mega results.

APPLICATION: How do I raise my thinking?

- **Hang around people who are doing excellently in their chosen fields and careers:** You'll suddenly begin to realize that a number of things you were afraid of doing can actually be done.
- **Get help by seeking counsel and gathering information.** What you don't know, you would never know until you get committed to seeking knowledge and understanding.

If it's necessary, work on changing your environment: A faulty environment shapes your thinking and your perspectives negatively. Change your environment if need be and surround yourself with people who will motivate you to face life with a more positive, analytical and creative disposition.



Father, I declare, every sense of self-defeat is destroyed, in Jesus name.



Through the power of your mind, give life to that dream you've always thought was impossible.



Titus 1 – 3; Philemon 1

ADAPT TO ELEVATED THINKING (2).

KEY TEXT

Genesis 30:38. "And he set the rods which he had pilled before the flock in the gutters in the watering troughs when the flocks came to drink, that they should conceive when they came to drink."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: Vision is the ability to think about or plan the future with imagination and wisdom. Vision is dynamic and progressive. We are created to live by vision. In other words, a visionless life is equivalent to a dead life. Have you noticed that many of the world's greatest achievers do not profess any religion but are very rich? This is because they use their minds creatively. Today's text points to the fact that if Jacob hadn't engaged his mind in creative thinking, the Holy Spirit wouldn't have placed a wealth creating idea in his mind. Through thinking, he created the avenue through which God was able to brood over his mind.

It's okay to train your spirit but a quality life entails more. It requires the active use of your mind through intellectual thinking, creative innovation, memory retention and emotional stability. The way a man thinks significantly determines his end. In other words, your thoughts determine the outcome of your life. Do you know that progress is built on what others have achieved? You're called to be an achiever. By virtue of salvation, you have received grace which gives you significant access to vision meant to create wealth and affluence. Dream again!

APPLICATION: How can you become an achiever through the creative use of your mind?

- Take responsibility for your outcomes.
- Regard failure as a learning process.
- Think more about partnership and networking.
- Think outside the box.
- Commit yourself to long-term achievements.



PRAYER

Father, I thank You for the grace to be outstanding and successful.



ACTION POINT

Leave your past failures behind. Craft a new vision.



DAILY BIBLE READING:

Hebrews 1 – 4

KEEP LEARNING.

COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

KEY TEXT

2 Timothy 2:15. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: One of the key catalysts to becoming an achiever is learning something new every day. Achievers are open to knowledge and new innovations. They never stop learning. Whenever you stop learning, you begin to deteriorate. For your mind to keep fit and function optimally, you need to be involved in active and continual learning. Learning boosts your mental power and self-confidence and it gives you the courage to take the necessary steps to improve your life.

PRAYER POINTS:

- 1) Father, I thank You for Your victory at Calvary. By that victory I am restored and blessed for multiple increase.
- 2) Thank You for the gift of a sound mind. I declare that by Your grace, I am walking into my divine inheritance.
- 3) Lord, I receive Your grace for active learning, for increased knowledge, for wisdom and understanding.
- 4) By the fire of the Holy Ghost, let every setback and stagnation holding my destiny to ransom catch fire.
- 5) I curse the roots of physical, spiritual and mental immobility. I uproot them and I cast them out of my life, in the name of Jesus.
- 6) I break every reproach and siege hanging over my destiny. I command them to loose their hold over my life.
- 7) Father, establish the name 'Gateway International Church' as a household name all over the city, state and nation.
- 8) I call forth multitudes into Gateway International Church. I command boundless and limitless increase numerically, physically and financially, in the name of Jesus.
- 9) Father, I thank You for the life of Your servant Pastor George Izunwa: Uphold him and grant him the grace for multiple increase and expansion in his assignment.
- 10) Lord, we decree that for the sake of Your Kingdom, Nigeria will not go down.



DAILY BIBLE
READING:

Hebrews 5 – 8

WHEN GOD DOESN'T MAKE SENSE.

KEY TEXT

Genesis 45:7. "But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: Most times, we try to walk with God from the basis of our limited understanding. There are times when God doesn't make sense. When God instructed the children of Israel to march around the walls of Jericho, it didn't make any sense at first. While no doubt confused by, but surrendered to, that divine instruction, they obeyed and the walls came down. One thing about walking in divine guidance is the fact that God's instructions don't always sound or appear sensible. Because of this, we may sometimes think that God doesn't care or He's mismanaging our lives. There are five reasons this happens:

- God ignores the majority opinion most times, if not all the time.
- In God's eyes, the way up is usually downwards.
- Our current zero level does not matter to Him as long as we're in His will and purpose.
- God gives instructions from a divine perspective, not from man's.
- Transactions in God's Kingdom are governed by faith.

APPLICATION: When life doesn't make sense, it doesn't mean that God has no interest in your well-being. When you find yourself in a situation where life doesn't seem to be making any sense, what should come first to your mind is, try to find out if you're in God's will. When that has been established, your next line of action should be to conform wholeheartedly to His process one step after another until God's intentions have been fully

established. The process may be tasking; it might be energy sapping and even discouraging but God has a plan. Hold on tightly to God's plan. Walk in obedience to it even when it doesn't make any sense. You'll discover at the end that the entire process was for your own good.



Lord, give me the grace to live in continual surrender to Your will.



Decide from this day that you would seek God's face before you jump to conclusions.



Hebrews 9 – 10

WHEN GOD WANTS YOUR ISAAC.

KEY
TEXT

Genesis 22:2. "Then God said, 'Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mount I will show you.'"

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: Commitment can be defined as a state of being dedicated to a cause or to an activity. Commitment is an obligation or engagement that restricts freedom or an involvement that denies excuses. God expects us to be committed in everything we do and especially committed to Him. To go up in life, it is important we realize the importance of commitment. There is no half measure when it comes to commitment. Until you're a hundred percent committed to something, you cannot say you're actually committed.

When God instructed Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac, I can imagine the emotional pain and confusion Abraham must have gone through at the thought of killing his son. The fact that Abraham started the journey with his son Isaac and two of his servants to the place where God had instructed he would sacrifice his son is enough proof that he was more committed to God than to anything else. One can only guess the thoughts that must have raced through his tired mind as he ascended that mountain but Abraham chose to remain committed. God gave Abraham three days to change his mind but he held on to his commitment until God held him back from carrying out His instruction.

APPLICATION: Isaac was a representation of an irreplaceable treasure but God made a demand for him. When you walk with God, you choose to either live or die. Your Isaac could be your money, service, time or something precious you own but when God makes an impossible demand, how do you handle it? The commitment of your Isaac activates the provision of supernatural abundance. It fights your battles and secures your destiny. When faith makes an impossible demand from you, it may be hard but don't forget that it is God who owns you and loves you unconditionally, and who has your best interest at heart.



Father, I thank You because I have the God advantage in my life.



Identify the Isaac God is demanding for and endeavour to release them.



Hebrews 11 – 13

WALKING IN GOD'S EASE.

KEY
TEXT

Philippians 4:19. "And my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS OF THE TEXT: God's will for you is to enjoy the best that life has to offer. God wants you to encounter ease financially, materially, physically and more importantly, spiritually. Nothing is as frustrating as needy and beggarly Christians. Due to the current economic downturns and upheavals and personal limitations and inadequacies confronting us as we pursue success, the reality of walking in ease seems unattainable.

But looking at our key text for today, does it clearly state that it's God's desire for us is to be blessed and to walk in ease? Yes! What could be more gratifying than walking hand-in-hand with God, enjoying a sickness-free life and having more than enough and being a blessing to the Body of Christ? I've come to realize that one of the major deterrents to walking in ease is people not having a clear understanding of their covenant rights in Christ.

APPLICATION: When it comes to walking in ease, there are a few things that must be settled in your mind. You deserve the best irrespective of your limitations. When I say you deserve the best, I'm not referring to having a mindset of greed and selfishness but knowing that you deserve better, first, as an individual and as a Christian. Face life with boldness and stop limiting yourself because of your personal experiences and physical

limitations. How do you accomplish this? (1) Take off the mental yokes of scarcity and poverty. (2) Put on a garment of certainty and confidence, knowing who you are in Christ. (3) Win your battles by praying ahead of time before they manifest physically. (4) Give sacrificially.



Father, by Your grace, I decree that I am set free from every bondage.



Separate yourself from the mindset of lack and mental limitations. Put on the garments of confidence and active faith.



James 1 – 5

GROW YOUR FAITH.

KEY TEXT

Psalms 2:8. "Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: When God was set to give Israel the Promised Land, twelve chosen men from the twelve tribes of Israel were instructed by Moses to go and spy the land. When they returned from their expedition, they were full of praises for the land but ten out of the twelve were of the view that it was impossible to take the land. Were there giants in the land? Were they as little as grasshoppers compared to the giants? Oh yes! But you've got to come to a point where your faith must be top-notch to face life's giants. Not walking in faith is like positioning yourself at the mercy of the attacks of hell. Your faith is the determinant factor to your victory or defeat. You are mighty, you are victorious and you are more than a conqueror.



I command everything I need for my glorious manifestation to begin to manifest now, in the name of Jesus.



You know that mental mountain before you? Address it right now.



1 Peter 1 – 5; 2 Peter 1 – 3

WALK IN COVENANT OBEDIENCE (I).

KEY TEXT

Joshua 6: 2-3. "Then the Lord said unto Joshua, 'See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men. March around the city once with all armed men. Do this for six days.'" (NIV)

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: When Jesus approached John the Baptist with the intention of getting baptized in the Jordan River, Jesus understood that from His mother's womb, He was greater than John but Jesus also knew that going by the Father's eternal plan, for His ministry to kick off, He had to be baptized by John. There are many of you who need to obey one divine instruction in order to walk in destiny dominion or encounter a destiny shift but if you keep on disobeying God in that particular area, your destiny portion will not be released to you.

God will not give you what you desire because you cried or because you prayed fervently or because you gave the fattest offering unless your act of worship is in line with His will. Destiny release is triggered by what God commands you to do. When the children of Israel were commanded to walk around the walls of Jericho, there is no scientific proof till date that wall of that height and thickness could be brought down by marching around it or by the sound of multiple trumpets. But they obeyed.

APPLICATION: The Spirit realm is a realm of mysteries. Many times, it takes an act of covenant obedience to open the doors for a destiny shift. Obedience to covenant principles is by choice but there are consequences to walking in disobedience. If you're going to walk favourably with God, you need to come to a point where you make a firm decision to obey covenant principles. There are certain privileges you may never experience until your obedience is fulfilled.



PRAYER

Lord, I will not be a reproach to my life and destiny. I will walk in obedience to You all the days of my life.



ACTION POINT

Create a covenant plan or structure you need to put into action in the upcoming year.



DAILY BIBLE READING:

1 John 1 – 5

WALK IN COVENANT OBEDIENCE 2.

KEY
TEXT

1 Chronicles 13:10. "The anger of the Lord was kindled against Uzza, and he smote him, because he put his hand to the ark: and there he died before God."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: Throughout the reign of King Saul, the Ark of the Lord remained in the custody of the Philistines for a very long time. All through the years Saul was king, he never searched for the Ark, neither did he have any intention of bringing back the Ark to Israel. But when David became king, David got really excited about bringing back the Ark to its rightful place. But concerning the return of the Ark, there was a standing instruction: the ark was to be conveyed only on the shoulders of priests, not on carts or any man-made mode of transportation.

In spite of the fact that David nursed the noble idea of bringing back the Ark, David ignorantly built a new carriage that may have been conveyed with the help of horses. And as the Ark was being moved, there was a little stumble that was certain to make the Ark fall. So, in an attempt to stop the Ark from falling, a man named Uzza used his hand to steady the Ark. His reward? God killed him. This unfortunate turn of events upset David who felt that God should have been more excited at his efforts at trying to return the Ark, forgetting that he had acted in disobedience.

APPLICATION: Your ideas may be different from God's, but His principles and instructions far outweigh your nobility or credibility. Don't be like those people who have been in the faith for a number of years but still cannot boast of a testimony of God's goodness and faithfulness. They keep running around in circles because of their failure to establish God's due order in their lives. There are certain things you will not see or have until your covenant obedience has been established. God is indeed faithful and He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.



PRAYER

My life is not permitted to remain stagnant. I declare, I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. I will win in the end.



ACTION
POINT

Believe in your heart that you are created for signs and wonders.



DAILY BIBLE
READING:

2 John 1; 3 John 1

WALK IN COVENANT OBEDIENCE (3).

COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

KEY TEXT

Acts 10:34-35. "Then Peter opened his mouth and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons. But in every nation, he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted by him."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: Cornelius was a Gentile but his position as a Roman Centurion and Commander in the Italian Military Regiment didn't deter him from carrying out good works, especially when it came to giving alms to the poor. When the Bible says that God is not a respecter of persons, indeed, He is not a respecter of persons. But something singles out a man for a touch from heaven: his good works. The Bible says that Cornelius' good works had touched heaven. What is God asking you to do that would guarantee a touch from heaven?

PRAYER POINTS:

- 1) Father, I thank You for Your Word and for Your promises concerning my life.
- 2) Today, I declare, I am recovering everything I have lost because of disobedience and carelessness.
- 3) I plead the Blood of Jesus over my life. I command The Blood to wash away every resistance and hindrance of the evil one that have been trying to destroy my destiny.
- 4) I declare, no weapon that is formed against me shall prosper. Let the fire of the Holy Ghost destroy every voice of stagnation speaking against my rising.
- 5) Father, let every seed and sacrifice I have sown, yield their dividends in my life. Anything withholding my blessing, crumble in Jesus name.
- 6) I judge anything activating slowness and stagnancy in my life by fire.
- 7) We speak increase, multiplication and expansion over Gateway International Church. We're growing from glory to glory.
- 8) I curse by fire every voice of witchcraft and sorcery speaking against Gateway International Church and her members, in the name of Jesus.
- 9) Over Your servant, Pastor George Izunwa, may he encounter multiple increase and expansion in his life and ministry.
- 10) We declare peace, growth and prosperity over Nigeria. Let the veil of death, stagnancy and poverty over Nigeria be consumed by fire.

THE BLESSING OF THE FIRST.

KEY
TEXT

Romans 11:16. "For if the first fruit be holy, the lump is also holy; and if the root be holy, so are the branches."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: Adam was the first-fruit of humanity and his fall made us all sinners. We became sinners not because we sinned but because Adam sinned. God in His infinite mercy decided to send His only begotten Son Jesus as the substitute for Adam. The reason you are born-again is because the Church, which is God's first-fruit, has been established as the foundation of your salvation.

One of the things that commands the Blessing to rest upon us is when we give the first its place of recognition. The first-fruit is the first and the best of anything God brings into your life. The first-fruit is the principle of grace that establishes substitution and sanctification. Substitution is the changing of someone or something with the next available while sanctification means being set apart for divine use. Because Christ became the substitution for Adam, by virtue of our salvation, we have become God's first who have been set apart for His use.

APPLICATION: You're not righteous because you don't sin. You become righteous by faith through Christ Jesus; you become righteous by accepting Jesus into your life as your Lord and personal Saviour. When Jesus went to the Cross, He took your place as your substitute and died for you. He didn't only die for you, He also set you apart as the Lord's. Now that you have been declared righteous and set apart for the Lord, give God His place of honor in your life. God is interested in being the First in your life. Make Him your topmost priority.



Father, strengthen me. Help me to overcome self and the weaknesses trying to hinder my walk with You.



Decide that from this day you're going to put God first in your life.



Revelation 1 – 4

HONOUR THE LORD WITH YOUR SUBSTANCE (I).

KEY TEXT

Proverbs 3:9. "Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruit of all thy increase."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: What a man obeys determines what obeys him. When you put yourself under authority, the benefits of power and authority under which you place yourself will rest upon you. There are benefits you cannot enjoy until you walk in obedience to the authority or powers under which you have placed yourself. One of the fundamentals to enjoying a financially stress-free life is obeying the command to honour the Lord with the first-fruit of your substance.

Why do we give God our first-fruit?

- When we put God first, He takes responsibility for the rest of our needs.
- When we give God His portion, He commands life to give us our portion.
- When we honour a covenant principle, we establish its authority over our lives.

APPLICATION: First-fruit is the declaration of your faith in God as your source. You invoke His covenant of wealth, peace and preservation by making the first and the best of your resources available to Him. If you treat your first-fruit with disdain and levity, everything becomes messed up. But when you honour the Lord with your first and best, everything works out excellently and favourably for you. This is the reason you are instructed to give your first. The first-fruit, which is a test of your stewardship, determines what heaven releases to you. If you fail the test, you loose the rest.



Father, I command the root of disobedience working against my life to be destroyed.



Begin to determine from today, how you intend to honour the Lord with you first-fruit in the upcoming year.



Revelation 5 – 9

HONOUR THE LORD WITH YOUR SUBSTANCE (2).

KEY
TEXT

Galatians 3:13-14. "Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (or it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree'

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: There are dimensions in destiny that are accessible only by grace. Every man in the Bible who experienced the provision of God at a supernatural dimension sacrificed something very precious at some point in his life. Living and experiencing divine provision demands sacrificial giving but, most times, people are too afraid to trust God. They believe God will bless others but do not believe God will bless them.

When Adam fell, Adam unknowingly transferred the ownership of the earth to satan, making satan the legal custodian of the earth and the wealth allocations of the earth. This is why it appears challenging sometimes for a Christian to acquire and enjoy great wealth. Thankfully, God has given us the Holy Spirit who is the source of wealth allocation but are we obeying His principles. one of which is the sacrifice of our first-fruit?

APPLICATION: Life is governed by principles. God wants to establish a lasting covenant of His divine provision in your life. As you prepare for the end of the year, intentionally decide on how your next year is going to be. Are you ready to live in abundance and ascend the ladder of success or are you going to continue scraping for leftovers? Allow your life to be governed by the principle of seedtime and harvest. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you by giving you insight into how you can intentionally create a new success plan for yourself in the upcoming year.



I cast out fear; I cast out unbelief from my heart. Nothing will stop me this time, in Jesus name.



Draw out a plan on how you intend to partner with God in the New Year and pray over it.



Revelation 10 – 13

STICK TO THE PRINCIPLES.

KEY
TEXT

Acts 10:35. "But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted by him."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: God is a God of principles. When a man is rebellious, his voice does not carry authority. When you act in obedience, you carry grace, power and authority. A man may be an Israelite but if he is not circumcised, he does not have an inheritance in God. What the Law says concerning such a man is that he would be cut off from the Covenant. Your being in church for a number of years does not guarantee you a place in the Covenant. So establish your covenant obedience by giving and honouring God with your substance. When you do this, it gives God and His prophet the power and the right to speak and activate covenant blessings over your life.

Two things that happen when you obey covenant:

- Your boldness increases.
- You activate the law of seedtime and harvest.



Father, from today I am walking in covenant obedience. I shall not be a castaway.



Study the account of Abel. How does his story of sacrificial giving affect your thinking



Revelation 14 – 17

YOU CAN LIVE THE BLESSED LIFE.

KEY
TEXT

Genesis 18:14a. *"Is anything too hard for the Lord?" (NIV)*

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: It's possible to live a blessed life. Our God is a big God and nothing is impossible with Him. God is a specialist when it comes to accomplishing the impossible in your life. The things men have concluded are impossible, God can overturn in the twinkling of an eye. As we close the year, I know there are doubts and questions in the hearts of many people. In fact, many might be thinking of giving up or reducing their commitment to God but these are not the answers to your questions in the coming year. The devil may whisper evil reports into your mind but determine in your heart that God is more than able.

I want you to know that you can live a blessed life irrespective of what you have experienced. There is absolutely nothing God cannot do for you. What do you need right now that God cannot do for you? Are you in need of healing? Do you need some peace in your life? A job? A child? A life-partner? The grace to walk diligently with God? Deliverance from an affliction? Whatever it is, God is more than able to help you live a blessed life. But the blessed life is accessed only through covenant.

APPLICATION: As you draw close to the end of the year, I want you to add a degree of intentionality and determination to your walk with God. It's the only way you can live a blessed life. God has His role to play but you also have yours. Focus on the areas you need to improve and get working towards making those areas work favourably for you. You can't do without it. Do what you need to do. Remember that if you do not make the necessary moves, nothing will move for you.



Lord, help me to invest in my covenant obligations to You in the upcoming year.



Spend today meditating over the needs and adjustments you need to make in your life and draw out a plan on how you will accomplish them.



Revelation 18 – 19

IT'S THE LORD'S BATTLE.

KEY
TEXT

2 Chronicles 2:15. "And he said, 'Listen, all you of Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you king Jehoshaphat! Thus says the Lord to you: 'Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God's.'"

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: Jehoshaphat faced a multitude of enemies but he did something very remarkable. Instead of focusing on his enemies and getting depressed over his problems, he prayed. 2 Chronicles 20:12 says, 'Our God will you not judge them? For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you.' God wants to remind you that He's there to help you.

You may have gone through this year fighting battles and probably encountering so much defeat but it's time to let God help you fight your battles. Learn to do it God's way. Standing still is the last thing you might want to do in the midst of life's battles. In fact, asking someone to stand still in the midst of a raging battle can be reckoned as suicidal but standing still simply means letting go of every worry, anxiety and fear. Secondly, it means obeying divine instruction. It means doing it God's way.

APPLICATION: You may have tried to save the situation in ways you deemed fit and yet you've only experienced knockouts and rundowns. Have you bothered to ask the Lord what He wants you to do? When Jehoshaphat came face to face with a battle he couldn't conquer, he prayed. He understood it was a battle that couldn't be fought with weapons of war but praise. What you need to do is ask the Lord for inspiration and revelation. 'Lord, what will You have me do?' That's the question you should always ask as you walk into the new year. Don't get into next year with guesses and assumptions. Go with God all the way and let Him fight for you by allowing Him inspire you on what to do.



Father, I detach myself from myself. Holy Spirit, take the lead and guide me.



Trust God for a miracle today.



Revelation 20 – 22

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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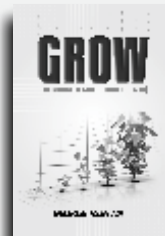
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