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QUIET TIME PROGRAMME

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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!

2025

HESED COVENANT CONFESSION

[Lift up your right hand & declare boldly]

- God is good to me!
- My life is sustained by His covenants!
- My covenant place is at the topmost top!

Today.... Standing on Romans 10:9-10, I confess that Jesus Christ is my Lord!

- He died in my place and rose from the dead!
- He took away my sins & gave me His righteousness!
- Because of Him, I am a member of the family of God!
- Jesus is my life; I live by His Word; I am led by His Spirit!
- And one day, I will meet Him face to face!

Because of Jesus Christ, my life is supernatural!

- I am the blessed of God!
- I walk in prosperity!
- I find favour everywhere!
- Sound health is my portion!
- Nothing dies in my hands!
- No power can hurt my destiny!
- Kings come to the brightness of my rising!
- Nations open their gates and treasures to me!
- My life is a testimony of grace!



2025

▶ HESED COVENANT **CONFESSION**

Today, I affirm that 2025 is my covenant year of HESED!

- I receive the loving kindness of God!
- Only good things are permitted in my life!
- 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 business works; my relationships work!
- Everything will work for my good in 2025!
- No good word, spoken over me will fall to the ground!
- There shall be no loss nor evil report in my life this year!
- The good hand of God is upon me!
- I am the evidence of Hessed!

GOD'S ULTIMATE WILL

KEY
TEXT

Romans 8: 31-32 "What shall we say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?"

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: God's dream is for our lives to count on earth. He created us to fulfil purpose, one of which is living in abundance to showcase His glory. Wealth is one of the main provisions of the Abrahamic covenant. God said to Abraham, "I will make your name great and you will be a blessing." When Adam fell in the Garden of Eden, Man was cursed with toiling and disfavour. Because of the Fall, satan was given the legal right to determine how wealth and affluence would be distributed on Earth.

This wasn't God's will from the very beginning. God's plan was that Man would live continually in a world free from sickness, hardship, chaos and poverty. When God commanded Man to be fruitful in **Genesis 1:28**, He meant we should be fruitful in all things: in the fruit of our body, in the work of our hands, in our relationships and finances. God didn't create us to suffer like some false religions suggest, with a claim that poverty leads to humility. On the contrary, poverty leads to shame, reproach and ridicule.

APPLICATION: I want a regeneration to take place in your heart today. Throw off the old garments of lies and self-deception that may have clouded your reasoning. Understand what God's ultimate will is. Unless you have lived in disobedience of the covenant, there is no reason under heaven why you should continue in shame and poverty. When God was

boasting with Abraham, He said, "I called him alone. He was a nobody but I called him and blessed him and increased him." I don't know where you are now, but God wants to bless and increase you. I want you to believe it more than anything else as you face this year.



PRAYER

Father, You are the guarantee that my tomorrow will be better. Show me mercy.



ACTION POINT

Ask the Holy Spirit to renew your mindset.



DAILY BIBLE READING:

Deuteronomy 26 – 27

MAKE TODAY YOUR TURNING POINT

KEY
TEXT

Job 42:12 "So the Lord blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning: for he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she asses."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: It is an error to put in so much effort in life and reap very little. But there is good news! No condition is hopeless, and no one is helpless! As long as you are in Christ, nothing remains permanently lost! Everything in life has a turning point! There is always a destiny moment in a man's life, a day when it all turns around. Tell yourself, "By the mercies of God, today is my day!"

How do you make today your destiny turning point?

- Begin to see yourself exactly as God sees you: fruitful, victorious and more than a conqueror!
- Forgive yourself for your past mistakes and chart a new course in your business, career and finances.
- Decide to partner with God.
- Divorce yourself from a lack mentality.

Decide you're going to live in covenant with God and enjoy His covenant blessings.



Today, I receive every key needed for destiny doors to open to me!



Draw up a covenant financial plan for yourself and prayerfully stick to it.



Deuteronomy 28 – 29

STRETCH THE LIMITS OF DILIGENCE

KEY
TEXT

Proverbs 22:29. "Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: Diligence means working hard at whatever you do. It means giving your responsibility your best and going the extra mile. Excellence is going a step higher or further than your competitors. For instance, if your competitor gives one hour to his cause, go a step further by giving another one or two hours. If he's giving two, then ensure you give more. In whatever he does, always be ahead of him. This is how people succeed.

In fact, no one is better than the other. Most times, if not all the time, what makes the difference is what you are willing to sacrifice in order to succeed. When you do what others are not willing to do, you get what they cannot get. For instance, Joseph in the Bible was diligent in all that he did, which was why Potiphar gave him charge over his household (Genesis 39:6). While in prison, the keeper of the prison gave him charge over the prison (Genesis 39:23). God was with Joseph as the Bible says but Joseph distinguished himself by staying positive and going the extra mile.

APPLICATION: Success will not come to you if you are lazy, irresponsible and always in need of a push to do even the simple things. Be diligent in whatever you do. Work hard at everything and be prepared at all times. Remain prayerful and refuse to give excuses. Be excellent, aim higher and fight harder. Go the extra mile even if you're not commended for it. When you add excellence to the little things you do, you'll go higher than your peers and competitors. This is how favour is attracted.



Today, I receive grace to follow the path of excellence and fruitfulness.



Declare an increase in the work of your hands.



Deuteronomy 30 – 32

BREAK THE CURSE OF A SWEATY BROW (1)

KEY TEXT

Genesis 3:17 "And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: The curse of a sweaty brow is a curse upon a man who life does not favour. It is the curse of unending struggles and hardship. It is earning a living the hard way and, at the end, eating only the bread of sorrow. Psalm 127:1 tells us that unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain. And unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand to watch in vain. In other words, you need God to help you. There's a role you ought to play but there are roles only God can play in your life.

There are five root causes of a sweaty brow, namely, the commanded curse of God, unresolved foundational bondages, a self-made-man mentality, the abuse of destiny-appointed help and the oppression of witchcraft forces. When you look at these five root causes, which of them can you spot as the root cause of what you might be going through presently? Are you unreservedly surrendered to Christ? Have you lived a life of financial and moral integrity? Have you on one or more occasions abused relationships that were divinely orchestrated to give you a destiny lifting? Or can you say you played your cards exceptionally well but have continued to struggle financially for reasons you can't explain?

APPLICATION: How do you overcome the curse of a sweaty brow?

- Ensure that your life is totally and committedly surrendered to Christ and ask God for mercy over any sin that has brought poverty into your life.
- Begin to live a life of financial and moral integrity.
- Intentionally and aggressively address the spiritual gates and forces of witchcraft attacking your finances through prayer.
- Ask God to guide you. Ask Him for a vision, for ideas, strength and creativity.
- Lastly, acknowledge God as your source, not man nor your personal capabilities.



I call forth the release of blessings that have been held back from manifesting in my life.



Spend quality time praying in the Spirit as you search your inner man.



Deuteronomy 33 – 34

BREAK THE CURSE OF A SWEATY BROW (2)

COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

KEY
TEXT

Proverbs 21:8 "The way of man is forward and strange but as for the pure, his work is right."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: God doesn't like people who feel they can do everything by themselves. The success of your business or career comes by a touch of God's grace. Yes, you ought to be diligent in whatever you do but putting God out of the picture will limit how far you can go. Perhaps the reason your heaven has remained closed is because you're making effort all by yourself without God's help and direction. You give God glory when you lean on Him for strength, support and guidance.

PRAYER POINTS:

1. Father, I thank You for making me Your light. My light will not be hidden.
2. Thank You for Your thoughts of peace and goodness towards me. By Your grace, I am blessed. I receive an expected end.
3. Lord, Your will and Your promises concerning my life must prevail this year against all odds.
4. Father, resurrect everything dead in my life. Help me to recover all my lost years.
5. I curse the roots of lack and financial instability. I declare, every root of lack and want, be consumed by fire, in the name of Jesus!
6. I escape and avoid any pit of lack and poverty that has been dug for me, in the name of Jesus!
7. I command this year to release my promises and prophecies. I declare, this is my year of abundant provision and financial overflow!
8. Oh God, stretch forth Your healing hands over Gateway International Church: We command manifold restoration over the lives and finances of Your people, in the name of Jesus.
9. Over Your Servant Pastor George Izunwa, we pray for a triple portion increase in every area of his life and ministry. May he be the first partaker of Your blessings.
10. We thank You for Your mighty hand of restoration over Nigeria. Destiny turnaround begins for Nigeria this year.



DAILY BIBLE
READING:

Joshua 1 – 4

ADDRESS THE FOUNDATIONAL BONDAGE (1)

KEY
TEXT

Galatians 3:13 "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: Foundational bondages are strongholds or forces that make a person stagnant, poor and unimportant. They are demonic and evil altars that resist lives and limit destinies. Poverty, lack and disfavour can be caused by foundational bondages which must be addressed or else their negative impact will continue. When Christ went to the Cross, He redeemed us so that the blessings given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles. By Calvary, you are guaranteed a hundred percent freedom from the foundational bondages of lack and poverty. But until these bondages are addressed, you may not be able to experience financial overflow.

How do you know you're laboring under a financial foundational bondage? (1) When you work like an elephant but eat like an ant. (2) When favour continues to elude you for no apparent reason. (3) After living a life of covenant financial and moral integrity but continue to experience dryness.

APPLICATION: Rise and address that bondage through serious praying. Pray tirelessly over your situation and don't give up until you receive an answer. Take a fast if you need to. Get spiritual help if need be but don't sit down wallowing in self-pity and wondering why everyone dislikes you. There's a point you will get to where you'll begin to bear the false labels of poverty and failure if you don't rise and fight. Beloved, there is nothing dignifying in begging and in being relegated to the background. Relegation is not a sign of humility. If you leave your life to chance, you will not have the privilege of desired choices.



Father, I break every evil foundation speaking and monitoring my life and finances!



Draw up a prayer plan.



Joshua 5 – 7

ADDRESS THE FOUNDATIONAL BONDAGE (2)

KEY TEXT

Hebrews 4:12 (NIV) "For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: There is a spirit behind every spoken word. Every spoken word, good or bad, carries a spirit that keeps the word activated. When you declare victory, when you declare you're the champion, when you declare what God's word says, your life begins to take shape in line with what you have said. The same happens when you say negative things or when you stay mute. Destiny doors remain closed when you refuse to talk positively, especially when you refuse to declare God's word over your situation. Whatever you permit to fill your spiritual atmosphere is what will eventually prevail.

When negative voices are contending with your rising and you speak God's word, your voice is sure to drown their voices. Your release may not be immediate but as you continue to say what God's word says, those negative forces will bow before you. Nothing can stand against the spoken word of God. This is one of the reasons satan does everything to stop you from studying it. He understands the power of the spoken word. There are Christians who can spend hours praying but hardly give quality time to studying the Word.

APPLICATION: Prosperity, healing, protection and preservation are your covenant rights, but you must get up and activate your covenant rights through the Word of God. You will experience life with ease when you take advantage of God's word. Don't let spiritual laziness and confusion becloud your thinking. No one will do for you what you ought to do for yourself, not even God.



Lord Jesus, help me to make Your Word my primary focus.



Take the Word with you wherever you go. Read it, memorize it and declare it.



Joshua 8 – 10

BECOME GOD'S KINGDOM BUILDER

KEY
TEXT

John 15:16 "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: What guarantees God's divine backup? How do you begin the journey into greatness? It is first by bearing fruits for the Kingdom. Our key text says that Jesus chose us first before we even thought about Him or had any plans of serving Him. He didn't choose us only to live a life of wealth and affluence but to first impact His Kingdom through soul-winning. Kingdom building through soul-winning is God's heartbeat. When our heart beats with a fervency for souls, we become God's candidate for prosperity.

When we make what matters to God our primary assignment, God will make what matters to us His primary assignment. Anyone not bearing fruits, especially spiritual fruits, can't be a friend of Jesus. You will end up wasting the grace and ability He has invested in you. Remember, when Jesus walked up to the fig tree and saw only leaves, He cursed it. The same Jesus who cursed the fig tree, also said in John 15:2, *"Every branch in me that beareth not fruit, he taketh away."*

APPLICATION: When it comes to the release of God's promises, understand that there are certain conditions required for their manifestation. One of the prerequisites or conditions that is required for your lifting is becoming a Kingdom builder through soul-winning. Heaven doesn't cut corners! Until you learn to fulfil the conditions for God's blessings, God does not commit Himself to you. When we do as commanded, we obtain as promised.



PRAYER

In the name of Jesus, I break free from every negative spiritual covering that has been cast over my life and finances!



ACTION
POINT

Ask the Lord to pour out His goodness and mercy over you as you begin a journey of commitment to Kingdom building.



DAILY BIBLE
READING:

Joshua 11 – 13

GO FOR THE GOD DREAM.

KEY TEXT

2 Kings 7:3 (NIV) "Now there were four men with leprosy at the entrance of the city gate. They said to each other, 'Why stay here until we die? If we say, 'We would go into the city,' the famine is there, and we will die. And if we stay here, we will die.' So let's go over to the camp of the Arameans and surrender. If they spare us, we live; if they kill us, then we die."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: Nothing great is accomplished until you dare to begin. Many Christians cannot rise above a certain level because they aim for things that do not challenge their comfort, convenience and predictability. Any dream that will not need God to actualize it, is not a God dream. Great dreams produce great people. Can I dare you to birth a breathtaking dream? A God dream?

If you check your life's journey so far, perhaps the last twenty years, you might discover that you failed to execute those God-given dreams because of some fears that never came to pass. Discard the garment of fear and go for a God dream this year.



PRAYER

I receive boldness and soundness of mind.



ACTION POINT

Say this repeatedly; "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."



DAILY BIBLE READING:

Joshua 14 – 17

DON'T ABUSE PRIVILEGE

KEY TEXT

Matthew 22:13 "Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: Favour is a great privilege which can be abused. From our key text, when the king came into the venue of the wedding banquet to see the guests, he noticed a man who was not wearing wedding clothes. Another version says he was dressed shabbily. In anger, the king ordered his servants to throw this man out into outer darkness. Some may condemn the actions of the king and tag it as hostile or thoughtless. What's the big deal about how he was dressed? Wasn't it this same king who sent his servants into the 'streets' to invite guests to the wedding banquet?

You see, this man may have been invited randomly to the banquet, but it was his responsibility to pay attention to how he looked at a grand occasion such as a wedding banquet. But unfortunately, he was thrown out because he abused the privilege by being shabbily dressed. Many people have stopped walking in favour or never got the chance to enjoy favour because they have the habit of abusing privilege. There is no success on earth without a touch of favour. Favour comes through connection and through relationships.

APPLICATION: You may be the best at whatever you do but still end up relegated to the background because of your negative attitude towards the opportunities and the people God has appointed as channels for your lifting. What you don't respect, you don't attract. Don't be like Lot who lost favour and privilege because he abused the privilege he had with Abraham. Learn to nurture and hold credible relationships in high esteem. Don't take things and people for granted. There might be a destiny helper watching you who could be contemplating whether to help you or not.



PRAYER

I call forth God's commanded helpers my way and I evoke supernatural wisdom on how to handle them.



ACTION POINT

Command supernatural involvement in God's commanded relationships in your life.



DAILY BIBLE READING:

Joshua 18 – 20

TAKE THOSE **LITTLE** STEPS

KEY
TEXT

Job 8:7 "Though thy beginning was small, yet thy latter end should greatly increase."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: Every great thing began small. Dream God-dreams but understand that great things, no matter how great you hope they would eventually be, must begin small. The irony of life is that there are so many people who are ready to begin small but are afraid of achieving great things. And there are also people who want to conquer the world but refuse to start small.

Every living thing on earth began with a seed that germinated and matured into something big through the growth process. Even human life begins with the fusion of the microscopic male sperm cell with an ovum (egg cell) in the female. Things begin small and mature over time. If you desire to be established successfully, you need to begin from where you are and keep working until your dream manifests. What you need to do is take those deliberate little steps. As you take those little steps, never forget that you're on your way to becoming God's instrument to showcase His glory.

APPLICATION: Little steps are where it all begins. Keep on going! Keep pressing forward towards the outstanding mark of excellence. Your boldness to start something is proof of your desire to become outstanding. Start something! Don't wait until conditions are favourable! Inaction is foolishness! Step out in the name of the Lord with those little steps! If you don't step out, you can't step up! Dying small is an abuse of your potential! When the Bible tells you to be fruitful, it's not a suggestion but a command! Take those little steps and soon, you will be running and flying.



Lord, as I take those little steps, decorate and distinguish my destiny.

ACTION
POINT

Take a worship song and welcome the Holy Spirit to minister to you.

DAILY BIBLE
READING:

Joshua 21 – 22

DON'T REMAIN IN ONE SPOT

COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

KEY
TEXT

Galatians 6:9 "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: Anyone should be happy to begin small but should get concerned when there is no growth or advancement. The Bible says that though your beginning was small, your latter end should greatly increase. It's very okay to begin small but God's will is for you to end great! God is omnipotent and you were created in the image of this same omnipotent God. So, you should live like one born with supernatural abilities.

PRAYER POINTS:

1. Father, thank You for the gift of godly potential and the promise of a great future.
2. Today, I speak to my mind and spirit: receive supernatural quickening to advance forward.
3. By grace, I receive the spirit of discernment that enables me to discern the right moves and the prompting of the Holy Spirit in my business, career and finances.
4. God, You are my source. I declare, there is no place for smallness and mediocrity in my life! No more stagnancy! No more limitations! No more holding back!
5. I command ideas, divine concepts, inspiration and opportunities to locate me and flow into my spirit now!
6. Every voice of fear, pride and confusion trying to stop me from accessing my place of glory, I curse you by fire, in the name of Jesus!
7. I bind every spirit trying to hold my destiny manifestation through darkened thinking! I bind and I cast you out of my life, in the name of Jesus!
8. In this year 2025, we agree that no member of Gateway International Church or their families will suffer loss.
9. Lord, reveal more of yourself in the life and ministry of Your servant, Pastor George Izunwa. Preserve his life and family, in the name of Jesus!
10. Oh Lord, Nigeria must be recovered by Your mighty hand of mercy, in Jesus' name!



DAILY BIBLE
READING:

Joshua 23 – 24

REMAIN ROOTED IN GOD

KEY
TEXT

Psalms 92:12 "The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree; he shall grow like the cedar in Lebanon."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: When Israel left Egypt on their way to the Promised Land, they arrived at the desert at some point. Having escaped from the Egyptians, a handful of the Israelites might have contemplated settling in the desert but that wasn't in God's agenda even after He instructed them to build Him a tabernacle *in the desert*. Why? No one is meant to settle in the wilderness: in dryness, shame, lack and dishonor. When God gave them the instruction to build Him a tabernacle, they used materials that could be dismantled and put back together again. It's quite normal to encounter desert experiences in life, but you don't settle in them; you walk through them.

Desert represents dryness, scorching lack, incapacitating shame, uncertainty and wandering restlessness which can make it very challenging to keep faith and hope alive. But when you find yourself in the desert, bear it in mind that it's not God's final bus-stop for you. The children of Israel arrived at the desert, but they didn't end there. They walked through!

APPLICATION: Beloved, even when you feel you cannot go beyond a certain point, you've got to keep believing in the God's ability to create a destiny for you. Don't settle in that negative state, no matter how bad things might appear. Go through whatever is trying to hold you back but if you must make it through, you've got to be firmly rooted in Christ. When you journey with God, storms should make you stronger, not break you. Have you noticed that the palm tree is virtually the only tree that's left standing after a storm? No matter how bent it gets, even to the point of almost touching the ground, it snaps right back up when the storm is over because its roots are firmly entrenched in the ground. God wants you to be rooted in Him no matter the pressure. His assurance is that you'll come out of it!



PRAYER

Lord, lift me higher as I keep my heart fixed on You.



ACTION
POINT

Ponder on the lessons you have learnt over time and how they relate to your lifting.



DAILY BIBLE
READING:

Judges 1 – 3

GO WITH THE FORCE OF FAITH.

KEY
TEXT

Habakkuk 2:4 "Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him; but the just shall live by his faith."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: There's an element of faith that determines increase, advancement and success. It's quite normal to get overwhelmed when economic setbacks and meltdowns happen but we must make a choice not to be discouraged by negative confessions, hopelessness and fear. Why? It's because our case is different. Fear and a sense of defeat are anti-faith and anti-covenant.

So, when you see the "giants", just understand that they are the signposts to your Promised Land. If you keep talking like a peasant, you will never get to the palace. If you keep confessing negatively like the ten spies who brought back a negative report, you'll never get to your Promised Land. God will not bless you with heaven's reward if all you envision is hell. You are either God-conscious or giant-conscious. A careful assessment of the confessions of the twelve spies clearly depicts the fact that they all had faith: 10 had faith in the giants but 2 had faith in God.

APPLICATION: As long as your faith in God remains intact, that pressure is but for a moment. Faith is the spiritual force that opens you to a world of outstanding possibilities. Your result is the function of your faith. If you're going to rise in a world or nation ravaged by pain, poverty, hunger and suffering, you must charge at life with the mighty force of faith. Declare boldly what you want to experience in spite of what you're seeing physically. Faith is a speaking force. This means it's voice-activated. By your words, you will be justified and by your words, you will be condemned.



PRAYER

Father, clothe me with the garment of faith required for supernatural results.



ACTION
POINT

Begin to intentionally see into a world of strange possibilities.



DAILY BIBLE
READING:

Judges 4 – 5

STOP! READ THE SIGN

KEY
TEXT

Matthew 4:4 "But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: You need to live in conscious obedience of God's present word. What is God saying to you right now? Do you know that you can make a terrible destiny mistake if you fail to listen and understand the word for the now? A lot of Christians fail to climb the ladder of success because they lack the word for the present season. There is a sign for your present season. So, the question is, what is God saying to you now?

When there was a famine in the land, God instructed Elijah to proceed to Brook Cherith and stay there because He had commanded the ravens to feed him. And God actually sent the ravens to feed Elijah with bread and meat every morning and night. But after a while, the brook dried up. After the brook dried up, Elijah's next line of action was a divine instruction that ushered Elijah into the next phase of his life. Elijah stopped and read the sign that was pointing in another direction that said, "I have commanded a widow to feed you."

APPLICATION: If you must encounter breakthrough, live in prosperity and go beyond your peers, you need to stop and read the signs. To what direction is the sign pointing? Left, right or forward? Local, national or "japa-tional"? Men of destiny are people who stop to read the signs. They are conversant with the present word from God. God's instructions are always current and renewed. You can't see everything at once. So, you must commit to knowing God's present word through prayer, counsel and study of the Word.



PRAYER

Lord, I command the channels of my spirit to open up to Your will and direction!



ACTION
POINT

I declare, I am a sign to my generation!



DAILY BIBLE
READING:

Judges 6 – 8

DOMINION IS YOUR PORTION. YOU WIN IN ALL!

KEY
TEXT

Proverbs 23:18 (NKJV) "For surely there is a hereafter, and your hope will not be cut off."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: I want you to keep seeing yourself as God sees you: a person of dominion. You have the right to encounter and exercise dominion in every sphere of life irrespective of the challenges. I declare unto you, you will not die small!

When Jesus found Himself in two different situations, to feed a crowd of five thousand and to pay the temple tax, He won in both. He multiplied a few loaves of bread and a few fishes to feed the crowd of over five thousand. When He needed to pay the temple tax, He asked Peter to go to the river, catch a fish and retrieve a denarii from its mouth. Just like Jesus, you're a winner in all. As God's child, you don't win some and lose some. You win in all. May God lift His mighty hand to pour His blessings over you! May He justify you and shame your mockers by giving you supernatural results!



PRAYER

*Father, make me Your
evidence on earth.*

ACTION
POINT

Make a decision to follow the
Lord. Never compromise.

DAILY BIBLE
READING:

Judges 9 – 10

LOCATE YOUR PLACE IN THE KINGDOM

KEY
TEXT

Romans 11:13 "For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: Kingdom service is the use of your God-given talents, strengths, personal experiences, including your financial resources, as tools accomplish the Kingdom's agenda. Kingdom service is making the interest of God's kingdom your personal pursuit. Kingdom service is so integral to the Christian life that there are some of life's hurdles you can't scale until you take kingdom service seriously. Your willingness and availability in kingdom service pave the way for provision, preservation and prosperity.

But the plain truth about kingdom service is, we have been called to function in different capacities with the aim of accomplishing divine purpose. Therefore, it's very important that we clearly understand what, how and where God desires us to channel our potential. Many Christians have remained unrewarded in spite of their 'supposed' kingdom service because they have walked in disobedience or ignorance. i.e. doing what God has asked them NOT to do.

APPLICATION: One of the criteria to walking in commanded blessings is obedience. Your obedience and service will orchestrate your lifting, your preservation and command destiny doors to be open to you. It's possible you're yet to encounter an outpouring of God's blessings because you're doing the wrong thing when God has no record or reward for what you might be doing. Go back to the One who created you; to the One who breathed His potential into you. Ask Him to reveal what He wants from you and do it.



PRAYER

Father, I thank You for making my crooked paths straight.



ACTION
POINT

Take note of these pointers to destiny: your talents, spiritual gifts and personal experiences.



DAILY BIBLE
READING:

Judges 11 – 13

DEFINE YOURSELF (1)

KEY
TEXT

Exodus 31:3 (NIV) "And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: It took over 200 people to build the stage used by the Rolling Stones during their 1994 world tour. A convoy of more than twenty trailers was used to haul this huge structure which was half the length of a football field from one location to another. Two private planes conveyed key people including the band from city to city. It was a massive operation, and their world tour earned a whopping sum of over eighty million dollars in profit. So, one can say it was worth the effort.

After the initial planning, the Rolling Stones didn't get involved with hauling equipment, figuring out the complex itinerary, setting up the stage or doing hundreds of other tasks that needed to be done to ensure a smooth concert. Other skilled people took care of the details. The band concentrated on what they know how to do best—sing and perform. So, I ask you these questions: What do you do best? How and what are you wired for?

APPLICATION: These questions, rightly answered, will determine the outcomes of your life this year. Have you spent the last few years of your life trying to strengthen your weaknesses or reinforce your strengths? The advancement of the Kingdom agenda and God's plan for your life will be determined by how you define yourself. When you spend too much time on your weakness, you'll end up having a stash of strong weaknesses but when you spend time boosting your strength or the things you are good at, you'll accomplish purpose and receive great rewards in return.



PRAYER

Father, it's my covenant portion to finish my course. Holy Spirit, help me to discover my true identity.



ACTION
POINT

Identify key areas you have ignorantly or unconsciously hindered yourself from advancing forward and release yourself to begin manifesting grace.



DAILY BIBLE
READING:

Judges 14 – 16

DEFINE YOURSELF (2)

COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

KEY
TEXT

1 Corinthians 6:12a (NLT) "I have the right to do anything,' you say—but not everything is beneficial."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: Popular comic actor, Jim Carrey, commands more than twenty million dollars per movie. His talent is twisting and contorting his face and body into the most unusual positions, most times, making him appear as if he's made of rubber. As a teenager, he spent hours in front of the mirror practicing how to use his talent. He also realized he was brilliant at making impersonations which became his early routine in the comedy circuit. You want to matter and excel in the Kingdom and experience prosperity? What do you do effortlessly? What do you do with ease and with pleasure? Discover it! Define it!.....And distribute it!

PRAYER POINTS:

1. Lord, I thank You for giving me an identity and for creating me in Your image and likeness.
2. Thank You for the privilege of a new beginning and for Your desire to accomplish Your purpose through me.
3. Father, Your mighty hand came upon Elijah for speed. Lay your hand of restoration upon me and command divine speed for me this year, in the name of Jesus.
4. I attack every purpose-sucking demon with the fire of the Holy Ghost. Everything attacking God's will and purpose for my life, I curse you by fire and I cast you out of my life!
5. I command the arrows of frustration, delay and denial to return to their senders. I declare, I am advancing forward by the grace of God!
6. I declare, no more going back! No more stagnation! No more mind delusions! I'm coming out of every destiny prison!
7. Holy Spirit, arise and show me mercy! Turn my wasted years into fruitful years, in Jesus' name!
8. Today, I proclaim a new season of divine release over Gateway International Church and all her members. I declare, all lost and wasted years be recovered by God's mighty hand of favour!
9. I thank You Lord for Your servant, Pastor George Izunwa. I call forth the release of new strength and fresh oil upon him. May his words never fall to the ground empty.
10. I command Nigeria to be subject to the will of God! I command the reign of evil to come to an end, in the name of Jesus!

RELATE STRATEGICALLY

KEY
TEXT

Proverbs 1:22a (NIV) "How long will you who are simple love your simple ways?"

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: Alan Hobson and Jamie Clark made it to the top of Mount Everest in 1997 after two failed attempts. Despite starting the mission together, they involved others to ensure its success. There was an expedition organizer, a summit team, a route-fixing team, a fund-raising team and a much-needed medical team. The two men were also a source of moral support and encouragement to each other.

Building strategic relationships equally means going for the best people. Many of us are involved in relationships purely for the sake of convenience. Most times, we don't see the need to identify with the key people God has positioned to motivate us to greatness and success. Most of the time, we see ourselves falling into relationships that confine us to people who do nothing but fan our ego and pamper our mediocrity without realizing we are running around in one spot. Very many times, prosperity is achieved through people you know, not what you know. One strategy the devil uses in disarming many children of God is making them see an enemy in the relationships God has designed as a channel for their lifting.

APPLICATION: One relationship is enough to begin your journey to greatness and prosperity. God is opening doors for strategic relationships this year but it's your responsibility to identify and nurture them. He will not leave you without quality relationships because He's interested in accomplishing great things through you and for you. Although He wants you to achieve success, God also delights in your peace of mind. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you identify the strategic relationships He has predestined for your lifting this year.



Let every gate standing between me and my destiny helpers be completely uprooted!



Uproot any ill-feelings of prejudice and cast them out of your heart.



Judges 20 – 21

ASK ... AND YOU WILL RECEIVE

KEY
TEXT

Matthew 7:7 "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: Lack of accomplishments and disappointments are real in the lives of some Christians because they feel reluctant to ask for help when needs arise. Many times, irrespective of what you know and the credible investments you devote to your cause, a time comes you need to ask for help. Looking at the word "help", help does not mean monetary assistance only. Advice, mentoring, networking, and lots more are all part of help.

To maintain strategic relationships, you need to know who, when and what to ask for. There are levels you may never be able to attain until you ask for help. But why do many people chicken out when they need to ask for help? 1) Many are too arrogant to admit they are deficient in certain areas. 2) Many lack confidence because they believe that asking is not the appropriate thing to do. 3) Others refuse to ask because of the fear of rejection. God uses people to help people and there are commanded helpers and channels of grace.

APPLICATION: The rewards of asking are many once you're able to break through the mental walls of fear or pride. We can get most of the things we desire once we are able to overcome our individual mental setbacks. Fear, pride and lack of confidence are of the devil, not God. It's not all the time you should ask, but there are times you have to. The promise is that when you ask, you will receive; when you seek, you're sure to find, and when you take the pains to go the extra mile, destiny doors will be opened to you. If the Lord lays it in your heart to seek help, don't hesitate to do so. The answer you've been searching for may be in that person the Lord may be laying on your heart.



PRAYER

Father, cause Your Spirit to quicken boldness and courage in me. Grant me destiny speed.



ACTION
POINT

Learn to always see possibilities.



DAILY BIBLE
READING:

Ruth 1 - 4

LIVE INTENTIONALLY

KEY TEXT

Habakkuk 3:17-18 (NIV) "Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Saviour."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: Vision does not stop at what we see. Vision also demands that we intentionally strive to work at what we envision. This means that visioning requires that you make intentional choices to design your life to fit into what you desire. And part of the choices you must make is staying intentionally happy no matter what's going on around you. Happiness is a personal choice. Happiness depends on how you see life and not how life treats you.

Joseph spent some years in prison, yet the prison didn't get to him. What was even more disturbing was the fact that he had been falsely accused. That should have been enough to make him throw in the towel and give up on life but Joseph was different from the others because he was intentional about life. Have you bothered to ask yourself why Joseph could tell that the king's cupbearer and baker were sad? It was because he was an intentionally happy person. Your act of intentionality could be making a promise to yourself never to be moved by the attitudes you experience in a hostile environment or be intentionally nice to people who put you down or be more forgiving.

APPLICATION: Life demands that you live above negative circumstances to fulfil your vision. The fact that your boat is in the river does not necessarily mean that the river should be in your boat. Your environment or circumstances should not determine your happiness. What should control your happiness is what is inside of you. So, the question is, what is on your inside? A happy spirit or a defeated, bitter and antagonistic personality that is angry with everything and everyone? You can have a fulfilled and joyful life. It takes grace.



Today, I cast out the spirits of fear, doubt, anxiety and uncertainty from my life.



Refuse to be intimidated by any challenge. God is indeed faithful.



1 Samuel 1 – 3

POWER YOUR THOUGHTS

KEY
TEXT

Proverbs 4:23 "Keep thy heart with all diligence: for out of it are the issues of life."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: Everything we do and become is a function of how we think. Life flows out of thought. Thoughts are so powerful that they can alter the course of life. Even when we do not realize it, our thoughts play an active role in all that we do and eventually become. How life-giving are our thoughts? God has given us the ability to use our thoughts creatively and purposefully. That dream you want to accomplish is at the mercy of your thoughts. You can't have or accomplish it without picturing it.

God said to Abraham, "...as far your eyes can see." His lot was determined by his vision. A mediocre life is a product of mediocre thinking and an excellent life is an outcome of excellent thinking. So, power your thoughts in the direction you want your life to follow.



PRAYER

I invoke the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit to take control over my thoughts.

ACTION
POINT

Intentionally and persistently counter negative thoughts with positive ones.

DAILY BIBLE
READING:

1 Samuel 4 – 7

CATCH UP!

KEY
TEXT

Isaiah 40:4 "Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked places shall be made straight, and the rough places plain."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: Life can sometimes be full of negative events. While experiencing life's setbacks, there is a tendency to get burnt out. When burnout occurs, you may lose enthusiasm or zest for life. Burnout can be identified through various pointers such as reluctance to pray, study the Bible, go to church, relate with friends and family members or even go to work. Worse indicators could be anxiety, irrationality and gloominess which can lead to diverse mental holdups such as depression or even suicidal tendencies if not curbed on time.

Life is meant to be an upward journey, so don't let anything hold you back. Everything that may appear to have gone wrong is only for a season. We live in a world where the evil one often tries to make a mockery of the children of God and stop them from living a happy and fulfilled life. You have been sent into the world as sheep among wolves. When the chips are down, don't give up! Tap into God's grace! Catch up through God's grace that richly abides in you! It's only fools who lose faith in God because there is no other alternative outside of God.

APPLICATION: How do you catch up on grace?

- Work at building your faith.
- Learn to manage your internal crises by renewing your heart and mind through the Word of God.
- Accept the fact that there will be pain occasionally but how you respond to it determines a lot. Therefore, intentionally demonstrate calmness.



In the name of Jesus, I decree I have victory! I declare, I am more than a conqueror!



You are a proof-producer. Believe and behave like God's proof producer.



1 Samuel 8 – 12

GO THROUGH THE GODLY CHANNEL

KEY
TEXT

Proverbs 3:19 "The Lord by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: You are destined for greatness but not the kind that you attain by bringing others down. Any height you attain through lying against others, cheating or hurting others only lasts for a short while. There are paths you must not take, things you must never do and roads you must not travel on. The fact that some types of behavior have become acceptable does not make them right. As a Christian, it's important to note that the end does not always justify the means. An *"I-must-get-it-at-all-cost"* attitude sometimes leads to death.

Be inspired and face life with a go-getter attitude but accomplish your desire only through godly channels. The story of Absalom in the Bible is a typical example of someone who wanted to accomplish his strong desire of ascending his father's throne at all costs, even if it meant killing his father. But guess what? He died a miserable death. Absalom was a bitter and unforgiving person who was full of vanity. He was disloyal to his family; he was comfortable with the company of corrupt men, and he was a man without morals. The Bible says that he was riding on a horse with his hair flying in the wind when a tree branch caught his hair and hung him.

APPLICATION: Let success meet you without a negative testimony. When you follow God faithfully and in all humility, God will surely raise you. There are many unfaithful people who seem to be rising fast and flying higher by the minute through fraud and other sinister acts but if you profess faith in God, determine to rise only through godly channels. It is God who makes men. Allow Him to make you and through you, make generational impact.



PRAYER

Father, it's not too late for my dreams to be fulfilled. Lord, please change my story.



ACTION POINT

It's not too late to rekindle godly fire in you. Rekindle it if it's gone cold.



DAILY BIBLE READING:

1 Samuel 13 – 14

STAY! THERE'S A MIRACLE AROUND THE CORNER

COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

KEY TEXT

Job 14:14 "If a man die, shall he live again? All the days of my appointed time will I wait until my change comes."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: Many times, we give up too easily on our dreams, aspirations and goals or make compromises. Stay until your change comes. If Job hadn't held on to the Lord, if he had cursed God, he may not have survived his trial. Many times, we give up at the point of God's miraculous intervention. What's that thing that seems so hopeless? God's assurance is that He's going to turn it around. Your change is coming! It's only a matter of time! No matter how long it takes, stay with God! Keep looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of your faith! He's coming through for you!

PRAYER POINTS:

1. Father, I thank You for Your covenant of peace, protection, preservation and provision. You are my provider, healer and protector. I thank You because I know that at Your appointed time, I shall encounter Your grace.
2. Lord, Your mark is upon me. I'm marked for Your goodness and divine provision.
3. Father, You are the lifter of my head. By Your mighty hand of mercy, destiny doors are opening for me. Spiritual gates are being lifted and cast out of my life.
4. Anything that stands as an obstacle and as a resistance of hell against my life and destiny, I uproot you now, in the name of Jesus!
5. Every evil account sponsoring bondage, sickness, poverty, disfavour and oppression, be destroyed by fire and washed away by the Blood of Jesus!
6. I rebuke every mystery behind destiny smallness! I declare, no more smallness, no more evil reports and no more setbacks!
7. Let a new season of grace, ease and speed begin in my life. I won't die small!
8. Over Gateway International Church, we decree open heavens. Let the manifestation of God's divine intervention begin in the lives of every member, in the name of Jesus.
9. We declare a peace that goes beyond every understanding upon the life of your servant, Pastor George Izunwa. May the peace and favour of God abide with him everywhere he goes and ministers, in Jesus' name.
10. Father, over Nigeria, we decree, "Peace be still!"

SIT IN HIS COUNSEL

KEY
TEXT

James 1:5 "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: Most crises in life are caused by ignorance. Life is not lived from the general perception like most people wrongly assume. While there are general life issues, there are specific issues that relate only to you, especially to you as a Christian. If you do not discover them, you'll end up with only average results. You'll live average, accomplish average and die average. In other words, you'll die small.

There are secrets about you that only God can reveal. If you must access those secrets, you must sit in His counsel. There are many people who have wasted their years because they refused to sit in God's counsel. Nobody can sit in the counsel of God and lose out in life. When you locate God, you locate your place in life. You will walk in rest and in His best. But when you are out of place, you're automatically without help and guidance. Whatever God has invested in, Satan is also interested in. Therefore, fight to discover and manifest God's promises over your life.

APPLICATION: How do you sit in the counsel of God?

- Study the Scriptures diligently. (Anyone who is not a consumer of Scriptures cannot sit in God's counsel)
- Fight intently and desperately (Esther said, *'If I perish, I perish*).
- Fight ethically (Be sure that what you're doing is right and lawful).
- Observe and take note of activities and transactions going on in the spirit realm.



PRAYER

Father, You're a rewarder of them that diligently seek You. Bless me as I seek You diligently.



ACTION
POINT

Declare to yourself; "I am a winner. I won't die small!"



DAILY BIBLE
READING:

1 Samuel 17 – 18

GIVE IT ALL TO GOD (I)

KEY
TEXT

2 Chronicles 20:15 "Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude: for the battle is not yours, but God's."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: Have you ever heard the song, "Live it there, Take your problem to the Lord and live it there, He will surely deliver you if you put your trust in Him, Take your problem to the Lord, and leave it there." This song, as well as the Scripture, enjoins us to put our trust in God. Where the song says, 'Leave it there,' it doesn't mean we should leave everything for God to work out. This is where most Christians get it twisted. God is Omnipresent, Omniscient and Omnipotent: He is everywhere at the same time, He knows everything and He is all-powerful. In other words, He's capable of anything.

Despite His magnanimity, God delights in our asking; He delights in our doing as He commands and more importantly, He delights in our ability to take responsibility. Many times, we run into trouble because we feel too entitled and refuse to do the needful. When God asked the Israelites to spy out the land of Canaan, of course God had what it takes to wipe out the giants completely from the land. But why didn't God take down the giants Himself? He wanted the Israelites to depend on Him and take responsibility. When we take responsibility, there's a higher tendency to place more value on what God gives to us.

APPLICATION: Giving it all to God does not mean handling your issues with a careless approach. It means teaming up with God to do what He has commanded. At every crossroads, discover what is required of you and be willing to follow through. Believe God like Abraham, fight your Goliath like David, sacrifice like Hannah, remain joyful like Joseph, fast and pray like Esther, act in faith like the widow with the jar of oil, etc. There's some responsibility you ought to take. What's God's counsel in that situation? Don't forget, God has got your back.



PRAYER

Father, help me to walk continually in the light of Your will and give me the strength and courage to do the needful.



ACTION
POINT

What is God demanding from you today? Take a step of faith in that direction.



DAILY BIBLE
READING:

1 Samuel 19 – 21

GIVE IT ALL TO GOD (2)

KEY
TEXT

Exodus 15:11 "Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?"

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: Whatever you commit to God remains secured. You will remain victorious and secured once you're able to entrust everything that concerns your life into God's hands. Giving Him your all means going to Him, listening to Him and following His lead.

When the Philistines and their giant Goliath came against King Saul and the military forces of Israel, Israel was entitled to victory but did not know what God was saying in the face of the Philistines' ferocious threats. By divine motivation, David became the best candidate for the job for just one reason; he had been with the Lord. A catapult and five smooth stones amounted to nothing by the rules of war but in the hands of God, they were just the perfect weapon. Life is full of battles but how you fight really matters. This is why a lot of prayers have remained unanswered.

APPLICATION: This year, never make the mistake of assumption. Assumption often leads to frustration when efforts become futile. If you want to experience exceptional results this year, patiently and purposefully walk with God. What God may be saying to you may not tally with popular opinion but whatever He says supersedes all. When you go deeper in God, you're sure to walk in high places. Decide you're not going to live a frustrated life ever again. Sometimes, the answers you're looking for might be in that inconsequential thing you've despised but when you walk with God, you will lay hold of the little secrets that pertain to your life.



PRAYER

Father, by Your presence, I conquer every force of opposition fighting my life and destiny.



ACTION
POINT

Intentionally begin to converse with God. Speak to Him even while busy. You'll hear Him speak to you.



DAILY BIBLE
READING:

1 Samuel 22 – 24

YOU'RE RECOVERED

KEY TEXT

John 16:13a "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth:"

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: No matter how much time you've lost, your destiny can be fully recovered and your wasted years restored. Hallelujah! When God called Abraham, he was seventy-five years old. He had Isaac at the age of hundred, while Sarah was ninety. What is it that is too hard for the Lord to restore, recreate or reproduce? Absolutely nothing!

How do you recover your destiny and restore wasted years?

- Cast away the old garments of failure and forgive yourself for past mistakes. Move on!
- Get illuminated by God's promises through His Word. Information gives light and until you're adequately informed, you'll continue to walk in darkness.
- Intentionally work at creating a new vision and a new identity for yourself.
- Recreate your associations. Identify quality people and walk with them.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, thank You for giving me victory over adversaries and adversities. I declare, I am winning in all.



ACTION POINT

Consciously put on a new identity.



DAILY BIBLE READING:

1 Samuel 25 – 27

ABOUND!

KEY
TEXT

1 Corinthians 15:58 "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: Life happens to everyone regardless of age, race, skin colour, class and denomination. But what distinguishes the victor from the vanquished and the weak from the strong, is not necessarily the circumstances they face but how they respond to those circumstances. We become better advertisers of Christ and His Kingdom when we can stand strong in any situation. We live in an era where Christianity is being wrongly showcased as living without patience and long-suffering, humility, integrity and steadfastness.

The Lord is admonishing us today to abound in the work of the Lord, bearing in mind that our labour will not be in vain. Some might rightly suggest that this portion of the Scripture is encouraging us to remain steadfast in our service to the Lord but it far outweighs this. To abound in the work of the Lord means to be steadfast and unmovable. So, what exactly is the work of the Lord? The work of the Lord encompasses every aspect of the Christian life: our commitment to service, our persistence in righteousness and our resoluteness to integrity.

APPLICATION: I want you to remember that Earth is not your final destination. After your journey here on earth, you're moving into eternity where your work for the Lord will be assessed. Your service in the Lord's vineyard, how you have used your gifts, how you have handled responsibilities and even how you have treated your fellow men will be tried. No matter the pressures around you, continue to hold on to hope in God when situations threaten your faith in God. Live a godly and principled life and keep living your life for the Lord with passion and enthusiasm.



PRAYER

Father, I thank You for Your renewed strength in my life today. I will live to please You all the days of my life.

ACTION
POINT

Renew your consciousness of eternity.

DAILY BIBLE
READING:

1 Samuel 28 – 31

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

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

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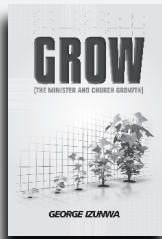
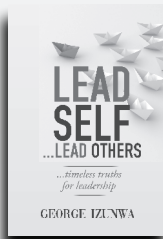
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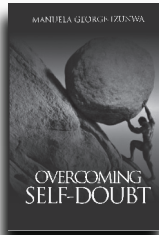
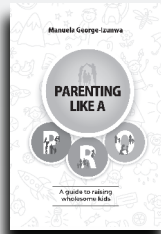
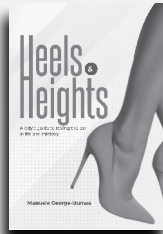
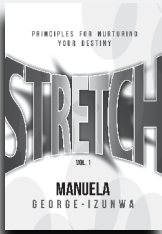
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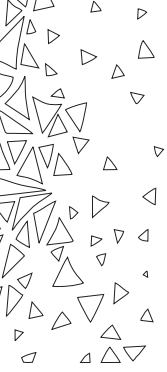
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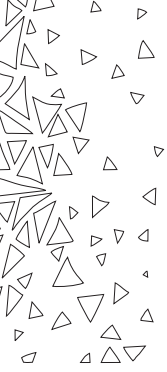
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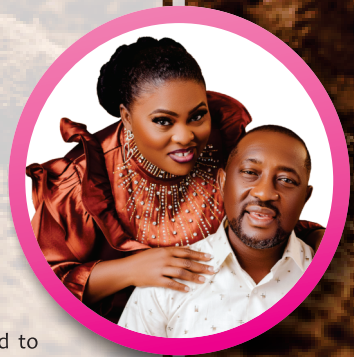
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