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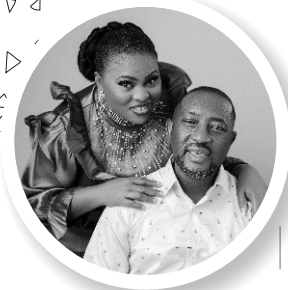
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Good Morning Jesus	1Min
Praise And Worship (Hymns & Songs)	6Mins
Power Seeds & Bible Reading	7Mins
Prayer For Self & Family	12Mins
Prayer For Church & Others	7Mins
Spiritual Warfare	5Mins
Quiet Moment To Listen For Divine Direction	5Mins
Final Song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

RUN TO THE FATHER

KEY
TEXT

Matthew 11:28. "Then Jesus said, 'Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.'"

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: Peace and tranquility are your covenant inheritance as a Christian. One of God's covenant promises to you is peace regardless of the oppositions warring against you. Therefore, nothing is permitted to truncate your peace. God has promised through His Word that He would give you peace that surpasses all understanding. This means that even when you're faced with overwhelming troubles, you will enjoy peace that defies human comprehension; a peace that will compel men to marvel at you.

What we witness on a daily basis is enough to trigger endless worries, anxiety, fear, and emotional anguish, but what should distinguish us from the rest of the world is our ability to be at peace. Do you know that not every believer enjoys peace? It is because many of us are yet to understand that there are principles we must apply to be able to enjoy peace. Our key text for today encourages us to go to the Lord when we are burdened and heavy-laden. Being burdened and heavy laden describes a state of mind overloaded with so much care, worry, and uncertainty.

APPLICATION: When you are burdened or heavy-laden, one of the principles to enjoying peace is going to God, irrespective of what the issue is. Jesus is asking you to come to Him. When you go to Him, He will give you rest. God never promised in His word that He would stop the storm when it arises in your life. He promised to take you through the storm. Whatever is going on in your life that looks like a storm, remember to run to your Heavenly Father, who has asked you to come to Him. When men expect you to cry, fret, or become agitated, just remember that there is a God who will never let you down. Remain confident in His grace. He is sure to come through for you.



Father, as I come to You, let Your presence command peace for me.



Shut the doors of your heart to every voice of fear and uncertainty.



1 Chronicles 7 – 9

INTENTIONALLY WORK AT IT I.

KEY
TEXT

Proverbs 1:33. "But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: One of the principles of walking in peace is hearkening unto the Lord and, thereafter, obeying Him. Matthew 11:28 encourages us to go to the Lord when we are burdened and heavy laden, but it doesn't end there. When we go to the Lord, what's next? The New Living Translation of today's text says, *"But all who listen to me will live in peace, untroubled by fear of harm."* The fear of harm and the fear of the unknown are a few triggers of disquiet and anxiety.

To enjoy peace, you have to intentionally work at it, not only by running to Jesus but also by hearkening to what God has to say. Many people don't enjoy peace because they're not yet hearkening to the voice of God. Unmet needs, unpaid bills, delayed answers, unfair treatment, political upheavals, the discouraging foreign exchange rate, and even climate changes can compel us to complain, cry, and whine even in God's presence. But what is God saying about that load of care in your heart? What is He asking you to do? Have you ever stopped to listen?

APPLICATION: Everything else has failed but God will never fail you. Isn't it heart-warming to know that we have an assurance of His loving-kindness, and that He will give us peace when we run to Him? So, what is He saying to you right now? If you can just take a moment to listen earnestly, you may discover that God has been trying to tell you something for quite a while. If you are going through challenges and can't seem to find peace, please listen. What He has to say might be the answer to the peace and rest you need.



PRAYER

Every mystery resisting my understanding, break now, in the name of Jesus.



ACTION
POINT

Command the peace of God to rest in your heart.



DAILY BIBLE
READING:

1 Chronicles 10 – 12

INTENTIONALLY **WORK AT IT 2.**

KEY
TEXT

Psalm 4:8. "In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, O Lord, will keep me safe." (NLT)

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: Regardless of what is going on in your life, your rightful place remains the topmost top. The top is where God has prepared and destined for you. So, everything working to keep you stagnant or steal your peace has an expiry date. By virtue of salvation, you have the capacity for first-class existence. Nothing, and no one, is qualified to take away your rest or peace of mind.

I have often reiterated that obedience is the master-key. When we go through certain life challenges and, in the process, lose our peace, it is important that we do not downplay the need to be obedient to divine instructions. Disobedience to divine instruction destroys the hedge of protection and permits the serpent to strike. Many Christians are far from enjoying peace because they have refused to walk in obedience. One of the prerequisites or principles to enjoying peace is walking circumspectly in obedience. Obedience is one of life's key criterion to walking in rest, especially as children of God.

APPLICATION: When you walk in obedience, even when the storms of life arise, you will be at peace, knowing you are in God's will. This should give you an assurance that no matter what is going on, God is committed to what He has commanded concerning you. Take responsibility by breaking any destiny covering and sabotage by walking unreservedly in obedience.

When God has commanded a thing, it is your responsibility to remain committed to it. When you walk in obedience, God remains committed to you, and nothing will be able to steal your rest.



Father, I thank You for the plans You have for me. I remain committed to Your leading and Your will.



Make up your mind to continue walking in covenant obedience.



1 Chronicles 13 – 16

BUILD ON THE ROCK.

KEY TEXT

Jeremiah 6:16a. "Thus saith the Lord: Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where the good way is, and walk in it; then you will find rest for your souls."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: When Jesus was teaching His disciples the parable about the man who built his house on the rock and the other who built his on sand, He was emphasising on the need to make His Word our foundation. The rock is the Word of God and God expects His Word to be an integral part of our lives.

Rest comes through practice and adherence to God's Word because the Word is God's assurance. The Word brings healing, wealth, strength, deliverance, victory, insight, and power. The Word also arrests smallness, sickness, and scarcity. It terminates every satanic assault. Jesus, who is the Rock, has already given you the platform of His Word through which you can find rest. Build on the Rock, and stay on the Rock.



Father, give me an unquenchable appetite for Your Word. Take me from minor to mega.



Never lose hope!



1 Chronicles 17 – 19

GIVE JESUS HIS RIGHTFUL PLACE.

KEY
TEXT

Hebrews 12:1a. "Therefore, we also, seeing we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: An overloaded and excessively worried heart can be the cause of physiological, mental or psychological problems once the heart is incapable of keeping itself in check and drawing grace from God. Because of the urgency to succeed at all cost, coupled with the socio-economic strains we are often subjected to, many people, even Christians have been caught in the web of worry, anxiety, fear, anger and confusion.

Child of God, there is grace to navigate life's hurdles regardless of the setbacks and urgency that has become the normal pattern in the world we live in today. I came to assure you that you can have rest. But genuine rest cannot be fathomed or measured by what we see physically. That a person appears to be at peace doesn't necessarily mean they are genuinely at peace. Do you know that there are people who are very busy and at peace? It is because genuine peace comes from within. Just as peace radiates from the inside, toxicity also emanates from the inside. This is why when a person is toxic, they become restless.

APPLICATION: Genuine rest, which is beneficial to your well-being, must radiate from within. Who you are on your inside determines the outcome of your entire life. So, the question is, has Jesus taken His rightful place in your heart or are you tossed here and there by every bottle-neck? When Jesus takes His rightful place in your heart, you will be certain of what to do because His word, His love and assurance will lead and comfort you. Understand this: a weighed down soul slows destiny speed. Begin from today to tap into God's grace. God's grace will free your mind from fear, anxiety, worry, pain, frustration and bitterness. Give God control. Let His grace do the magic. God will not mismanage your life.



Father, guide my heart. Teach me to trust in You and in You alone.



Ask the Holy Spirit for a new dimension of grace.



1 Chronicles 20 – 23

STRIVE TO BE WHOLE.

KEY TEXT

Genesis 2:3. "And God blessed the seventh day and declared it holy because it was the day when he rested from all his work of creation." (NLT)

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: Peace or rest can mean many things to many people, depending on the context. We have physical rest, mental rest and temporary cessation. Physical rest helps the body to recover from the strain of physical activity, injury or illness. Mental rest spurs inner calmness or mental tranquillity, while temporary cessation is a deliberate withdrawal from any kind of task, duty or activity that induces stress. Physical rest, or temporary cessation from activities, is very essential for our total well-being.

One of the reasons people burn out or break down excessively is because of their inability or refusal to take necessary actions to recuperate. Physical ailments, mental fatigue and even a break down in one's social life are often related to the inability or refusal to put the body to rest when necessary. We cannot flourish successfully without giving the body ample time to rest or recuperate. To recuperate means to build back lost strength.

APPLICATION: You were created by God to be healthy and whole, not sick, weak or lethargic. If God could rest, then you have no excuse for failing to do the same when the need arises. Everything about you doesn't end with the spirit. There are times you must attend diligently to your physical well-being. Your body is God's temple and there are battles you wouldn't be able to fight successfully if your body is sick or if your mind is lethargic. Rest

is not an excuse to be lazy though, but you have to make intentional efforts at doing the needful. Unapologetically, rest! Take care of yourself by resting your body, eating right, exercising, staying positive and building a strong support system.



Lord, give me the grace to take care of this temple You have given to me.



Make conscious efforts to stop any kind of activity putting a strain on you physiologically.



1 Chronicles 24 – 26

REFUSE TO BE TENSE.

COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

KEY
TEXT

Job 3:25-26. "For the thing I greatly feared has come upon me, and what I dreaded has happened to me. I am not at ease, nor am I quiet; I have no rest, for trouble comes."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: One of the effects of restlessness is that it can abort a faith process through destructive actions, such as complaining, talking negatively or by just walking away (losing hope). When you are restless, that's when the evil you are afraid of actually happens. If you do not learn to be at peace, you will encounter problems that will hinder you from accomplishing great things in life. A restless life cannot produce tangible results. Therefore, refuse to be tense. Refuse to worry, no matter the pressure. See life through God's promises.

PRAYER POINTS:

1. Father, I thank You for Your immeasurable grace. I am fostering a new life and a new identity in Christ Jesus. I will no longer doubt Your word and Your promises concerning me.
2. By grace, I receive quick understanding, clarity of thought and a discerning spirit.
3. Oh Lord, guide me in the paths I should follow. Help me to refrain from making destiny mistakes through wrong decisions, haste and shallow thinking.
4. I come against mental blackouts, confusion and distraction. I root out every inner noise with the fire of the Holy Ghost.
5. Whatever is trying to stop me through depression, anxiety and fear, I curse you by fire, in the name of Jesus.
6. Father, because You are the Lord of the earth, I receive access to every good thing anywhere on earth. I declare, no more limitations, no more set-backs and no more stagnancy. I'm going from glory to glory.
7. I break the bounds of fear, doubt and insecurity. By grace, I am moving to my place of divine promise.
8. Father, bless Gateway International Church. Lead Gateway to greater heights of exceptional and generational impact.
9. Father, thank You for the life and ministry of Your servant, Pastor George Izunwa. May he continue to abide in Your all-sufficient grace for impactful exploits.
10. I uproot every seed of backwardness and limitation hurting our nation Nigeria. Let every voice of hell speaking over our nation, catch fire, in the name of Jesus.



DAILY BIBLE
READING:

1 Chronicles 27 – 29

WALK WITH HEALTHY SOULS.

KEY TEXT

Colossians 1:3-4. "We always pray for you, and we give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. For we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and your love for all God's people." (NLT)

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: Who you hang out with matters a lot in life. In your pursuit of rest, it is important you learn to walk with faith-people. When you hang out with faith-people, you'll naturally walk in rest. If a courageous man, for instance, takes a bold stand to do exceptional things, others will suddenly find the boldness to be just like him. Peace also comes from your affiliation with healthy souls. Healthy souls are people with a godly, audacious and positive inference who naturally influence others to tow in a positive direction. Henceforth, choose your friends and companions with a lot of care and intentionality.

In 2 Kings 6, a group of prophets decided to build a bigger place because the place they had been meeting with Elisha had gotten too small. But, in the process of cutting down some trees meant to construct this new place, their axe-head fell into the river. One of the prophets cried out aloud and said, "Oh Master, the axe was borrowed." The Bible says that Elisha cut a piece of wood and threw it at the spot where the axe-head had fallen. Miraculously, the axe-head floated to the surface. You can imagine the sheer fright of losing an axe-head that was borrowed. Thankfully, these prophets walked with a man who had what it took to keep them out of trouble.

APPLICATION: There are times that temptations and certain challenges will close in on you, but close friends and associates, especially those who share intimacy with God, will become instrumental in helping you through those challenging times. There are friends whose voices have the capacity to calm your storms and help you maintain your sanity. Choose friends and associates who are never tired of lending a helping hand when you are in pain or difficulty. Success is not only achieved through personal effort, but also through God-focused people.



PRAYER

Lord, help me to walk intentionally with friends who are spirit-filled.



Just as you desire others to help you, learn to lend a helping hand to others.



DAILY BIBLE READING:

2 Chronicles 1 – 4

WALK WITH A NEW PERSPECTIVE.

KEY TEXT

Proverbs 10:28. "The hopes of the godly result in happiness, but the expectations of the wicked come to nothing."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: Problems happen to both good and bad people, but the outcome of each individual's experience depends on how he perceives life. How well you experience rest, especially in the times we are in, is dependent on how you perceive life. Life does not respect anyone. In other words, no one is exempted from the pressures of life. If this is the truth about life, it therefore means that life is what we make out of it.

Having a better perspective is deciding that your outcome will be the best, regardless of what the present circumstances are. It means not giving up or giving in until victory is achieved. When things go bad, our natural tendency is to get hysterical or give up without realising that, sometimes, the bad experiences we go through are just avenues through which God wants to orchestrate His divine will. If the Bible says that all things work together for good to them that love God, it means that your life is in God's hands. God, sometimes, allows certain things you might term as negative to usher you into a new phase. So, don't fret or give up in the face of those challenges. Always ask God for the wisdom and strength to pull through.

See victory! See triumph! You are the best!

APPLICATION: Why do you need to change your perspective?

- Some of the things you are worried about will never happen.
- What you think is a problem may be there for your own good.
- When you see God in your trials, know that it will end in testimony.



PRAYER

I declare, I can never be destitute in life. My life is in God's hands.



ACTION POINT

Declare to yourself, "I am a candidate for covenant success."



DAILY BIBLE READING:

2 Chronicles 5 – 7

PURSUE WITH **CONTENTMENT**.KEY
TEXT

1 Timothy 6:9. "But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition." (NKJV)

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: When people begin to understand the real value of life, personal peace soon becomes their passion. Many people, including Christians, are in unhealthy competition to outwit one another. They want to live in the biggest houses, drive the most exotic cars, stash away the largest amount of money and make the best fashion statements. But it is impossible to enjoy rest when you are in competition with vanity. Solomon said in Ecclesiastes 1:2-3, "*Vanity of Vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity. What profit hath a man of all his labour which he taketh under the sun?*"

Nothing is wrong with wanting to have the best, but if you must lose your peace in the process, those personal pursuits will become detrimental to your well-being – spiritually, psychologically and otherwise. When we say life is ephemeral, it means it is transient, short-lived or temporal. No one lives forever. In other words, no matter how much you amass or accumulate, they will cease to be yours at the exhalation of your last breath on earth. As you came, so you will return, even if you are buried with all your wealth.

APPLICATION: Let finding rest and walking in peace be your daily personal pursuit because after you leave this world, all God will require of you is an account of how much impact you made on mankind and for the Kingdom? I can assure you that God is not going to inquire about the value of your net-worth. Pursue success but pursue success with contentment. Contentment is being grateful for where you are on the way to where you are going. If you pursue prosperity with godliness, you will enjoy rest.



Father, I thank You for everything You have done for me and for the good things You are about to do in my life.



Reflect on all God has done. You will see just why you need to be thankful and content.



2 Chronicles 8 – 11

PURSUE ETERNAL PEACE.

KEY TEXT

Romans 5:1. "Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: Beloved, the greatest peace is the peace that God gives. The peace that God gives emanates from the Spirit and it is called eternal peace. Eternal peace is enjoyed through an in-depth relationship and revelation of God. The reason the world cannot enjoy this kind of peace is because they have refused to acknowledge God as the ultimate Saviour. God has promised His peace to all who will acknowledge Him. When you share intimacy with God, you will enjoy eternal peace. Eternal peace will give rest to your soul.

There are three offers of peace in the Bible:

- a) Peace with God when sin has been taken away.
- b) The peace of God that produces inner rest.
- c) Peace from God that ensures spiritual and earthly dominion.



*Lord, teach me to always trust in
Your unfailing love and mercy.*



**Intentionally nurture a thriving
relationship with the Holy Spirit.**



2 Chronicles 12 – 16

BE ON THE OFFENSIVE I.

KEY
TEXT

Isaiah 14:3. "And it shall come to pass in the day that the Lord shall give thee rest from thy sorrow, and from thy fear, and from the hard bondage wherein thou wast made to serve."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: One of the factors that increases unrest are the evil tactics of the wicked. Evil occurrences, calamities and misfortunes are often due to the nefarious activities of the devil. While we must continually declare our covenant advantage as children of God, we should never underestimate the animosity of the wicked. The world we live in is saturated with evil and, whether you believe it or not, there are people who are ready to go to any length to unleash pain and suffering in the lives of others without batting an eye.

If you must overcome adversaries, you must wage war against them. This means that you must be battle-ready at all times. Being battle-ready demands that you must be continually on the offensive. No battle in life is won by being on the defensive. Defensiveness is not a strategy for winning but, rather, a strategy for defeat. When Haman wanted to get rid of the Jews, Mordecai stayed on the defensive by hiding away from Haman until the day he made up his mind that something drastic had to be done to silence Haman's wickedness for good. Then he approached Queen Esther and, to the glory of God, the entire Jewish nation was preserved by an offensive strategy: fasting and prayer.

APPLICATION: Satan is a wicked and rebellious character who never gives up. He will never consider being nice to you for any reason under heaven. Until you apply force and violence, he will continue to interpret your restraint as weakness. This will give him the avenue to continue hurting you until he wins. If Satan has stolen your peace, then give him and his cohorts a taste of their own medicine: show no mercy! Get on the offensive! Get violent and fight back with every ounce of strength and faith until your peace is restored.



Lord, I receive grace today to walk in spiritual fervency.



Pray in the spirit for 15 minutes.



2 Chronicles 17 – 20

BE ON THE OFFENSIVE 2.

KEY TEXT

Zephaniah 3:17. "The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save; he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: Until your enemies are subdued, you may never enjoy rest. We are born with a desire to experience all-round success, but the truth is, success is not attained over the counter. Success, and ultimate rest, require a lot of hard-work, one of which is confronting the enemy and putting him to flight through offensive spiritual combat. We live in a world that has been subdued by overwhelming satanic forces that have vowed to contend treacherously with humanity. Until you are willing and able to put up a daring offensive fight against these forces, you will not enjoy peace.

God can help you but you have to be willing to let Him help you. You cannot fight life's battles alone. Spiritual gates obstructing your advancement in life, and destiny doors that have been shut against you, can only be lifted up through the application of grace, not carnal strategies. The keys to the doors where your divine inheritance has been locked are in God's hands. When you partner with God through forceful and audacious spiritual warfare, one moment is enough to turn your destiny around. Go with God and take back what is rightfully yours.

APPLICATION: How do you break the staff of the wicked?

- Refuse to be afraid or tense in the face of life's challenges. Remain calm.
- Repent from any sin that may have caused the breakdown of your spiritual hedge.
- Change from defensive to offensive tactics.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal mysteries that are related to your problem.
- Gather scriptures that relate to what you are going through and use them perceptively.



I command every destiny door to open and every spiritual gate to be lifted up. Lord, give me access to my destiny portion.



Walk around your space and declare the favour of God over your life.



2 Chronicles 21 – 24

DON'T WALK IN FEAR.

COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

KEY TEXT

Joel 2: 25-26. "And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: Fear is an unpleasant emotion that is caused by a threat of danger or harm. No matter what has been concluded over your matter, you have the power to break the staff of the wicked. Refuse to walk in fear; refuse to let Satan have a field day over your life. Fear, as somebody defined, is false evidence appearing real. Fear, like a mirage, makes you see things that are not actually there. Never believe that God cannot give you what you desire. He is the mighty restorer, which makes you a candidate for His blessing.

PRAYER POINTS:

1. Father, thank You for making me one of those who can never stay down. I know there is hope for me. My destiny will be actualised.
2. I receive the ability to stand in the gap and encounter positive results. Lord, expunge everything that corrupts and diverts Your favour from my life.
3. I come against the power of fear and uncertainty. I curse everything that cripples my thinking and my confidence in God.
4. Today, by grace, I receive the restoration of everything the enemy has stolen. I declare, my destiny's portion is breaking out of every prison where it has been held.
5. You force of darkness, you principalities and powers attempting to obscure and divert my blessings, I command the fire of the Holy Ghost to consume you. I bring every evil verdict against my life and destiny to an end.
6. Every destiny devourer, every weapon of destruction and every evil altar fighting my rising, catch fire now, in the name of Jesus.
7. I decree, my life, my business, my marriage, my family and my finances will no longer be called forsaken. I will labour and I will enjoy the fruits of my labour. I declare that my life will begin to flourish on every side.
8. Father, Gateway International Church is in Your able hands. By the power of the Holy Ghost, we command total restoration of everything the enemy has stolen from the people of Gateway.
9. Over Your servant, Pastor George Izunwa, we declare a newer dimension of grace and favour in his life, ministry and marriage. Let the voice of Your servant be the voice of spiritual authority over our city and nation.
10. Father, take Nigeria from minor to mega. Let Your hand of restoration rest over our

nation and Your people, in the name of Jesus.



DAILY BIBLE
READING:

2 Chronicles 25 – 28

SUSTAIN THE HEDGE.

KEY
TEXT

Jeremiah 48:10a. "Cursed be he that doeth the work of the Lord deceitfully."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: There are a few exceptional rules when it comes to walking in peace and rest. One of them is safeguarding the covenant hedge. The covenant hedge is the spiritual covering or spiritual border that safeguards the believer from demonic assaults. When we live in contradiction of the requirements that are needed to sustain the covenant hedge, the hedge breaks and creates an avenue for the serpent to attack. This is one of the reasons many Christians have continued to fight endless battles and lost their peace.

Sin, compromise and disobedience are major sponsors of satanic assaults when the hedge remains broken. Every believer needs to understand where God stands. Every child of God should be able to resist the urge to compromise. When it comes to God, when it comes to the Faith, there is simply no middle ground. You are either here or there, not on the periphery. Many Christians are going through a lot of pain because peace has long eluded them. In Romans 12:2, the Bible enjoins us not to be conformed to this world. We cannot be in light and in darkness at the same time.

APPLICATION: Do not compromise your Christian values for anything in this world, even if it is for a good purpose. No matter how you want to look at it, the things of this world are less weightier than your need for peace in your life's endeavours. If Daniel could purpose in his heart not to defile

himself with the king's meat, if Joseph could risk the frustration of being falsely accused and thrown into prison unjustly, then you can do the same and sustain your hedge. If nothing can tamper with your principles, then absolutely nothing can disrupt your peace.



Father, I rebuke the distractions and the deceptions of the enemy. I am coming forth as gold.



Decide you will never compromise, no matter the pressure.



2 Chronicles 29 – 31

STAY CONNECTED TO SPIRITUAL COVERING.

KEY
TEXT

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

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: When men walk away from spiritual covering, they position themselves for destruction. A spiritual covering is the grace upon the sent-man that God has placed over your life to help, guide and nurture you to perfection. When a man is sent by God, he makes sure to provide the requisite backing to validate God's call upon his life. Every individual needs a spiritual covering. One of the covenant requirements to enjoying peace is having a credible spiritual covering. There are battles you will never win in life until you give your spiritual covering their rightful place. Your spiritual covering ensures your safety, success and sustenance.

By covenant, we are meant to be highflyers, but if we disregard and dishonour spiritual covering, peace is sure to elude us. The people in Jesus' hometown of Nazareth thought they knew everything about Jesus, but the Man they thought they knew was not the Man who had taught them in the Synagogue. They were impressed with their hometown boy who had matured in oratory skills and in the working of miracles, but little did they know that He was much more than that: He was their Messiah. He was their covering.

APPLICATION: Always acknowledge and express your faith and belief in the man God has positioned over your life if you desire to enjoy peace. God positioned Isaac over Jacob, his son; God positioned Samuel and Nathan over King David and God placed Moses over his protégé Joshua. Who has God placed or positioned as a covering over your life? Have you despised or disregarded him? Do well to acknowledge and honour him, and you will begin to experience destiny doors opening for you on their own accord. Make up your mind to receive the working ministry of your shepherd and you will walk in peace and advance with ease.



Father, help me to acknowledge my sent-man. Please order my steps in the areas where I cannot hear or discern Your mind.



Begin to draw grace by declaring the prophecies of your sent-man over your life.



2 Chronicles 32 – 34

SPEAK THE LANGUAGE OF FORCE.

KEY
TEXT

Psalm 8:2. "Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies that thou mightiest still the enemy and the avenger."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: The only language the enemy understands is the language of force. Some people and circumstances will never change until you apply a certain degree of force. Negative realities are contrary to God's will, and if you fail to apply the force that is required to deal with them, you may never experience peace. How do you fight? Fight forcefully. Until you are able to fight forcefully and relentlessly, you may continue running around in circles of uncertainty.

What does it mean to fight forcefully? It means:

- Boldly declaring the Word of God. Declare it without any iota of shame.
- Giving quality time to intercession.
- Praying aloud and with the boldness of a lion and with faith, armed with prophetic declarations.
- Persevering in the place of prayer until something happens.

A closed mouth is indeed a closed destiny. When your mouth remains closed by your refusal to apply the force of prayer, rest will elude you.

APPLICATION: The force of grace on your side will not rise up until you make a move. Many times, life will not give you what you want even if you waited patiently for it. Life will give you what you intentionally or unintentionally negotiate for. God is set to do the unusual in your life, but a substantial part of walking in rest depends on you. If the enemy has stolen your health, finances, marriage, career and ministry, the power is in your mouth. Refuse to give the enemy power over your life by being lazy, reluctant or lackadaisical. You have the power. Use it!



PRAYER

Father, You are my strength and my refuge. I tap into Your grace for quality application of force as I intercede.



ACTION
POINT

Command every negative spiritual DNA out of your life now.



DAILY BIBLE
READING:

2 Chronicles 35 – 36

ANCHOR YOUR SOUL IN CHRIST.

KEY
TEXT

Matthew 11:29. "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." (NKJV)

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: Peace has eluded the world for as long as we can remember, but the promise of God to every believer is that we will find peace. To enjoy peace, you have to ensure that your soul is anchored in Christ. Life comes with its share of crisis, but when your soul is anchored in Christ, even in the midst of those crisis, you will never drift, you will never be ashamed and you will never be taken unawares.

What are the signs of a well-anchored soul?

- A well-anchored soul lives by covenant.
- A well-anchored soul has a good understanding about life and values life-giving relationships.
- A well-anchored soul always has a covenant word from God at every season of life.
- A well-anchored soul serves committedly in God's Kingdom.



Lord Jesus, I put my complete trust in You. I will not be shaken.



Do not forget this: God is in control.



Ezra 1 – 4

CONNECT WITH THOSE WHO HAVE OBTAINED.

KEY TEXT

Hebrews 6:12. "That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: Whenever you need God to move in your life, there should be no room for complacency. Complacency is the tendency to be self-satisfied, smug and unduly content. Complacency makes one incapable of recognising the need to move and learn from others. One of the avenues through which we can enjoy God's all-round blessing and supply of sufficient grace is to identify with those who have obtained. To obtain means to arrive at one's intended destination or to accomplish what one has desired. You may not learn from everybody, but there is someone you can learn from.

Life in Christ is meant to be vibrant, exciting and rewarding; but sometimes we encounter the opposite because we refuse to connect or identify with those who have obtained and learn from them. The Bible is filled with examples of people we ought to and ought not to follow. No man is an island. No man can walk alone. When we begin to recognise the need to get connected to those who have obtained and learn from them, increase, success and peace is guaranteed. If you know how to network effectively with the right people, rest is assured.

APPLICATION: How do you connect or identify with those who have obtained?

- Take note of their results and believe in them.
- Extract life's principles from their proofs.
- Practice the things you have learnt and wait patiently for their manifestation.



Father, give me divine understanding of what You expect of me in every relationship.



Do a personal inventory of your relationships and learn from them.



Ezra 5 – 7

GO WITH THE ASSURANCE OF VICTORY.

KEY
TEXT

Psalm 18:39. "For you equipped me with strength for the battle; you made those who rise against me to sink under me."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: As a Christian, refuse to accept defeat. In our text for today, David declares confidently that the Lord had equipped him with strength for battle and made those who had risen against him to sink beneath him. I want you to understand something: you are not going through any thing that someone else hasn't gone through. Sometimes, when we look at our lives, the grass always seems greener and more luscious on the other side. We are usually tempted to feel like we're going through worse problems than others.

David faced many battles, but he was also a man who enjoyed several victories because God was his anchor. Satan has positioned men and demonic forces to frustrate us and destroy our peace, but we have to be resolute in our confidence in God. Your confidence in God should be viewed from the standpoint that you are not fighting for victory but that you already have victory. God already has your back; so, don't panic. The only time you should panic is when you are not in right standing with God.

APPLICATION: Always go with the assurance that you already have victory, no matter the pressure. The enemy can steal your peace only when you allow him. Though you are in the flesh, do not face life with the instincts of the flesh. When you look at challenges from the instincts of the flesh, you will see only defeat, pain and frustration. But when you fight life's battles with an understanding that you have been empowered supernaturally by God to enforce victory, it is just a matter of time, and victory will be yours. Never lose your peace over any battle because victory has already been delivered to you. Go with God's divine strength, supernatural ability and godly wisdom. God has got your back.



Let every long-term battle in my life give way to outstanding victory.



Ask God for a winning strategy. Take note of what God reveals to you.



Ezra 8 – 10

LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES; YOU DESERVE THE BEST.

COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

KEY TEXT

Psalm 23:1-2. "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: What does it mean to lie down in green pastures? It means to experience rest and refreshment, provision and abundance, guidance and care. In essence, lying down in green pastures represents a state of spiritual rest, trust and dependence on God's provision and care. To experience God's best, there must be a consciousness in you that you deserve the best. When you begin to take note of the fact that you are not ordinary but royalty, life will begin to deliver its best. Your identity in Christ qualifies you for the best.

PRAYER POINTS:

1. Father, thank You for Your sure word of revelation. I receive grace to walk in the royalty mentality.
2. Today, I receive restoration of everything I have lost through carelessness and a faulty mindset. I command my destiny journey to take a turn for God's glory.
3. O Lord, make me the best. I declare that I am seated in high places, far above emptiness, stagnation and restlessness. Desolation is terminated from my life today, in the name of Jesus.
4. Father, sponsor me supernaturally and bring me to my place of destiny fulfilment.
5. Every voice of hell trying to steal my destiny portion, catch fire in the name of Jesus. Channels of blessing, I command you to open up for me.
6. I cast away every spirit of a small mentality. Fear, self-doubt, anxiety and every sense of uncertainty, I sever myself from you. I take on the personality of boldness, kingship and self-love.
7. I declare, I will never be intimidated by any negative circumstance. I am going forward. Nothing can stop me. My destination is at the topmost top.
8. Father, let there be a release of mega grace over Gateway International Church. Let Your good hand deliver supernatural impact, growth and advancement to us.
9. Over Your servant, Pastor George Izunwa, we decree an increase in Your grace and in your anointing for supernatural mega manifestations in his life and ministry.
10. Father, let Your peace reign over our nation. We decree the release of Your divine favour over Nigeria, in the name of Jesus.

YOU ARE IN **CHARGE**.

KEY TEXT

Genesis 1:28. "And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: From the beginning of creation, God preordained man to multiply, to dwell in dominance and to live a very blessed life. In simple terms, God specifically gave man rulership over the earth and provided him with everything he needed to make his sojourn on earth a fulfilling one. To rule means to be in charge or to have control or to set the pace for others to follow. But, for many, the reverse has been their personal experience. It is a terrible thing to be the ruler God destined you to be but still continue to experience difficulties.

Two brothers in the Bible, Esau and Jacob, were the sons of Isaac. When Isaac was old, he decided it was time to transfer the blessing to his first son, Esau, but, instead, his second son, Jacob, trickily intercepted the blessing and took it. When Esau learnt what had transpired behind his back, he wept sore and demanded for even a tiny portion of the blessing. Unfortunately, Isaac had nothing to give to him except one advice. He said to Esau, *"The day you become restless and tired, you will break the yoke from off your neck and advance forward."*

APPLICATION: To advance in life, you will often be required to combine the force of the blessing with restlessness. Circumstances will, sometimes, demand that you face life with some agitation, unease or impatience. This may be described as living on the edge. Living on the edge, with regards to advancement, is meant to motivate you towards achieving peace and personal fulfilment. You were created to work hard but not to suffer: You were created to go through a process but not to stop half-way. So, face life with a little restlessness and get that yoke off your neck.



Oh Lord, I receive Your sufficient grace to be strong, bold and audacious.



Make intentional moves towards accomplishing even the impossible.



Nehemiah 4 – 7

SUBDUE THE MYSTERIES

KEY
TEXT

Romans 11:25. "For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: A mystery is something that is difficult to understand or explain. Anything shrouded in secrecy, obscurity or puzzlement is a mystery. An unexplained mystery can trigger anxiety or agitation, especially when credible answers have remained elusive. Mysteries can be found in various aspects of life. If you are encountering difficulties in areas of your life that have defied explanation, in spite of your commitment to God, then a mystery is at work.

Whatever your issue is, make up your mind never to accept defeat, irrespective of how long a mystery has lingered or how intense it has become. Darkness will always reign until light steps in. Error will keep people in chains until truth prevails. Evil is not normal and losses are not God's way of taking back what He has given. God's definite will for you is His best. As a child of God, you have the power to address any mystery that is trying to overwhelm your life, whether it is in your marriage, health, ministry or finances. By virtue of salvation, you are not just a mere man but God's covenant child. So, operate from a standpoint of grace and victory.

APPLICATION: How do you subdue mysteries?

- Rededicate your life to Jesus, if necessary.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal every mystery about your life.
- Address the sources of the mysteries that may be revealed to you in prayer.
- Discard any negative attitude or mindset that might be the entry points through which the enemy has attacked: hopelessness, sadness, anger, bitterness, fear, animosity, etc.
- Believe God for a massive turn-around.



Lord Jesus, You are all that I am, all that I have and all I hope to be. Take Your rightful place in my life.



Vow to live a life of devout consecration to God.



Nehemiah 8 – 10

BUILD ACCORDING TO PATTERN.

KEY
TEXT

Acts 26:19. "Whereupon, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: In today's text, Apostle Paul was telling King Agrippa that, since the day he encountered Jesus on his way to Damascus, he had not been disobedient to God's heavenly calling. Now, calling in this context does not imply being called into ministry as some may ignorantly presume. It means fulfilling the purpose God has predestined for you. It could be ministry, business, entertainment, academics, etc.

Whatever God has called you to achieve has a pattern you are required to build with. Many people feel lost and confused because they have continued to build in accordance with the general order. Some of them may be Christians but, unfortunately, they are devoid of understanding when it comes to their personal dealings with God. When God instructed Moses to build a tabernacle, and Solomon a temple, do you know that their patterns for the construction of a place of worship were not the same? Though those were houses meant for worship, the patterns God gave to each of them were totally different.

APPLICATION: Every path is not the same, and every path does not lead to the same destination. You have a path to follow. You have a pattern to build with. Building according to pattern means that, at each moment, you are seeking God and coming to terms with each phase of His instruction. General instructions are not enough. God's present instruction for you is

very critical if you must attain the next phase of your life. Walking in obedience to God's present instruction will ensure rest for you. What is the pattern for your present phase or for the next? Do you know it? Ask the Holy Spirit.



Lord, I receive grace to be diligent in my dealings with You.



Refuse to be passive in your dealings with God. Be intentional.



Nehemiah 11 – 13

BUILD ACCORDING TO PATTERN: BE AN ARDENT LISTENER.

KEY TEXT

Genesis 22:11-12a. "At that moment the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham! Abraham!' 'Yes,' Abraham replied. 'Here I am!' 'Don't lay a hand on the boy!' The angel said. 'Do not hurt him in any way, for I know that you truly fear God.'" (NLT)

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: Abraham woke up one morning, and God instructed him to take his son, Isaac, to a mountain and sacrifice him. In obedience, and with some of his servants, Abraham travelled to the exact location God had instructed he should sacrifice his son.

But while Abraham was preparing to slay his son, he was still listening ardently for the next instruction. And God said, "Don't lay a hand on the lad!"

If Abraham had not been an ardent listener, he would have killed his beloved son without realising that God was simply testing his obedience.

Resistance, shame and frustration follow those who do not hearken to God's voice.

Always listen!



Father, I command my spiritual perception to come alive, in the name of Jesus.



Touch your ears, and violently cast away spiritual deafness.



Esther 1 – 5

WHEN TO LEAVE THE BROOK.

KEY TEXT

Isaiah 31:1. "What sorrow awaits those who look to Egypt for help, trusting their horse, chariots and charioteers and depending on the strength of human armies instead of looking to the Lord, the Holy One of Israel." (NLT)

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: God instructed Elijah, during a season of extreme famine, to go to the brook called Cherith and remain there by the riverside. God informed Elijah that He had commanded the raven to feed him with bread and meat. Now, the raven, from which is derived the word *ravenous*, is known for its aggression and selfishness. The raven is a bird that never shares. The raven is known for its greed and self-centredness, but this was the bird God deemed fit to feed Elijah.

So, Elijah, in obedience, went to the brook and waited there. The raven came by every morning and evening with food for Elijah. But the Bible recounts that, after some time, the brook dried up. If Elijah had been a spiritually careless individual when the brook dried up, he might have started a forty day fast for the brook to spring forth with water again, but he didn't do that. He, instead, asked God for the next line of action. And God said (paraphrased), *"The phase of the brook is over."* Elijah's next phase was the phase of the widowed woman.

APPLICATION: When a pattern changes, it means you need to change something. As a Christian, it is very important that you understand when your present phase has changed and what is now expected of you. Everything about your life is tied to what you hear from God and how you are able to apply what you hear. So, what are you hearing? What is God trying to say to you? You have been appointed for a glorious destiny. Use the divine wisdom God has endowed you with to navigate your way to the next level. He just might be saying it is time to leave the brook.



Father, I thank You for Your instruction for my next season. I receive the ability to walk excellently with You.



Be resolute in your confidence in God. He will not let you down.



Esther 6 – 10

WORK WITH GOD'S TIMING.

KEY TEXT

Habakkuk 2:3. "For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: It is very important that you do not live your life without an understanding of what God has planned and prepared for you. Vision is so important that its absence leads to frustration and destruction. One of the reasons people experience setbacks and encounter limitations is because they do not work with vision. Vision is not only accomplished through planning and process but also through timing. Moses, for instance, understood that he had a call, but because he was too impatient at trying to actualise God's program for his life, he killed an Egyptian and ran away into exile. His mistake cost Israel an additional thirty years in captivity.

It is one thing to understand the vision but it is a different ball game to know exactly when to execute it. It is easy to get discouraged when things are not going as planned or get overly excited at the thought of accomplishing something extraordinary. So, what is God saying? Is He asking you to wait or prompting you to move? The enemy tried to sabotage Joseph's dream but Joseph was not discouraged. It appeared God was not going to keep His promise but at God's appointed time, Joseph's dream came to pass. King David waited for an extra thirteen years before he fully became the king of Israel.

APPLICATION: How clear are you concerning God's timing for your vision? Do not be hasty; but, also, don't waste quality time when the Spirit might be prompting you to make a move. If there is a need to wait, spend quality time praying and preparing yourself towards the actualisation of your vision. When you understand God's plan for your life and His timing, you will walk in peace. Nothing will move or shake you because you have an understanding that you are walking in God's plan.



PRAYER

Lord, I receive the grace to hold on to Your will and to fight for the manifestation of Your purpose.



ACTION POINT

Never give up on God. Wait prayerfully and patiently for God's right timing.



DAILY BIBLE READING:

Job 1 – 4

WISDOM FOR PEACE.

KEY
TEXT

Ecclesiastes 7:17. "Be not over much wicked, neither be thou foolish: why shouldest thou die before thy time?"

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: Being under God's covenant does not permit you to be careless. People lose out in life when they neglect simple covenant instructions that have been divinely designated to help them enjoy a peaceful life. God is a God of order and, many times, just following the requirements of order will ensure His involvement in your life. When you disobey God's precepts, everything connected to you will come crashing down. As you employ the revealed truth of God's will, life will deliver God's goodness and favour to you.

PRAYER POINTS:

1. Father, I thank You for the privilege to enjoy Your divine provision and inheritance. By Your sure mercies, my life and everything connected to me will be preserved.
2. Thank You for the release of Your blessings over my life, my business, marriage and career. I thank You because I know You are at work concerning me.
3. Father, I know I am special. Thank You for choosing me to make something grand, something beautiful and something extraordinary out of my life.
4. Give me the grace to walk audaciously and intentionally in your divine will and purpose. I command Your light to shine upon my path as I walk in obedience to You.
5. Every veil of confusion and every hand of disobedience trying to truncate my peace, be consumed by fire, in the name of Jesus.
6. Today, I call forth the manifestation of every prophecy spoken over my life. Every divine word concerning me that is still hanging must manifest in my lifetime, in the name of Jesus.
7. Lord, no one who follows and obeys You ends in failure. As I walk with you, separate me from my failures and distinguish me for greatness. Father, lay Your hands on me. I declare, I will not be late. By faith, I receive divine speed.
8. Father, bless Gateway International Church. Walk with us, lead us to greater heights of impact in our city and nation through our programs and projects.
9. Thank You for the life and ministry of Your servant, Pastor George Izunwa. May men and women assigned to help him locate him and help him to accomplish his kingdom assignment, in Jesus' name.
10. Today, may opportunities for growth and expansion be multiplied in our nation. Let every evil seed of lack, poverty and violence be uprooted and cast away, in the name of Jesus.



DAILY BIBLE
READING:

Job 5 – 8

BE A KINGDOM BUILDER.

KEY TEXT

Haggai 1:9. "Ye looked for much, and, lo, it came to little; and ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why? Saith the Lord of hosts. Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man unto his own house."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: In 538 BC, the Israelites began to return from their exile in Babylon. Upon their return, they rebuilt their homes in Jerusalem but had no concern for the temple which had been in ruins and rubbles for a very long time. Then, in 520 BC, Haggai the prophet proclaimed some messages from God commanding the people to rebuild the temple. He said, if the Israelites turned to God and rebuild His temple, He would bless them; they would live in peace and enjoy prosperity.

In Haggai 1:5-6, the NIV version says, *"Now this is what the Lord Almighty says, 'Give careful thought to your ways. You have planted much, but harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in purses with holes in it.'"* Does this portion of the Scripture ring a bell in your spirit? Do you sense a resounding call to invest your time, resources and talents in kingdom building?

APPLICATION: Beloved, if you want to walk in peace and prosperity all the days of your life, take the yoke of Christ and be a kingdom builder. God wastes no time in establishing those who are sponsors and flagbearers of the Kingdom. Donate yourself to Kingdom service, be an ardent worshipper of God and take church very seriously. Find a place to serve in

church and do it with all joy, excitement and conviction. People may mock you but God will make you. When God sees you as His fanatic, He will make your life fantastic.



PRAYER

Father, from today, I enter my place of glory. I am Yours and You are mine.



ACTION POINT

Find a place to serve in the house of God if you haven't started doing this.



DAILY BIBLE READING:

Job 9 – 12

BUILD YOUR FAITH I.

KEY TEXT

Matthew 17:20. "If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible to you."

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: Everything in the Kingdom rises and falls on the subject of faith. Faith is the beauty of Christianity. Faith is not just a confession but a heart attitude. Heart attitudes matter a lot in our walk with God. Without faith, nothing works in the Kingdom. Therefore, faith should be your most important heart attitude when it comes to receiving from God. To subdue the advances of darkness, enjoy God's blessings and walk in ultimate peace, you must walk by faith. This means that if there is a promise, there is also a responsibility.

The other end of faith is fear. Fear is another heart attitude which torments the soul and opens the door to demonic oppression. When fear creeps in, it contaminates your faith and it breeds a worse heart attitude called unbelief. If you allow unbelief take root in your mind and spirit, everything you desire, hope and pray to have will be eaten up by the enemy. So, it is up to you to build your faith and condition your heart to be able to receive from God.

APPLICATION: Do you realise that unbelief is not just an emotion but a choice? Do you know that unbelief is a wilful decision to call God a liar? Do you also realise that in God's kingdom, unbelief is a felony? A spiritual crime? When you violate God's covenant by unbelief, heaven has no other choice but to allow you to continue suffering. God watched His covenant people, the Israelites, die in the wilderness as if they were people who didn't have God because they chose not to believe. Trust God. Just trust Him, no matter what your situation looks like. I declare, you will not perish!



PRAYER

Father, I plead the Blood of Jesus over my heart and spirit. Every disruption of Satan over my spirit, be cast away, in the name of Jesus.



ACTION POINT

Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you how to muster and build up an unshakable faith in God.



DAILY BIBLE READING:

Job 13 – 16

BUILD YOUR FAITH 2.

KEY TEXT

Hebrews 3:10. "That was why I was angry with that generation; I said, 'Their hearts are always going astray, and they have not known my ways.' So, I declared in my anger, 'They shall never enter my rest.'"

BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT: The Kingdom of God becomes a sweet encounter when you resolve to keep its laws. Man's help is vain; man's help is unreliable because when you need him the most, he can disappoint you. God is the only true One we can count on at any time. When you walk in unbelief, God disconnects you from the covenant. You may see others enjoying its blessing while you scratch for the scraps of life. This is not your portion or what God prepared for you.

The man who refused to believe Elisha's word from God met an unfortunate end. His negative heart attitude sealed his fate and destroyed him. He did not only despise God's prophet; he despised God as well. Keep faith with God and know that His Word and His promise is eternally true. Faith will never disappoint but unbelief will surely destroy.

APPLICATION: How do you build your faith?

- Believe God unconditionally.
- Walk away from every negative spiritual environment.
- Walk with the spiritually wise.
- Declare God's prophetic word continually over your life.



PRAYER

Every mountain confronting my life, I command you to be levelled, in the name of Jesus.



ACTION POINT

Believe in God's principle for victory.



DAILY BIBLE READING:

Job 17 – 20

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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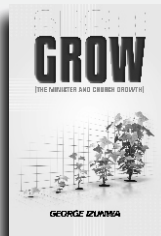
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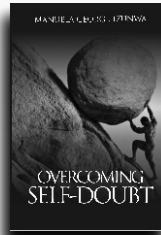
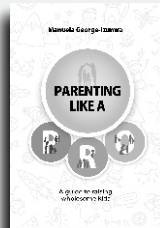
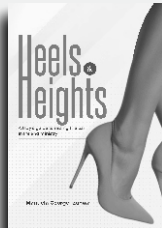
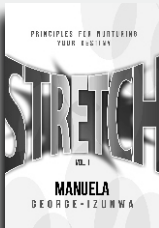
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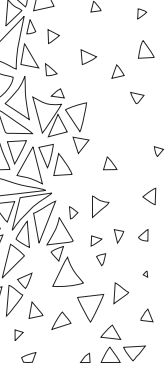
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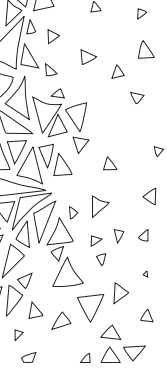
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