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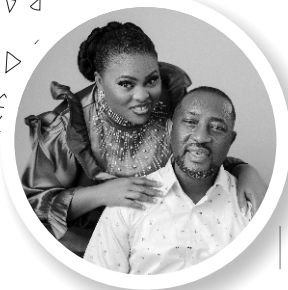
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## QUIET TIME PROGRAMME

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





# ▶ INTRODUCTION

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

Mark 1:35

PASTOR & BARR. MRS.  
GEORGE IZUNWA

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

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

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

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

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

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

# THE GATEWAY STRATEGY

## **This is Gateway International Church!**

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

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

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

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

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

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

- i- Always come expectant and worship with passion!



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

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

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



**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!

# STAY ON THE ALTAR

## KEY TEXT

**Romans 11:36 (NLT)** "For everything comes from him and exists by his power and is intended for his glory. All glory to him forever."

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** As we enter a new season of fervent prayer, look for exponential and spiritually explosive experiences with God. Hunger to experience God in more dimensions of grace in this season. God is greater than we can ever imagine and those who walk diligently with Him, walk in peace, success and personal fulfilment. God is too mysterious to be explained but once you make up your mind to trust and pursue Him, you will walk in dimensions of grace beyond human explanation. As you make yourself available for a divine touch this season, understand that God has a great plan for you to stand out.

It begins with knowing who you are as a born-again Christian. Being a born-again Christian does not only save you, but it also means that you carry Zoe (the life of God) in you. Zoe makes you a carrier of the grace and personality of God. God's personality in you makes you extraordinary. In other words, you are cut out, crafted and commissioned for nothing other than the best. It means you are God's masterpiece. So, if you are living an ordinary life, now is the time to rediscover your true identity, redirect your steps and revert to wholeness in Christ Jesus through fervent prayer and personal consecration.

**APPLICATION:** God wants you to have good health and enjoy all-round success, but He also wants you to have a deeper and more intimate relationship with Him. God wants you to operate at a realm where spiritual encounters will be a regular experience, but this can only happen through your altar of personal commitment and consecration. Decide that from today, you are going to live in His grace. Wake up from spiritual slumber and become a carrier of the life, power and presence of God. Remember, it is your connection that guarantees your collection.



*Father, I receive grace to remain focused at my prayer altar this season.*



Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal more of Himself to you.



Proverbs 4 – 7

# LIVE WITHIN THE DIVINE PRINCIPLE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

## COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

KEY  
TEXT

*1 Corinthians 3:16 (NLT) "Don't you realize that all of you together are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God lives in you?"*

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** Sometimes, the difficulties we encounter can be traced to sin. If God must remain committed to blessing you and commanding a lasting inheritance for you, you must stay away from sin and live for God's glory. Unrepentant sin makes you vulnerable to the onslaughts of darkness. Unrepentant sin cripples destiny and confines the sinner to a life of pain, shame and failure. If you want to experience the goodness and lovingkindness of God, especially in this season, live in righteousness. Remain planted and rooted in Christ.

### PRAYER POINTS:

1. Lord, I thank You for Your promise of greater help this season. Strengthen and enable me as I journey through this month of intense prayer and fellowship with You.
2. I plead the Blood of Jesus to wash away every sin in my life. Holy Spirit, help me to set my life apart for You and for Your mighty acts of grace. I declare that no hand of darkness, no distraction will becloud me as I commit myself totally to You.
3. I invoke the abiding presence of God to be with me, to rest upon me and flow through me this season. I carry on with grace and with the spirit of might.
4. I command every mountain and every spiritually fortified gate standing as opposition before me to be uprooted. I declare, I shall not be denied, I shall not be delayed, and I shall not be overshadowed by life's negative circumstances. I am walking in victory!
5. Lord, as I pray, I command the earth to release my portion, and I command everything to work together for my good!
6. I cast out every strange spirit inhabiting any space in my life, body and environment. Let the fire of the Holy Ghost purge you out of my life and consume you right now!
7. Monitoring spirits and their human agents working to truncate my life and destiny, catch fire now! Whatever is sabotaging my destiny and slowing down my progress, you must die now!
8. I decree, the time for Gateway International Church to secure her enviable position in the city, in the nation and globally is now! We receive the latter and the former rain over our church.
9. I decree, no weapon formed against God's servant, Pastor George Izunwa, will prosper. Lord, Your servant will soar higher and higher and grow greater in wisdom, strength and grace.
10. Father, deliver our nation Nigeria from the strange afflictions of hell. Move us to the place of abundance and prosperity, in the name of Jesus.



Proverbs 8 – 11

## THE NEED TO PRAY (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:** Get ready for a time of celebration because the set time for God to favour you has come. I have great news for you! Your days of lack and want, confusion and despair are already over. Be not afraid or dismayed! God said in Isaiah 65:24, *"And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear."* This is a powerful promise. This means that everything your heart desires is already set for a grand manifestation. All you need to do is become more intentional in the place of prayer.

The connecting factor between man and God is prayer. Daniel knew he had to continue praying. Thankfully, his answer came although the prince of Persia resisted him. When you need God to move in your life, do not be lukewarm when it comes to prayer. Aggressively fight for your destiny. There are no two ways about it. It is either you are here or there. Calvary gave us life in all dimensions. The only thing required of us is to enforce, through prayer, what Calvary has already made available. Daniel's answer was delayed, not because God had not answered, but because a demon resisted him. Because he continued in the place of prayer, he won eventually. I declare you will win! Just pray!

**APPLICATION:** There are manifestations of grace you will not see or experience until you step boldly and intentionally into the place of prayer. Just like Daniel, decide never to give up until your answer comes. Never allow God's intended outcomes for your life to fail because you gave up too quickly or became lackadaisical or nonchalant. Beloved, do not give up and do not break down when God is about to break through for you. Destroy every resistance by remaining strong and persistent in prayer and in faith. Your answer will come!



*Lord, I tap into Your manifold grace today. I command a release of Your blessings over my life!*



**Keep your prayer altar on fire. Never let your fire go down.**



**Proverbs 12 – 14**

## THE NEED TO PRAY (2)

KEY  
TEXT

**2 Corinthians 10:4** *"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds."*

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** Prayer is a fight. When we pray, we fight for destiny. Prayer is not fighting with weapons like knives, swords, arrows, guns, rocket launchers or fighter jets. It is fighting by speaking the Word of God, spirit uplifting worship and intensive prayer. The Bible says in Matthew 11:12, *"From the days of John the Baptist the Kingdom of God suffereth (allows) violence and the violent taketh it by force."* This means that until we become violent in the face of our negative circumstances, we may not get the results we want.

It is not wrong for you to enjoy the good things of life. In fact, you were created to enjoy the best. God wants you to enjoy every right and privilege Calvary has delivered. Do not be misled into thinking that being in lack and want proves your humility. Many Christians suffer lack and want, are sick and oppressed because of lack of intense prayer, not lack of holiness. If you do not learn to war against the dictates of the flesh, you will not enter your due season.

**APPLICATION:** Fight for what rightfully belongs to you through prayer. Lack, poverty, sickness, disease and disfavour are not signs of humility or signs that God has forgotten you. Decide that you are going to stop struggling for survival and, instead, struggle for significance. You were

called to live a life of excellence. Decide that for the rest of 2025, your life will never be the same. The law of the Kingdom is that to receive, you must ask; to find, you must seek and for the door to be opened to you, you must knock. Ask, seek and knock. I declare, you will transcend from glory to glory.



*I command every complacency and weakness on my way to my breakthrough to die now, in Jesus' name.*



Remain strong and steadfast in God's presence.



Proverbs 15 – 17



# RESIST THE RESISTOR

KEY  
TEXT

*James 4:7-8a "Submit yourself therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God and he will draw nigh to you."*

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** Resistance means to oppose or push against something with force. The devil knows the power we possess as God's children. This is why he comes in subtle ways to lure us away from fulfilling covenant requirements that should shift us from failure, mediocrity and stagnancy to success and stardom. How does satan come in subtly? Firstly, he comes by inserting negative thoughts or negative feelings in our hearts. Secondly, he comes by instilling doubt that limits our faith and trust in God.

Some lying thoughts that you must never allow settle in your spirit are: "If God hasn't answered you all these years, how are you sure He's going to answer you now?" "Stop wasting your time: God doesn't really care about you." "God won't bless you because of the sins of your past." "Look at this or that person: Why hasn't God answered them?" Do these thoughts sound familiar? Child of God, satan is a wicked rebel who will stop at nothing to hold your life and destiny to ransom if you allow him. He is crafty and he never backs down until you give in. Do not give in. Stand your ground! Resist evil thoughts. Do not let satan steal your portion.

**APPLICATION:** Pray without ceasing and pray violently as if all depends on your ability to pray. And as you pray, hold unto God and His promises. No matter the pressures around you, keep praying with faith in God. Do not let evil thoughts from the enemy overwhelm your spiritual reasoning. Cast those deceptive thoughts out of your mind and spirit each time they appear. Resist the resistor by taking control of your thoughts. If you fight his voice persistently, the clouds of doubt and unbelief will gradually shift away from your mind and spirit. Remain persistent until the resistor bows!



*Lord, grant me the grace to remain persistent in the face of every mental opposition.*



Never give up!



Proverbs 18 – 20

# TRUST GOD!

KEY  
TEXT

*Psalms 28:7 "The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him."*

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** A true believer is known by their unshakable faith and trust in God. A true believer is not someone who goes to church or serves in a church department, but someone who trusts unreservedly in God regardless of his present circumstances. If you are a church member but do not trust God, you are not different from an unbeliever. You cannot yield to God if you do not trust Him.

You may be surrounded by troubles and challenges, but Jesus will never disappoint you. He will always meet your needs. If you have lost trust in Him, what other hope do you have? Abraham obtained the promise because he hoped against hope. After he had endured, after he had waited, even when God's promise didn't look feasible, he finally obtained the promise. Because he trusted God.



*Lord, I will trust You all the days of my life. Grant me the grace to trust You.*



Ask the Holy Spirit for a breath of spiritual fresh air. Ask for new insight, new goals and a new spiritual orientation.



**Proverbs 21 – 23**

## THE CULTURE OF SACRIFICE

### KEY TEXT

**Genesis 22:10-12a** "And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. And the angel of the Lord called unto him out of heaven and said 'Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I. And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou anything unto him:'"

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** Sacrifice means giving up something valuable for the sake of achieving something far greater. It is an offering given to a deity or a higher power as a form of worship or atonement or gift for an anticipated reward. Sacrifices trigger God's divine intervention or provision. At some point in their life, everyone who made outstanding success in the Bible made a sacrifice. Sacrifice could be anything such as time, money or any other valuable.

Abel sacrificed the firstlings of his flock to God. Abraham became the father of many nations by agreeing to sacrifice his son Isaac, although God prevented him from carrying out the actual act. Ruth made the sacrifice of staying back with her mother-in-law when there was no need to. Queen Esther, alongside the Jews, made the sacrifice of fasting for three days which paved the way for God's miraculous intervention. The call to wait on the Lord is a call to lay down our convenience on the altar, not only in prayer, but also in sacrifice. Every affiliation with a deity, good or bad, requires sacrifice, how much more God?

**APPLICATION:** If you want to take new territories in the remaining part of the year, break down fortified spiritual gates, subdue the forces of darkness and attain the next level in your business and career, you must embrace sacrifice in this season. Ask, what does God need from me for His divine intervention in this season? You will not achieve outstanding results if you treat the demands of this season with levity, especially in the area of sacrifice. Prepare your heart to obey whatever God tells you. As a Christian, learn to offer sacrifices. A man without a culture of sacrifice has no future in God.



*Holy Spirit, give me a heart willing to sacrifice. I decree I am emerging victorious.*



Decide your sacrifice to secure the 2nd half of 2025.



Proverbs 24 – 26

# THE CULTURE OF **LOYALTY**

KEY  
TEXT

*Psalms 31:23 (NLT) "Love the Lord, all you godly ones. For the Lord protects those who are loyal to him but he harshly punishes the arrogant."*

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** Loyalty is an unwavering commitment to a person or cause; disloyalty is the opposite. Many times, loyalty may not make sense. But we are called to a life of unbroken loyalty to God and to His Church, even when it is not convenient. Do not follow God because it is convenient; follow God because you love Him and because you are willing to remain committed to Him. Your attitude to God and to His Church will determine your altitude in life. Many Christians never really get blessed because of disloyalty.

In this season, every believer should commit to corporate prayer and fellowship as part of their responsibilities to God and the church. Christians should not ignore the call to such gatherings but must decide to be ready and available whenever the situation rises. Those who commit to this will encourage those who are weak and unwilling. People are, oftentimes, blind to spiritual visitations and, through their ignorance, they do not participate in the corporate prayers/gatherings where the waters of the spirit are stirred and they influence others not to participate, too. Yet they expect God to bless them. Part of loving God is obeying His command (in this case, the command to solemnly assemble in prayer) whether you like it or not.

**APPLICATION:** Struggle, hardship and unanswered prayers may make you doubt if God truly cares or if warfare is worth it, but I want to encourage you today never to let go. Follow Him with every bit of faith and loyalty in you. Do not back down! Decide that your season for manifestation is now. Don't handle your responsibility to pray lightly. Whenever the devil gets you to become disloyal to God and His church, that's when your suffering begins. Oppression, poverty and satanic attacks on your life can only be possible through disloyalty. Only the bold, the courageous and obedient eat the good of the land.



PRAYER

*Anything set by the enemy to steal my inheritance, catch fire now, in the name of Jesus.*



ACTION  
POINT

*Plead the Blood of Jesus over your life to purge your heart and spirit of disloyalty.*



DAILY BIBLE  
READING:

**Proverbs 27 – 29**

## CHOOSE TO BE LED (I)

KEY  
TEXT

*Psalms 23:3 (NKJV) "He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake."*

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** God guides, and God orders the steps of the willing into their destiny. Guidance brings assurance and speed. When God guides, He goes with us every step of the way. When God guides, we cannot fail. If you want to encounter unstoppable progress, decide you are going to be guided by the Shepherd, Jesus. It is one thing to see further but it is another thing entirely to catch a glimpse of the future. When it comes to your destiny's journey, ensure you travel under divine guidance. As you pray, ensure you understand where, when, how and what God truly wants from you. Your capacity to become great is largely influenced by your willingness to be guided by God.

### PRAYER POINTS:

1. Lord, I thank You for Your guidance all through the years of my life. Thank You for being there for me and for walking with me.
2. Father, sharpen my spiritual sensitivity to enable me to discern with ease what You require of me. I reject spiritual blindness and deafness. I reject anything that blocks my spiritual ears and eyes.
3. Father, by Your grace, I declare that I am connected to spiritual traffic and spiritual frequencies. I am walking in Your counsel.
4. In the name of Jesus, I will operate by divine revelation. I disconnect from altars of spiritual complacency and weakness of the spirit.
5. I command the recovery of my destiny, and everything I have lost through faulty discernment and carelessness. I command restoration in double-folds. Let my wasted years be restored.
6. I crush and cast out every strange spirit trying to take hold of my life, career, business, health and relationships. I command you, get out of my life right now. I receive grace to walk in God-guided steps.
7. O Lord, I am not a candidate of sorrow, pain, demonic affliction and oppression. I walk in peace, tranquility and clarity of mind and spirit.
8. Father, bless Gateway International Church. Walk with us and lead us to greater heights of spiritual manifestations.
9. I thank You for the life of Your servant, Pastor George Izunwa. I declare that his words will never fall to the ground. He will last long in ministry.
10. Today, we ask that You stretch your hands of mercy over our nation Nigeria. Everything sponsoring death, backwardness and violence, we command them to stop now, in the name of Jesus.



DAILY BIBLE  
READING:

Proverbs 30 – 31

## CHOOSE TO BE LED (2)

### KEY TEXT

*Psalms 25:12-13 (NKJV) "Who is the man that fears the Lord? Him shall He teach in the way He chooses. He Himself shall dwell in prosperity, and his descendants shall inherit the earth."*

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** It is heart-warming and reassuring to know that God is interested in our well-being and that He desires to give us an enviable future. In this season, a whole new door of revealed mysteries about your life, business and family can be opened to you. God did not predestine you to come into this world to be a mere statistic. He created you to be a proof-producer, a high-flyer, a star. Your presence here, notwithstanding where, when and how you came into being, is proof that God brought you here for something special. He brought you here to be a force to be reckoned with. Because God has the blueprint of your life and desires to walk with you and through you, it is essential you walk with Him intentionally.

A Christian investor once testified that in his twenty-seven years of business as a broker, he never made one wrong investment. He testified that each time he got the opportunity to make an investment, he never went in hastily, no matter how much pressure he was under. Rather, he would spend time seeking the face of God to ascertain the direction in which God was leading him. Through this constant practice, he knew the investments he should make and those he should not and never recorded a single loss. That is divine leading!

**APPLICATION:** Decide that in this season of intense prayer, you will lay everything aside and seek the touch of the Holy Spirit that will birth fresh intimacy with Him and usher you into a realm of divine wisdom and divine direction. Being divinely directed always keeps you one step ahead in everything. Your journey to earthly and eternal significance comes from knowing and following God intimately. Walking in divine direction will destroy confusion and despair in your life. You will walk in peace, no matter the crises or chaos around you because you are walking with God and walking in His will.



*Lord, I declare, I will not see shame or defeat in any area of my life.*



Motivate yourself to take down the challenges confronting you.



Ecclesiastes 1 – 4



## CHOOSE TO BE LED (3)

### KEY TEXT

**Romans 8:14 (NKJV)** "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God."

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** Seek to be led by the Spirit above everything you will ever seek in life. I cannot overemphasize the importance of being led by the Spirit. I implore you to make being led by God your ultimate goal as a Christian. Being led by God is very crucial to your spiritual and earthly fulfillment. Life does not end here on earth. To matter in the natural, you need to be in tune with the supernatural. A glorious eternity will be determined by how you well you lived your life in line with God's leading. Judgment day is an appointment you cannot miss. Win or lose, you will stand before God to give account of your life.

We want to win life's battles, no doubt. You may also have many requests during this intercessory season. But would it be too much for you to ask God, what do You want? What is Your concern about me? Is He concerned about you being a better Christian, a more devoted spouse, a more prudent steward, a visionary leader? There is nothing more rewarding than knowing that you were a part of a divine plan that materialized in your lifetime. Being led is not optional and life will be less rewarding when you walk without the Shepherd.

**APPLICATION:** If you choose to please the Lord by walking in His ways and following His leading, you will attract heaven's attention. But if you set goals and lay down plans on how those goals will be achieved without the guidance of God, you will end up fighting more battles than you anticipate. The road to success might not always be smooth but knowing you are in God's plan will guarantee you peace of mind and an assurance of victory at the end. So, follow God. A true sheep is led by the Shepherd. If you are not a sheep, then you are not worthy of the love, attention and guidance of the Shepherd.



PRAYER

*Lord, may my dreams and goals align with Your perfect will. My destiny will not be wasted.*



ACTION POINT

Clear your heart and mind of any personal idols and selfish ambitions. Put God first.



DAILY BIBLE READING

**Ecclesiastes 5-8**

## IT IS YOUR COVENANT RIGHT (I)

KEY  
TEXT

*Psalms 77:6 "I call to remembrance my song in the night: I commune with my own heart: and my spirit made diligent search."*

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** If you are wondering if God still speaks and why you cannot hear His voice and know His leading, I want you to know that God still speaks and He's willing to talk to you like a father talks to his child. In 1 Samuel 3:3, the Bible says, *"The lamp of the Lord had not yet gone out, and Samuel was sleeping in the tabernacle near the Ark of God. Suddenly the Lord called out, 'Samuel!'"* "Yes?" Samuel replied, "What is it?" He got up and ran to Eli. "Here I am. Did you call me?" "I didn't call you," Eli replied. "Go back to bed." So he did." After this first encounter, the Lord called Samuel again and again before Eli was able to discern that the voice Samuel was hearing was the voice of God. And God spoke to the young lad despite his age.

People still have visions and trances; people still hear the audible voice of God; people encounter God prophetically but not everything we hear comes from God; Also, it is not every time God speaks that we take notice. This is why you must be able to distinguish the voice of the Shepherd from any other voice. Whenever you have a decision to make or you find yourself at a crossroads, don't try to figure it out all by yourself. There is a Father who talks to His children. Run to Him with trust in your heart because it is your covenant right to know.

**APPLICATION:** By your right standing with God, you are entitled to revelation regardless of your spiritual level. Do not worry about whether you are going to understand or not. The basic key to understanding God's voice is being open and receptive to His leading. If you are open to revelation, God will speak to you in a manner you will understand, even if it means Him using figures and pictures to help you. God can be so down-to-earth that He would not hesitate to speak through a conversation, music or even a movie, provided He gets your attention. So, do not panic.



*Father, I decree, no more destiny errors and no more wrong decisions. Lord, please guide me.*



Take a worship song and invite the Holy Spirit to take over.



**Ecclesiastes 9 – 12**

## IT IS YOUR COVENANT RIGHT (2)

KEY  
TEXT

**Acts 10: 19-20** "While Peter thought about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Behold, three men are seeking you. Arise therefore, go down and go with them, doubting nothing; for I have sent them."

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** God meets each of us at the level of our spiritual growth. Stop thinking that you are not qualified to get revelation from God because of your assumed spiritual deficiency. God will meet you wherever you are spiritually because it is your covenant right. When God spoke to Cornelius, God gave him information and instructions. When He spoke to Peter, He told him to obey and not doubt His instructions. If these men were not open to the Spirit, they would have lost their way. It is your covenant right to be radically and tremendously blessed, but it is going to happen only through your openness and obedience to the Spirit.

### Points to note on guidance through revelation:

- It is our responsibility to ask for guidance while God charts the course for us to follow and encounter Him.
- Revelation can come at any time and at any place. Be prepared always.
- Most dreams and visions are symbolic. The things you see in them need interpretation.
- God uses pictures and symbols that mean something to you when He is guiding you.



*Father, let every mystery behind setbacks and disfavor in my life be exposed through revelation.*



**Song of Solomon 1 – 4**

## THE SURRENDERED SERVANT

KEY  
TEXT

*John 15:15 (NLT) "I no longer call you servants because a master doesn't confide in his servants. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me."*

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** God finds it easy to share His thoughts, heart and mind with people who are intimate with Him. Nobody ever shares his thoughts with just anybody. When you pursue intimacy with God, there is a spiritual level you will attain where even the things you were not thinking about will be revealed and released to you. God is looking for people to reveal deep mysteries to, to bring hope, peace and correction. The voice of God is the vital link between humanity and divinity. So, we cannot afford to be careless about it.

Many destinies have been aborted by satan because men have ignorantly set up idols in their hearts. In verse 4 of Ezekiel 14, God said, *"Everyone of the house of Israel who sets up an idol in his heart, and puts before him what causes him to stumble into iniquity, and then comes to the prophet, I will answer him according to the multitude of his idols."* This means that God will speak to you in accordance with the multitude of idols (things you revere more than God) unless you exalt Him above everything else. The level of your surrender to God determines how much you will excel.

**APPLICATION:** When you follow God, be yielded to Him because you are the one who needs Him. Drop every idol, surrender every dream, ambition or personal interest to God. Yielding to His will ensures His blessings over your life. God preserves destinies but if your life is not completely surrendered to Him, you will become a casualty of life, no matter how much you pray. Let a new season of grace begin in your life as you earnestly seek His face. True dominion comes by laying down every idol and surrendering to His will.



PRAYER

*Whatever resists grace around me, I command it to perish right now.*



ACTION  
POINT

Say this to yourself: 'It is no longer I but God who must be glorified through me.'



DAILY BIBLE  
READING:

Song of Solomon 5 – 8

## THE OBEDIENT SERVANT

### KEY TEXT

*Ephesians 5:6-7 (NIV) "Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. Therefore, do not be partners with them."*

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** Many people do not receive counsel from God because of their carelessness and stubbornness. If God gives you an instruction several times and you disobey, He will let you be until you run into trouble and run back to Him. God does not counsel the rebellious. Obedience is the first key to a successful relationship with God. Everyone who walked diligently with God in the Bible, walked in prompt obedience. It is impossible to please God if you walk in obedience. Even when an instruction appears inconvenient, God expects you to obey it.

Obedience is truly the master key. Many Christians encounter resistance in life, not because they do not pray, but because they are disobedient. As you pray this season, repent from every form of disobedience or this season will end in wasted grace. I have often said when a Christian encounters contradictory results, a mystery is at work. The mystery that may be at work in your life may be your broken hedge of disobedience through which the enemy has slithered into your life. In this season of prayer, ensure you are not walking in disobedience.

**APPLICATION:** Men with a sense of destiny urgency do not toy with disobedience. Prayer will not yield its benefits to you if you walk in disobedience. God's grace that is already in you forbids smallness, fruitlessness and mediocrity, which are the fruits of disobedience. When you walk in obedience, the Lord will usher you into greatness and command the manifestation of your heart's desire. In this prayer season, do not surrender to demonic manipulation that has only one agenda: to bring and keep you down. Stay strong; be resolute; be committed, and you will not miss your portion.



*Lord, pour out Your grace and mercy on me and help me walk in obedience.*



Remember instances where you have walked in disobedience; repent from them.



Isaiah 1 – 3

# THE COMMITTED SERVANT

## COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

### KEY TEXT

*Psalms 25:14 (NKJV) "The secret of the Lord is with those who fear Him, And He will show them His reward."*

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** When you excuse yourself, you not only accuse yourself, but you also exclude yourself. God is committed to guiding those who are committed to Him and to His Kingdom. Many Christians are not on heaven's payroll because they are not committed to service in God's House. Committed service not only guarantees you a release of God's blessings, but it also guarantees you effective guidance. And if you serve but you are often denied access to the voice and direction of the Spirit, it means that something may not be right with your service. Find a place to serve in God's house and be committed to serving Him. God is committed to those who serve diligently, committedly and obediently.

### PRAYER POINTS:

1. Father, thank You because I know my life is not at the mercy of life's circumstances. By Your grace, I am marching into the fulfillment of my destiny.
2. By Your grace and mercy, I command every root of pride and selfishness to be uprooted, destroyed and cast out of my life. I declare, I shall not be a wanderer on the journey to my place of fulfillment.
3. I plead the blood of Jesus over every mystery contending with my commitment and service to God. Everything empowering desolation and backwardness in my life because of self-centeredness, I curse you by fire.
4. Lord, take over my life moment-by-moment, day-by-day. I surrender to Your call for Kingdom service. I vow to give it whatever it takes.
5. I cut off the negative thoughts that try to convince me to avoid kingdom service. Today, I let go and I let God.
6. Father, as I fight to expand Your kingdom, take over my life's battles and grant me victory. Lord, I ask You to work in me and through me for Your glory.
7. Father, help me to always walk in the light of Your will and purpose for my life. As I respond to service, I call forth a season of increase and expansion on every side.
8. I command a season of multiplied harvest of souls into Gateway International Church as we pray. Let the hearts of men in our city and nation turn to Jesus through Gateway International Church.
9. We declare today that no weapon fashioned against Your servant, Pastor George Izunwa, will prosper. His life and ministry will expand in all ramifications. He will soar higher and grow greater in wisdom and grace.
10. Father, we ask You to deliver our nation from every affliction of the evil one. In this season, move us to the place of abundance and prosperity, in the name of Jesus.



DAILY BIBLE  
READING:

Isaiah 4 – 8



## THE LOVING, PATIENT GOD

### KEY TEXT

**Psalms 63:5-6 (NKJV)** "My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness, And my mouth shall praise you with joyful lips. When I remember you on my bed, I meditate on you in the night watches."

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** God is so gracious that He will wait patiently after speaking until we grasp what He is saying. So, do not be scared that you missed something He may have been trying to tell you. If you are willing to obey and are receptive to Him, God will not stop speaking or trying to get your attention until you get it. Even in instances where you are cannot discern His voice, do not panic; He will order your steps.

One way you can discern what God is saying is by meditation. Anytime you sense that the Lord is trying to get your attention, take time to meditate. When the Lord asked Elijah to stand on the mountain before Him, a strong wind tore through the mountains and broke the rock into pieces, but God was not in the wind. Then a terrible earthquake occurred, and a fire broke out, but He still was not in any of these. After the fire, came a still, small voice. Elijah could not have discerned the still, small voice from every other voice or sound if he was not in meditation. Meditation means thinking deeply about something. Meditation clarifies the counsel of Scripture, sharpens the witness of our inner man and unlocks steps to obedience.

**APPLICATION:** If you want to have a chance in life, you must learn how to shut out the rest of the world and listen for the *still, small* voice of God. If you desire to hear God, you must not only be a student of the Word and of

prayer; you also need to build the habit of regular meditation. Meditation takes practice but if you are diligent with it, you will have amazing spiritual encounters that will change your life.



PRAYER

*Lord, I thank You for the privilege of walking with You. Grant me the grace to wait upon You.*



ACTION POINT

Take out time to tarry in God's presence today. Be still and ask God to speak to you.



DAILY BIBLE READING:

Isaiah 9 – 11

# THE MAN OF ORDERED STEPS

KEY  
TEXT

*Psalms 37:23 "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: And He delighteth in his way."*

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** When strange things happen, it may be a sign that God is directing your life into His divine plan. There are no coincidences in the spirit realm. Those whose hearts are fixed on accomplishing their ambition often rush ahead of God. But when there is no selfish ambition, even when you do not hear the voice of God or understand His moves, He will order your steps to usher you into His purposed place and plan for you.

Many times, we may not realize when God is guiding us until we arrive at His predestinated place for us. Many times, we are unable to discern what God is saying or where He is leading us. You are not alone in this because, sometimes, even the greatest spiritual personalities fail to hear from God. There are also times God decides to withhold sensitive information because we lack capacity to process such information. So, when "bad" things happen that are difficult to accept or understand, our best response at such times should be to trust God without wavering.

**APPLICATION:** Be rest assured that as long as God's child, everything is working together for your good. This is God's assurance in **Romans 8:28**. There is nothing happening to you right now that is uncommon to man. Take note: God will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you can handle. And if anything is happening to you that feels so undeserved, God has already given you the grace to overcome it. As you learn to put your

unbroken trust in the Lord, endure hardness with grace. That unpleasant experience may be a springboard for your destiny. As long as you are genuinely born again, your steps are already ordered. It may be tough now but later, you will begin to see the purpose for everything you have gone through.



*In the name of Jesus, strength to persevere and overcome, come upon me.*



Always act better than you feel.



Isaiah 12 – 14

## SEE IT FROM GOD'S PERSPECTIVE

### KEY TEXT

**Genesis 50:20 (NKJV)** *"But as for you, you meant evil against me: but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive."*

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** When we fail to see things from God's viewpoint, it becomes easy to interpret something as negative when God sees it as positive. Because many Christians do not have an intimate relationship with God, they cannot interpret the moves of God. God sees the end from the beginning. If we can discern the divine moves of God by foresight, we would have a clearer understanding of what He desires to accomplish.

When his brothers sold Joseph into slavery, it looked like the worst thing that could ever happen to someone who feared God. Between his capture and his ascent to the rank of Prime Minister of Egypt, little did anyone realize that it was a divinely orchestrated plan to birth the Israeli nation. If Joseph had known the details of the process he was to go through, it is possible he would not have gone searching for his brothers as his father instructed. No one loves pain and discomfort but, sometimes, discomfort is the only route to our place of greatness. It would make the journey easier if we could learn to appreciate the lessons from pain and discomfort.

**APPLICATION:** There may be concerns and worries in your life right now, and certain questions you lack answers to, but if you can learn to see things from God's perspective sometimes, the picture of the future might become a little clearer to you. Remember, the thoughts of God towards you are thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to bring you to an expected end. If you are a child of God, it means you are part of a plan to birth a great destiny. Never believe or confess that God has forsaken you. It is not in His nature to forsake or abandon His own. God sees purpose even when you cannot.



*Father, I see beyond circumstances and setbacks. I declare, my future will be actualized.*



Believe that you are coming out on the glorious side in due time.



Isaiah 15 – 19

# IT IS ABOUT PURPOSE, **NOT** CONVENIENCE

KEY  
TEXT

*Acts 8:4 "Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the gospel."*

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** Acts of the Apostles reveals that a great wave of persecution swept over the Church in Jerusalem after Stephen's death. All believers, except the Apostles, were scattered through the regions of Judea and Samaria, preaching the Gospel everywhere they went. Crowds listened intently to Philip and encountered the miraculous. Many evil spirits were cast out and the lame were healed.

At first glance, Stephen's death looked like a tragedy, but the Gospel spread throughout Jerusalem and beyond through his death. If this "tragedy" and others had not happened, it is possible the Gospel might not have spread as much as it did at the time. God, sometimes, allows strange things happen for the actualization of His purposes. God is more interested in actualizing His purpose than in your convenience. So, do not fret, do not panic. There is grace for the journey.



*Lord, release the grace I need  
for the journey.*



Isaiah 20 – 24

## GET SKILLED SPIRITUALLY

KEY  
TEXT

*Hebrews 5:13 "For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness for he is a babe."*

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** You make a living from your profession; it feeds you, pays your bills and takes you forward in life. In the spirit realm, our faith and our walk with God is our profession. It is what we believe, what we declare and what we practice by faith. In the Kingdom, faith pays our bills and helps us to advance in life. So, if you are unskilled in the things of the Spirit, you will become unproductive and be relegated to the background of life. Have you ever wondered why God uses and blesses some believers more than others? It's because those believers are better skilled in spiritual things more than others.

Spiritual skills are necessary in your walk with God. Lack of discernment, a core spiritual skill, has messed up the lives of spiritually unskilled people. Many Christians do not recognize the direction in which God is leading them because they are spiritually unskilled. Spiritually unskilled people, most times, see divine guidance as senseless but spiritually skilled people understand that there are three ways of doing things: the right way, the wrong way and God's way. They have an understanding that the right way may not necessarily be God's way. So, if you desire to live an excellent life, get spiritually skilled. Being spiritually skilled will open a world of delightful opportunities to you, amazing discoveries that will keep you a step ahead of others.

### APPLICATION: How do you develop spiritual skills?

- Have a strong desire to know and follow God passionately.
- Trust God to kindle your spiritual insight.
- Be a fervent student of the Word and prayer.
- Be willing to walk in obedience no matter the circumstances.
- Never make a move concerning major issues of your life without hearing from God.



*Father, help me to follow You passionately and unreservedly.*



Ask the Holy Spirit to put a hunger in you for spiritual dominance.



Isaiah 25 – 28

# WHEN GOD DOES NOT MAKE SENSE

KEY  
TEXT

2 Corinthians 5:7 "For we walk by faith, not by sight."

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** Faith is not just mere confession but our great profession. Every situation in life answers to faith, no matter how daring, demanding or desperate that situation is. You need to come to a point where your profession of faith far outweighs their present circumstances or else you will never experience God's blessings and supernatural manifestations. When the children of Israel were asked to march around the walls of Jericho for seven days, it didn't make any sense at first. No wonder God instructed them not to utter a word as they marched around the walls, otherwise their lack of faith and complaints might have aborted the entire process.

It is important for you to understand that the flesh and the Spirit are not the same and that human wisdom and the wisdom of God are also not the same. Your inability or refusal to grasp this truth will keep you at a low, confused spiritual level. Spiritually ignorant people, despite their intelligence, are motionless, directionless and purposeless. Intelligent people usually do not fare well in their walk with God because they constantly argue, fight and try to make sense of what God is doing when they should be following with faith.

**APPLICATION:** When it looks like God is not making any sense, when it appears your life is spinning out of control, trust in His goodwill. Trust that He cares for you; trust that He still loves you and follow Him obediently and faithfully. Transactions in God's Kingdom are always governed by faith and, sometimes, faith will conflict with your commonsense or natural reasoning. But even when God doesn't make sense, choose to walk by faith. People who take dominion in the Kingdom and in life are those who walk by faith, not by sight.



*Holy Spirit, help me to exercise Godkind of faith throughout my life.*



Do a soul search and identify the areas that often conflict with your faith level and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding.



Isaiah 29 – 31



# FAITH FOR INHERITANCE

## COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

KEY  
TEXT

*Zechariah 9:12 "Turn you to the stronghold, ye prisoners of hope: even today do I declare that I render double unto thee."*

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** The Cross did not only free us from captivity, but it also released unto us a divine inheritance. We either claim our inheritance by faith or forfeit it by doubt. Many Christians are kingdom investors, but their wrong perspectives rob them of their divine inheritance. If your inheritance must become a reality, you must stand your ground and fight with every ounce of faith in you. Stop looking at your natural realities and natural limitations. God has given you everything that pertains to life and godliness. All you need to do is enforce it through faith-activated prayer.

### PRAYER POINTS:

1. Father, I thank You for the stripes of Jesus that paid the price for my health, wealth and strength. I reject every form of weakness trying to jeopardize Your program for my life.
2. Every strange experience making me doubt the efficacy of grace, I command them to bow now. I will be the instrument through which others will come to the knowledge of salvation and the power of God.
3. Precious Holy Spirit, quicken my mind and spirit. Make me the showpiece of God's faithfulness in my generation. Every ongoing manipulation of hell to keep my mind and spirit shrouded in doubt and unbelief, catch fire now.
4. I call forth the opportunities I need for the manifestation of God's divine promises over my life. No more rising and falling. I have faith that I will not see shame.
5. I command this season to release the manifestations of God's promises and prophecies. I cut off every strange force that has access to my destiny now!
6. Father, even when I cannot discern You, order my steps into destiny. Lord, lead me to the right place, to the right people, at the right time and for the right purpose.
7. Lord, I command Your light to shine as I participate in this season of prayer. By Your grace, I declare, I will partake of every released blessing.
8. I proclaim a new season of the release of Your manifold blessings over Gateway International Church. No one will lose their reward.
9. I thank You for the life of Your servant, Pastor George Izunwa. I call forth a refreshing of strength and fresh oil upon his life and ministry.
10. Father, I ask You to release a mighty flow of grace, healing and favour over Nigeria. As we pray, let this season command a mighty turnaround politically, economically, socially and otherwise, in the name of Jesus.



Isaiah 32 – 34

## THE DEMANDED SACRIFICE (I)

### KEY TEXT

**2 Corinthians 9:6** *"But this I say, he which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver."*

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** Commitment is not limited only to personal interests or involvements. True commitment is donating yourself to something completely and wholeheartedly, without any reservations. Commitment is an unstoppable drive to keep going when everything around you is screaming, stop. Commitment defies excuses and objections. It is challenging, sometimes, to stay committed to God because your resolve to keep following can lead to suffering and your faith may make an almost impossible demand from you.

Isaac was the result of Abraham's faith over many years and his irreplaceable treasure. Before Abraham saw God's promise to him manifested, God asked for a sacrifice, Isaac. No matter how hard the sacrifice looks, God has a future far bigger than what He asked you to release and what you could ever imagine for yourself. Many destinies are stranded because they could not let go of their Isaac. Your future may be tied to releasing that very precious thing.

### APPLICATION: Why does God ask for your Isaac?

- To test who truly occupies your heart.
- It is a seed that guarantees your future.
- It is a sign that God is in the process of upgrading your destiny.
- It is the starting point of your promotion.



*I am God's special project. I declare that life will not take me unaware.*



Whatever Isaac God is demanding from you, let it go.



Isaiah 35 – 37

## THE DEMANDED SACRIFICE (2)

### KEY TEXT

1 Kings 17:15 (NIV) *"She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family."*

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** When the brook dried up because there was no rain in the land, the Lord told Elijah to go to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there because He had commanded a widow to feed Elijah. Elijah obeyed and left the brook for Zarephath. When he got there, he met the widow gathering sticks to make a fire which she planned to use to prepare the last meal she and her son would eat before they would lie down to die because of the hunger caused by the famine.

This widow of Zarephath was not the only widow in the region and the only one who needed divine intervention. God sent Elijah to this widow because He trusted she would make the necessary sacrifice that would guarantee her a continual supply of God's supernatural provision. Secondly, it was time for her lifting. Thirdly, God wanted to use her to demonstrate a divine principle, sacrifice. Without obeying that divine principle, the provision would not have manifested. When God demands for your Isaac, it means He trusts you. It also means that you are mature enough to attain your next level. In fact, the more God trusts you, the more He asks for sacrifices.

**APPLICATION:** Every commanded blessing is released by sacrifice. How desperate are you for your harvest? In God's Kingdom, no sacrifice is wasted. Is there something you have wanted from God for a long time? Maybe it is time to release your Isaac. Your sacrifice will open doors of blessings for you; it will secure covenants and fight your destiny battles. There is a glory you cannot access until something tangible leaves your hand. Anytime you release what God demands, you will reap a harvest that will wow your onlookers. You are entitled to honour, glory, riches and the blessings that come from God.



PRAYER

*Father, I am for honour and glory. Glorify my life as I walk in obedience to You.*



ACTION POINT

Welcome by faith, what God is about to do in your life.



DAILY BIBLE READING:

Isaiah 38 – 40

# IT BEGINS WITH YOU

## KEY TEXT

**Genesis 18:5 (NLT)** *"And since you've honoured your servant with this visit, let me prepare some food to refresh you before you continue on your journey." "All right," they said. "Do as you have said."*

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** Dominion is your covenant inheritance. God can change your story. God, who raises the poor, the less privileged and the downtrodden out of the dungeons of life, can raise you. One moment, one obedient move, is enough to turn your destiny around. Whatever you need for a destiny shift lies in the hands of God who is ready to place it in your hands. No matter how hard-working, diligent and accountable you are, there is a point you cannot take yourself beyond until God helps you. There are commanded agents and vehicles that have been programmed to shift you to your next level, but it begins with you. When you have obeyed Him, God will order your steps to the places and vessels you need.

A promise had been given before the three angels whom God sent to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah stopped at Abraham's tent. Abraham, sensing that the Lord was about to change his destiny, welcomed the angels and treated them to a sumptuous meal. The result? What God had promised was set in motion. At the appointed time, Abraham and Sarah welcomed a son in their old age. The key lies with you. What if Abraham had treated God's appointed moment casually? Thank God, Abraham was ready for the move of God.

**APPLICATION:** The key to unlocking the gates that stand between you and your destiny portion lies with you. Decide there will be no more delays and no more denials in your life. What men say is impossible for you is possible with God. In this prayer season, make up your mind to disappoint everyone who has mocked you and mocked God. Dislodge the adversary who has held your destiny down for years. Your miracle, your advancement, your breakthrough is just one decision away. Your inheritance in God's kingdom must manifest in its fullness. But it begins with you. Ask God to inspire you and then make that decision. Make that move.



*I declare, my path must shine brighter and brighter unto the perfect day.*



Ponder the faithfulness of God. God is set to glorify Himself through you.



**Isaiah 41 – 43**

## THE FAITHFUL STEWARD

KEY  
TEXT

*Luke 7:4-5 "And when they came to Jesus, they besought him instantly, saying, That he was worthy for whom he should do this: For he loveth our nation; and he hath built us a synagogue."*

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** Obedience is a test of stewardship that determines what heaven will release to you. What a man obeys determines what obeys him. When a man positions himself under authority, he gains authority, grace and power but, if he rebels, his voice will not carry authority. So, whenever you give honour to God through your giving, it gives God and His prophet the authority to invoke the Covenant over your life.

When we put God first, He takes responsibility for our needs. God will command life to give us our portion when we have established the authority of the covenant over our lives. If God is truly your source, do not be afraid to give to God what He demands. When God is testing your stewardship, when He is testing what He has committed into your hands, it is not to punish you but to lift you. Be determined to pass the test of a faithful steward. Every test or examination is a determinant factor for your next level.



PRAYER

*I refuse to be tied to any altar of stagnancy. I declare, I am moving forward, in the name of Jesus.*

ACTION  
POINTDAILY BIBLE  
READING:

Isaiah 44 – 46

## THE TURN OF A DUE SEASON

### KEY TEXT

1 Samuel 2:1 (NLT) "Then Hannah prayed: "My heart rejoices in the Lord! The Lord has made me strong. Now I have an answer for my enemies; I rejoice because you rescued me."

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** Your due season comes when your expectation has been justified. Due season is when your remembrance turns into a visitation and when your delay turns into a fruitful manifestation. When it was Abraham's due season, he was visited by the three angels that paved the way for the manifestation of his long-awaited miracle. When it was the due season for Joseph to encounter a major lifting, he was remembered and released from captivity. These people, and many more, encountered their due season. Everyone has a due season. You also have a due season.

There is a mighty stirring of the waters. This means that a due season is here again. You can decide that this season is going to be your due season. The woman with the issue of blood said, *"If I can but touch the hem of His garment, I will be made whole."* She decided that today was going to be the day of God's manifestation, and twelve years of hemorrhaging came to an end. When the Canaanite woman knelt before Jesus and asked Him to heal her daughter, Jesus said, *"I was sent only to the lost house of Israel."* But she didn't give up. She decided to grab her daughter's healing at all costs, even if it meant being insulted. When an individual makes a destiny turnaround decision like that, nothing can hold them back.

### APPLICATION: How can you know your due season?

- When you notice changes in the dynamics of God's relationship with you, it means your due season is transitioning.
- When you sense God leading you in a particular direction.
- When you sense a strong urge to raise memorial altars.



PRAYER

*Whatever mocks grace in my life ends today. I shall be a living testimony of God's faithfulness.*



ACTION POINT

**Be still! Listen for the next instruction from the Holy Spirit.**



DAILY BIBLE READING

**Isaiah 47 – 49**



## CULTIVATE RELATIONSHIPS

### KEY TEXT

*1 Kings 17:9 (NLT) "Go and live in the village of Zarephath, near the city of Sidon. I have instructed a widow there to feed you."*

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** The major decisions we will make in life may not come through dreams, visions or prayer. While prayer sets the foundation for anything we desire to accomplish, many times we need to be practical while seeking significance. God has blessed us with the ability to think; we should use it. When we think deeply, we can recognize the channels God has positioned for our lifting. The truth is, God has appointed and positioned channels of lifting for us. All we need to do is recognize and take advantage of them. When it comes to your appointment for the next level, there are rocks you must strike; there are also rocks you should not strike, rather you should speak to them.

In life, we exert spiritual energy of prayer on some channels to bring out what is hidden in them. But there are other channels we must nurture over time for a destiny turnaround. Joseph's destiny was put on hold when he thought only about himself, but his destiny took a turn for the better when he became concerned about the needs of others even while in prison. When you decide to connect to the needs of others through relationship, you create avenues through which God can bring restoration and establish you.

**APPLICATION:** This year, God has promised to lift you through relationships. You do not become successful by begging successful people; you become successful by connecting to the needs of successful people. This is why you must relate effectively with people. When you connect to the needs of divinely positioned channels, those channels would, in turn, connect to your needs. Never despise people who are the doorways to your destiny, no matter how insignificant they

may appear. If you want to walk in sustainable prosperity, learn to recognize, honour and take advantage of destiny relationships.



*Father, I ask for a new dimension of grace and glory. Lord, order my steps to the right people.*



Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the relationships He has positioned for your lifting.



Isaiah 50 – 52

# SETTLE FOR THE BEST (I)

## COVENANT DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

### KEY TEXT

*Ephesians 5:15 (NIV) "Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil."*

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** Pursue a testimony of excellence by striving for the best. If you have a choice, never settle in life for less than the best. Many people have wrong notions when it comes to settling for the best: They assume that settling for the best means having the best of everything without paying a price. The best comes after you have fulfilled the covenant obligations of responsibility, accountability, diligence, hard work and sacrifice. Life will never deliver everything you want on a platter of gold until you take responsibility. To have the best, there is a price you must pay. No pain, no gain.

### PRAYER POINTS:

1. Father, you are the God that raises the less privileged out of the dunghill. I thank You because I know You have a great plan for my life. Thank You because You are in the process of raising me.
2. Lord, let Your presence command destiny ease for me. Thank You for the keys and for the help You have given to me, empowering me to open destiny gates. I am going from glory to glory.
3. Lord, open my eyes to see every opportunity, every chance, every relationship I need for a destiny shift. May I never miss my time and opportunity.
4. No condition is hopeless! I am not helpless! I refuse my expectations and pursuits from being denied. Lord, touch me with Your mercy and glorify Yourself through me.
5. Every voice of failure and contempt speaking against my destiny, I call on the fire of the Holy Ghost to consume you. Every adversary at my open doors, catch fire now.
6. From now, I am living in God's covenant of wealth, health and spiritual strength. I walk in a new release of grace and power.
7. My mind and my spirit are kingdom territories; whatever is trying to afflict me through a faulty mindset and satanic ideologies must die!
8. Father, the season to favour Gateway International Church is now. Today, the heart of every member of Gateway is released from every shackle of satanic deception. We cut loose the people of Gateway from every satanic plot trying to steal their portion.
9. In this season, let fresh oil and fresh grace for exceptional manifestations rest upon Your servant, Pastor George Izunwa. May he be the first partaker of Your wave of blessings coming upon us.
10. Over Nigeria, we declare a mighty spiritual awakening. Oh God, cause Your light to shine on the hearts of men in this nation so that they will hunger and thirst for You and for righteousness. Thank You for the beginning of a new wave of Your glory over Nigeria, in the name of Jesus.



DAILY BIBLE  
READING:

Isaiah 53 – 56

## SETTLE FOR THE BEST (2)

### KEY TEXT

*Exodus 33:13-14 "Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way; that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation is thy people. And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest."*

**BACKGROUND AND THOUGHTS ON THE TEXT:** Beloved, God wants to show you the way you should go. Moses' heartfelt desire and prayer was knowing which way to go and going with God. Moses was intimately acquainted with God, but he still wanted to be led by God. He said, "That I may know thee and that I may find grace in thy sight." If you want to have the best, seek intimacy with God. God is the only One who can lead you to acquiring the best. There is something good in store for every child of God, but the challenge is, many people want to achieve destiny without commitment to God and to life.

Please do not negotiate yourself out of destiny. It is possible to have the best. The best comes only from God, but you must promise yourself that you are going to give your best to every assignment and to every endeavor in your life. Work as if everything depends on you and pray as if everything depends on God. Sometimes, you may be tempted to give up and let go of God and His covenant principles when the process gets tough. Do not give up! The journey you are on, if you follow committedly, will bring you to a glorious future.

**APPLICATION:** How do I create credible channels for accomplishing the best?

- Become an excellent person. You know an excellent person from the unsupervised areas of his life.
- Take responsibility for your failure and for making your life better.
- Do not play the blame game. Do not allow hurts to determine your response to life.
- Never go through a day without being a blessing to someone.
- Serve God fervently.



*I declare; no power will keep my destiny in captivity. I walk in the light of God's faithfulness.*



Pray in the Spirit for a few minutes and ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you.



Isaiah 57 – 59

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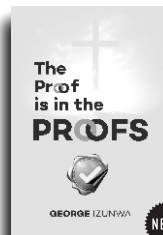
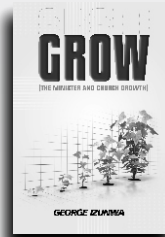
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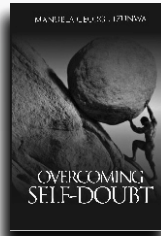
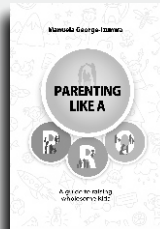
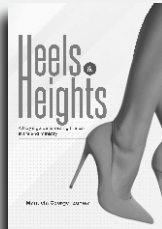
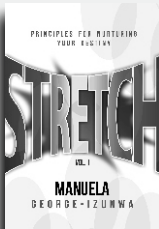
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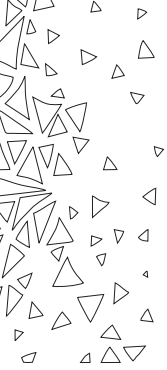
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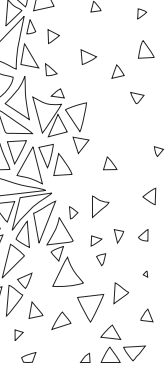
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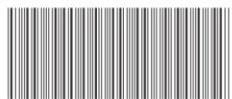
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