

Daily Prophetic Flow© with Pastor Amos

A constant fellowship with God everyday guarantees a fruitful day. I personally advise that you observe this fellowship every morning. Spending an average of 40 minutes in God's presence will make all the difference beyond your human efforts. You can use it as a family, group of staff or just as an individual. You can use this manual before leaving home, while commuting to work or in the office.

Also note that the contents in this guide should not be limited to the daily devotion, you can use the prayer points during your personal retreats, vigils or special moments of waiting upon God. Each prayer point carries God's power to deliver you from the traps of the enemy and give you your inheritance.

Every Christian ought to read through the Bible at least once in a year, hence the inclusion of a plan to help you read through in one year, please avail yourself the opportunity.

Finally, remember to send your prayer requests and praise reports to the contact details at the end of this manual.

I see you triumphing over the devil and entering your joy this month in Jesus name.

Devotion Guide (You can change this to suit your time; this is just a guide for 40 minutes devotion)

Short Prayer	- 2 minutes
Worship	- 10 minutes
Reading the Bible Passage	- 3 minutes
Studying the topic for the day	- 10 minutes
Prayer points for the day	- 10 minutes
One year bible reading plan	- 5 minutes

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2022 CHARGE

I am full of life, grateful and thankful to God for all His goodness.

It's my season of uncommon advancement, crossing boundaries, taking territories, manifesting victories. I have the grace for to advance in life, the boldness to step out and manifest all that God has for me.

I am a child of God, redeemed by the blood of Jesus, representing God's kingdom here on earth. No force of darkness can prevail against me.

I am full of God's anointing, visionary, audacious, loving, understanding and approachable. I am deeply rooted in God's word, balanced, winning and leading with excellence.

I am committed to my church and its leadership through my worship, service and giving.

I am empowered, qualified, loved, accepted and approved, going places and achieving new things. I leave the past behind, advancing daily.

In the name of Jesus, this is my year of Uncommon Advancement.

SATURDAY JAN 1, 2022

GRATEFUL HEART

HEART-TO-HEART

"And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan." Luke 17:16 (KJV)

Welcome to the New Year which the Lord has designated as our Year of Uncommon Advancement. Therefore, it is right to show gratitude to God. Thanksgiving is the act of expressing specific gratitude to God for the blessings God has given us, whether those things are physical, spiritual or material. And as we grow as believers we should see an attitude of thanksgiving develop in our lives every day throughout this Year 2022. A relationship with Jesus Christ should transform us into a joyful, positive and grateful soul. One sign that Jesus Christ is living in your heart is gratitude. Someone once said that God lives in two places. He lives in heaven and in a humble, grateful heart.

And so as believers we should make a concerted effort each and every day this year to be grateful, and appreciate all the blessings God has given to us. Our lives should be filled day to day with a spirit of thanksgiving. Psalm 92:1-2 reads, "It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night." Day and night, the verses say, we are to praise and thank God. The apostle Paul wrote in Colossians 2:6 that our lives are to abound in thanksgiving. Colossians 4:2 says that we are to be devoted to giving thanks. In Psalm 116 we read that we are to make our lives a thanksgiving offering before the Lord. The book of Hebrews says we are to "serve the Lord with thanksgiving." And our lives are to be filled with a spirit of thanksgiving and gratitude towards God for all he has done. We thank God for the grace to be alive, for good things around us and much more for who God is to us.

Prayer Points

1. Lord I thank you for your mercy to see the New Year.
2. Sing praises with your household and bless His name.
3. Ask the Lord to help you focus on Him this year.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Genesis 1-3

SUNDAY JAN 2, 2022

WALKING IN HIS WAY

HEART-TO-HEART

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you." Psalm 32:8 (NIV)

It is very imperative we walk with God this New Year so He can guide us through. The Bible makes it clear: God wants to bless and protect us. He longs to instruct and guide us. But if we want these blessings, we need to cooperate with Him and do things His way.

The Bible reminds us that God has a plan for our lives and wants us to fulfill our potential. But this means cooperating with Him, like a good pupil who willingly cooperates with an expert teacher. Don't resist His help or be reluctant but be eager to learn from Him and do things His way.

We also need to recognize that God desires that we mature as people and Christians. He wants us to advance from being infants to spiritual maturity. This means that He might lead us to new experiences and challenges. The choice is up to us. We can cooperate and let Him teach us. Or we can be like the horse and mule that are stubborn and closed-minded.

As you journey through 2022, make up your mind to cooperate with God. Surrender your life to Him. Seek to obey His Word. Let Him guide you in all that you do. He will surely get you to a safe landing.

Prayer Points

1. Give glory to the name of the Lord for a fresh new day.
2. The blessings stored up in the heaven shall be released to me in the name of Jesus.
3. Lord, let your perfect will be done in my life every day of this year in the name of Jesus.
4. I proclaim Supernatural advancement in all aspects of my life this year.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Genesis 4-7

MONDAY JAN 3, 2022

MEET GOD'S REQUIREMENTS

HEART-TO-HEART

"And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul..." Deuteronomy 10:12 (NIV)

- What does God ask of you but to fear him?
- What does God ask of you but to walk in obedience and wholehearted service to him and his commands?
- What does God ask of you but to love him?

Fear of God is a reverent sort of respect. This is the awesome Creator and Ruler of the universe. The God who alone has the whole world in His hand and call things that are not as though they exist already.

Under his eyes we live. No wonder such awareness is the beginning of wisdom, for the fear of God changes our entire perspective.

Obedience to God does require that we read, know and live out the threads of Scripture. Both the Old and New Testaments challenge us in demonstrating justice, mercy, generosity, sexual purity, truthfulness, and—above all—undivided faith.

And in loving God, we find our purest motivation for the perspective of reverence and the practices of obedience. We serve him because untainted relationship with the one who knows us best is the abundant life. It is how he designed us to live. It is the life to which we should be ever-returning.

What you do with the GOD of heaven as the year is beginning determines the result you will have in the end.

Prayer Points

1. Ask for the Grace to measure up to God's standard.
 2. Lord, I shall not miss my allocated blessings this year.
- Holy Spirit, take over my entire being and all that concerns me in the name of Jesus.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Genesis 8-11

TUESDAY JAN 4, 2022

FOLLOW HIM

HEART-TO-HEART

*"Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children."
Ephesians 5:1 (NIV)*

In today's passage, Paul encouraged the people in Ephesus to "follow God" and be a living example. By following God's example, we believers will love each other as Christ showed his love for us. And remember, Jesus died for us! In the Life Application Bible, you'll read a footnote to this passage that says: "Just as children imitate their parent, we should follow God's example. His great love for us led him to sacrifice himself so that we might live. Our love for others should be the same kind—a love that goes beyond affection to self-sacrificing service.

How can we learn to do this? We have to read God's word over and over again. So we need to study and pray and engage in edifying fellowship and serve one another. Then we will become an example to our friends. Walking in the way of love, as Paul called it, is exactly what I enjoy seeing most as believers.

Examine the kind of life you lived before now; does it measure up with God's standard? Do you love? How much do you love God and fellow believers around you? Love is sacrifice – how much can you sacrifice your time, valuables and gift towards expanding God's Kingdom? You've got to make a determination this year to follow God completely and live by His examples. Sure your designed blessing shall get to you in the name of Jesus.

Prayer Points

1. Ask for a fresh infilling of the Holy Spirit.
2. Father, remove every distraction around me and help me to focus on you alone.
3. Everything I need for the year to be good for me, come into my life now in the name of Jesus.
4. I receive grace to overcome every obstacle in my way.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Genesis 12-15

WEDNESDAY JAN 5, 2022

A NEW ROAD FOR A NEW YEAR

HEART-TO-HEART

“Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God...”
Isaiah 41:10 (KJV)

A new year always brings a sense of hope, doesn't it? The previous year with all its tragedies, problems, disappointments, failures, and sadness is now behind us, and a clean slate lies ahead. The old has passed away; the new has come.

Although there may be a feeling of it's all still the same; nothing really changed. For sure there has been plenty in the news to make someone depressed. Nevertheless, each of us has a new road ahead of us in the New Year. It's another road, a different road that any of us has not traveled on before. As we step off down that road, not knowing what we may find, not knowing exactly where we're going, we can be comforted in knowing that for sure, His light goes with us, leading us, guiding us, showing us the way. God will be with us on our journeys down that new road ahead. Even now God is calling to each of us, whoever we are, whatever our circumstance, calling us to get up off our hands and knees, to stop creeping, and rise and shine, and continue on the journey, giving God our praise, and sharing the Good News with others along the way. Also, many of us are feeling personal pains or anxieties this New Year. Some of us are wrestling with important decisions regarding a primary relationship or a task to be done; some may wonder if their dreams will ever be realized, or whether the New Year will be even more frustrating and filled with feelings of futility than the last. Hear me, “Arise and Shine” for there is hope for you. It is our year of Supernatural Advancement.

Prayer Points

1. Give praise to God because this year will be the best for you and your family.
2. I receive supernatural speed for great achievement.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Genesis 16-18

THURSDAY JAN 6, 2022

START AFRESH 1

HEART-TO-HEART

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past." Isa. 43:18

S – Stop making excuses.

If I want a fresh start in life, I have to stop making excuses for my failures. I've got to stop blaming other people. I've got to stop seeing myself as the victim of my circumstances. Other people can hurt us, other people can harm us, and other people can scare us. But the only person that can ruin your life is you. You have a choice and that is you can choose how you're going to respond to those hurts. The number one reason we fail in life is we don't prepare ourselves for the problems that we will face in life. Proverbs 20:7 says "A sensible man watches for problems and prepares to meet them but the fool never looks ahead and suffers the consequences."

T - Take an Inventory of your Life.

You need to take an inventory of your life. That means you need to evaluate all your experiences and learn from them. You can choose to learn from them or repeat them. If you learn from it then it can be your friend. However, if you don't learn from it, it is your foe. There are four kinds of experiences that God uses to shape our lives.

- He uses personal experiences. The family that you grew up in, the people you relate to: God can use your personal experience with your husband or your wife.
- He uses vocational and educational experiences to shape you.
- He uses spiritual experiences to shape you, like coming to church, going on a retreat or reading your Bible, your quiet time.
- He uses painful experiences to shape you.

Prayer Points

1. Thank you Lord for new things you will do for me.
2. By your Spirit I will take the right step this year.
3. The grace of God shall work for me in Jesus' name.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Genesis 19-21

FRIDAY JAN 7, 2022

START AFRESH 2

HEART-TO-HEART

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past." Isa. 43:18

A - Act in faith

This is the third step in getting a fresh start. Act in faith. You have to launch out into new territory. The Bible says that the key to changing anything is faith. If you want to change your circumstance, it takes faith. If you want to change anything for good in your life, put your faith to action. Jesus says this in Matthew 9. "According to your faith it will be done to you."

That is a very simple statement but it's very powerful. If you act in faith then you will do something positive to ensure that you don't repeat the same mistakes over.

R - Refocus

I need to refocus my thoughts if I want to change my life. If I want to get going again, if I want a fresh start, I need to rethink the way that I think. I need to change my mind about a number of issues. Proverbs 4:23 "Be careful how you think. Your life is shaped by your thoughts." The way you think determines the way you act. If you want to change your actions, just change the way you think and it will inevitably change the way you act.

T - Trust

Trust God to help you succeed. Depend on Him. We don't need to depend on ourselves. We've already proven that we can't do it on our own. That's why we've failed. In trusting God, you need to give yourself to the Scripture and live by it. ".....Then thou shall make your way prosperous." – Joshua 1:8.

Prayer Points

1. Connect me O Lord to Destiny Helpers for my advancement.
2. I shall escape every trap set for me in Jesus' name.
3. I retrieve all my treasures hidden in the dark kingdom.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Genesis 22-24

SATURDAY JAN 8, 2022

HURTFUL OR HELPFUL

HEART-TO-HEART

"If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless."
James 1:26 (NIV)

Words, when spoken cannot be retrieved or taken back. Sure, we can all catalogue the hurtful, misspoken words of others. They are words and deeds that show the grip of sin on our lives. James, it should be noted, was not as pained by the idea of religion as many modern thinkers are. His concern was with bad religion, the kind that claims one ethic and lives another. So he called on his readers to recognize whether their religion was authentic or untrue, and to hold to the task of living rightly in words and in actions, in attitude and in motive.

Among the apostle's points of emphasis was the matter of the tongue. He knew that words, in essence, are actions, displaying as much about our character as what we do. So he warned that we should be strict with our tongues, saying only what can honorably be said. You don't want to keep chasing after your ill-spoken words, crying "Come back here!" while recognizing that the damage has already been done. This is so important, in fact, that those who cannot restrain their words don't have a religion worth calling righteous. Many have fallen into troubles of life because they cannot bridle their tongue.

We do best when opening our mouths to follow Paul's pattern as taught to the Ephesians: "[Say] only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen." —Ephesians 4:29. So how helpful or hurtful are your words?

Prayer Points

1. Holy Spirit, make my words profitable to my life this year in Jesus' name.
2. I break off from the yoke of evil words fighting me.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Genesis 25-26

SUNDAY JAN 9, 2022

VICTORY READY

HEART-TO-HEART

"The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but victory rests with the LORD." Proverbs 21:31

The first part of Proverbs 21:31 states, "The horse is made ready for the day of battle." If we were to place ourselves back roughly 3,000 years ago when this Proverb was written, how would we go about preparing our horse for battle? Obviously our life would be at stake regarding the performance of our horses in any battle. Therefore, I imagine we would want to feed our horses the best food, make sure our horses was well rested, and train them for speed, agility, listening to the master's commands and calmness during battle. We would do everything we could to prepare those horses for battle.

Ultimately though, "victory rests with the LORD," which means that God is sovereign, in control, and responsible for the results. As believers, we are called by God to actively rely on the Holy Spirit for guidance and power each day. We are called to work hard, be wise, make plans, and be diligent in whatever we do. Nonetheless, God will determine the outcomes of our efforts and lives. Sometimes this will please us, sometimes it will not, but ultimately we know that God's will is better than ours and that he is sovereign, and we are not. Whatever the result, we know that God is working out all things according to His plan, and that we can trust God with the future.

I see victory for you this year. What can you do?

Keep trusting, keep praying and keep serving in God's kingdom.

Prayer Points

1. I enforce victory over all challenging situations in my life.
2. This year, I shall not be put to shame in Jesus' name.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Genesis 27-29

MONDAY JAN 10, 2022

LAYING HOLD OF GOD

HEART-TO-HEART

"No one...striving to lay hold of you." Isaiah 64:7 (HCSB)

Most endeavors in life are the same. They must begin somewhere, with a "laying hold," a firm commitment. So, a chef searches the pantry and puts his hand to the ingredients that will comprise a delicious meal... a qualified prospect makes the call to an employer seeking a new general manager... a driver clicks on the seat belt and puts his foot to the pedal—the beginning of a fabulous road trip. But in truth, life is made up of so much more than the beginnings. In our life's projects, we must "lay hold" of the day's work again and again, with the acts that demonstrate our desire to reach the goal, whatever it may be. In Apostle Paul's life, the goal was to "take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me." In Philippians 3, Paul explained what that was: heaven ahead. Christ had taken hold of Paul for eternity; Paul made it his endeavor to take hold of that eternal life as well. Indeed, he "pressed on" in this regard, "straining toward what is ahead."

Isaiah looked around at the people of God and saw that they were in no way seeking the very good thing that God had awaiting them. "No one," he wrote, "calls on your name. No one 'rouses himself to take hold of you'" (ESV). Part of this was God's own doing. In his exhaustion with his people's disobedience, he had left them to the consequences of their sins. But Isaiah drew lines of blame right to the people and asked, "How can we be saved?" The answer came in his observation: we should be laying hold of God. This year, lay hold on God, don't get distracted or be wearied. God will come through for you.

Prayer Points

1. Thank You Lord because I will not be ashamed as I lay hold on you.
2. Let me be connected to my destiny helper this year.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Genesis 30-31

TUESDAY JAN 11, 2022

OVERRIDE

HEART-TO-HEART

".....This is what the LORD says: 'You are not the one to build me a house to dwell in.'" 1 Chronicles 17:3 (NIV)

David, king of Judah and blessed in many ways by the God who installed him as king, looked at his great possessions, including his magnificent palace, and asked why he shouldn't also build a beautiful house for God. He posed his question aloud, in fact, to the prophet of the time, Nathan. He replied "Whatever you have in mind, do it," he told David, "for God is with you." Now understand that Nathan did not in that moment consult the Lord to ask whether God approved this specific project. Rather, the prophet's words were based on the order of the kingdom. God had made David king; therefore, David's good ideas were within the boundaries of that role. Nathan gave David the same default answer that you or I might give to a friend we trust is walking closely with God and in his service: "God is with you." But that night Nathan received a different set of instructions from God. Overruling his king, overruling his prophet, the Lord himself said, "This is not David's job to do." The Lord had his reasons, but more than this God had his plan (to give the temple-building job to David's heir). That was enough for Nathan and David. They gave way to the authority of God. As believers, we must give way to God's authority over our lives while taking decisions. He might have to overrule our own judgment or decisions but all to our benefits. The lesson here is a valuable one for us. And no matter how established we are in our faith or how excellent our next idea may be, we must always keep our ears and our hearts open to God's ultimate leading.

Prayer Points

1. Thank You Lord for this day; let your will be done in my life.
2. Lord Jesus, overrule by your divine authority any harmful decision that can affect my destiny.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Genesis 32-34

WEDNESDAY JAN 12, 2022

THE WORD WORK

HEART-TO-HEART

“For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword” Hebrews 4:12 (NIV)

We need God's word to fully align with His perfect will. Our hearts can deceive us in life. Because we are human, we lack God's perfect perspective. Jeremiah 17:9 states this problem: “The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?” His word reminds us of God's goodness and faithfulness when we are in dark places. His word humbles us when we are in high places. It challenges us when we are in lukewarm places. Sometimes it feels like a painful rebuke, and other times a gentle restoring. It is indeed living and active! It is also sharp; the Bible keeps us accountable to God and each other. It reveals the thoughts of God. We can read his words and our eyes are opened to our own iniquities. God's word also protects us. Sometimes following him seems painful and difficult, but He tells us that His commands are not burdensome. Sin is burdensome. God's word is an ever-present comfort and help. It gives us accounts of other flawed people who lived by faith, so that we are never left alone in fighting the good fight. It gives us light when we cannot see.

His Word brings fulfillment. The Bible is a source of wisdom that never ends. It is forever true. It has the answers to every problem we will ever have. But most of all, His word is life. The Bible tells the great love story between God and mankind. It is a covenant. It testifies to Christ resurrected, our Savior. It tells us we are reconciled with God through him and that eternal life awaits us.

Prayer Points

1. Open my ears to the understanding of your words, Lord.
2. Every word of prophecy in my favour shall come to pass.
3. In the name of Jesus, I cancel by the authority of your word, any evil decree issued over my life.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Genesis 35-37

THURSDAY JAN 13, 2022

DON'T FORGET

HEART-TO-HEART

"...Be careful that you do not forget the LORD." Deut. 6:12 (NIV)

When God marched the Israelites out of Egypt and moved them toward the Promised Land, he began to instruct them in the particulars that would identify and preserve them as his people. And then he gave instructions about the future: Learn these things. Teach these things. Write these things down. And one more: remember the one who brought you to this wonderful place. But it did not take long for forgetfulness to kick in. In fact, it already had in one monumental way—when the people cried for an idol they could worship in the meantime while God was “busy” meeting with Moses up there on that mountain (Exodus 32).

This, we might say, was what God was talking about. No idol had rescued them from their slavery. No idol deserved to be remembered. And yet, we can each attest to the times in our lives when we have remembered idols—these are lesser things given undeserved attention—ahead of God. What is taking your thought away from God? Identify and get rid of it today. Do not forget:

- God's faithful attention to our deepest needs.
- God's provision in our desperate hours.
- God's salvation through his crucified and resurrected Son.
- God's mercy and forgiveness in spite of our sin.
- God's blessings—those times when He gives us far more than we ask.
- God's peace when the circumstances around us are swirling.
- God's hope for wondrous, everlasting life in his presence.

Let's remember and thank him for all that he gives us daily.

Prayer Points

1. I recover every opportunity I have lost in Jesus' name.
2. In the name of Jesus, I shall not repeat my past errors.
3. I shall be a better edition of my family in Jesus' name.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Genesis 38-40

FRIDAY JAN 14, 2022

DID GOD SAY...?

HEART-TO-HEART

"He said to the woman, 'Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'" Genesis 3:1 (NIV)

From the above text, Eve's response to the serpent in Genesis 3 helps us see the value of using our minds against the cravings of our flesh. When Satan approached Eve as the serpent, he began by asking her what God had instructed her and Adam about the trees of the garden. She quoted the directive of God. But then Satan tested what she really believed. He challenged the weight of the mandate by contradicting the very consequence that God had told them would befall them should they disobey the rule. "You will not surely die," Satan told her. In the same way, Satan may enter our own thinking, challenging what we know to be plainly stated in scripture. He may whisper to us that God's perfect desire is not so strict. He may tell us that everyone worries, everyone keeps a little for themselves, everyone lets their tongue run loosely now and then, and everyone imbibes a bit more than they should. At times such as these, we do best to step back and say a simple, "Wait a minute." We do best to ask the most meaningful of questions—the same question our flesh will ask of us: "Did God really say that?" Check God's word. Check it again. Check it with friends.

Let's get this straight: It's okay to think. God is plenty equipped to defend the honor of His person and his word. Ask questions about Him and of those who love Him. Quite quickly it will become clear again in your own mind: God's word is as true and loving as He is!

Prayer Points

1. I shall not be confused in the journey of 2022.
2. By your grace and power, I shall not miss my blessing.
3. Today and beyond, no evil shall come near my dwelling in the name of Jesus.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Genesis 41-42

SATURDAY JAN 15, 2022

A CRY FOR HELP —1

HEART-TO-HEART

“Midian so impoverished the Israelites that they cried out to the LORD for help.” Judges 6:6 (NIV)

In the ancient days of the judges (or “Arbitrary Rulers”), the Israelite people made a habit of finding rock bottom. They would, by the wanderlust of their hearts for foreign idols and of their loins for foreign women, leave Yahweh behind. They “did evil in the eyes of the LORD.” God’s normal response to such behavior was to give his people over to their enemies, invaders and occupiers who would harass the people in every terrible way. At the beginning of Judges 6, the enemies were the Midianites, a people “so oppressive, the Israelites prepared shelters for themselves in mountain clefts, caves, and strongholds.” Still, when the Israelites ventured out enough to plant crops for their basest subsistence, the Midianites ruined the crops and impoverished the Israelites more deeply.

In the end, the horrors of the enemy turned the eyes of the Israelites again to their one enduring advocate. They cried out to God. We must not forget the fact that the devil will never give up. He wants to lure out of God’s will into his ways so doors can be opened for troubles just like the Israelites. Every time they fall out of God’s will, the enemies have access into their lives until God takes over; at such times they cry for help.

Never become downcast or depressed when facing a downturn in life. Every valley is surrounded by an upper land or mountain.

Prayer Points

1. Lord, by your grace make me a better person, having the knowledge of your will for my life daily.
2. O Lord, let me not be ashamed in the name of Jesus.
3. Pray that the sure protection of God will be over you, your loved ones and business.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Genesis 43-45

SUNDAY JAN 16, 2022

A CRY FOR HELP —2

HEART-TO-HEART

“Midian so impoverished the Israelites that they cried out to the LORD for help.” Judges 6:6 (NIV)

It is common in our time to assume that everything that looks painful must be meant for our injury. Thus, “a loving God” would never expect anything challenging of us, never anything that would bring us to a bitter end. In a way, this is true; God does not want the end to be bitter for anyone. He desires that all would come to repentance and be saved in Christ.

But he also recognizes what he has seen in even his called-out people for millennia: we know full well how to self-destruct. We leave him for lesser things. And we are too proud to call on his mercy. For this reason, pain came to the Israelites through the Egyptians, Philistines, Moabites, Midianites, and Babylonians, to name a few. And for this reason, pain still comes to those who choose to desert the Lord, despite his every warning. He will use the worst of troubles, the harshest consequences of our sin, to wake us to his excellence.

Never quit going to him often, so troubles and temptations don't have a chance to build momentum in your life. And go to God obediently, acting in continuing certainty that his way is best.

Prayer Points

1. Everything distracting me spiritually, release me now.
2. Lord, make my spirit receptive to your words and leading.
3. Pray that the Spirit of the Lord will take over the services today and God will touch your life afresh.
4. I decree the over flow of your blessings over my life in the name of Jesus.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Genesis 46-47

MONDAY JAN 17, 2022

WHO IS THE GREATEST?

HEART-TO-HEART

“At that time the disciples came to Jesus saying, “Who is the greatest...?” Matthew 18:1 (ESV)

To the world, the greatest would probably be a celebrity of our time, the wealthy or well read – educated. If you could live your life over what would you want to be and do to become great? So, if you had to live your life over and achieve such greatness, would that fulfill your dream? In the above scripture, James may have thought he'd make a great Prime Minister, John, his brother an able Secretary of Defence. Jesus had another take on “greatness.” Jesus says, “Unless you turn and become like children you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

In Luke 9, we find that Jesus took the child and had him stand by his side. Can you see yourself standing there beside at least a dozen young men, and possibly some women? A child half your size stands in your midst. “Truly, I say to you,” Jesus says, “whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.” How would you react to these words? I think I'd feel bewildered. I'd be thinking, what in the world is Jesus saying? What is it about the child that Jesus wants us to see? It can't be childish selfishness. That's right. If I could live my life over, and know what I know now, I would want to live in childlike dependence upon my Father every minute. And live in trust and obedience, not concerning myself with the cares of this life. How about you? Would you like to be more like a child? Jesus wants us to learn this is the path of true greatness. You can move into a path of true greatness this year. You don't have to be a genius. It begins with one step — a downward one!

Prayer Points

1. Heavenly Father, I humble myself before forever you.
2. Give me divine wisdom to handle my life's situation.
3. I take over every good thing designed for me this month in the name of Jesus.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Genesis 48-50

TUESDAY JAN 18, 2022

SING TO HIS PRAISE

HEART-TO-HEART

"... The season of singing has come." Song of Songs 2:12 (NIV)

One of the troubles after the holiday season is that we can emerge from them with one song or another stuck in our head. With carols playing over and over, it's nice sometimes to pick up the chorus of an especially God-honoring hymn to lift us during the busy days with family, friends, and fellow travelers and shoppers. Here are some positive pictures of music that Scripture provides (and these are a very few examples):

"David put men in charge of music in the house of the Lord after the ark came to rest there. They ministered with music before the tabernacle." (1 Chronicles 6:32-33)

"Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music." (Psalm 98:4)

"Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing." (Luke 15:25)

"About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them." (Acts 16:25)

"Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord." (Ephesians 5:19)

The idea is clear: music is good for God's people. Singing his praises should be our practice, our experience, and our enrichment this New Year. But it's just as necessary to find songs of praise and joy that will carry you through the year ahead.

Prayer Points

1. Give thanks to God and sing praises to His name.
2. Help me my Father, to put you first in all my life.
3. By your grace, I will see and experience your mighty acts in my life in the name of Jesus.

WEDNESDAY JAN 19, 2022

WHAT MEASURE SHOULD I GIVE?

HEART-TO-HEART

“Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others.”

—Mark 12:33 (NIV)

In a time like this it is necessary to ask this simple question. It's a powerful question. How much of my money, my time, my life should I give away—to family, to friends, to the needy, to good causes, and to the church? In an age where our financial advisors speak of “financial freedom” and “expendable income”— we must keep asking ourselves, what does Jesus really want us to do with the resources he has given us?

If we miss this essential question, we miss the core of life in his kingdom. The widow Jesus commended is not prescriptive. She was certainly singled out as instructive for us all. Why? Because her actions were based on complete trust that God would continue to provide for her daily needs. So the level of the trust we have in Him will determine the measure we give out to people, family friends and especially to God. So here are two good ways to start:

– Give in trust. If the Lord (or perhaps a mentor in the kingdom) has pushed you to give, do it. Always, God wants to increase our faith. And there is no better way for him to do this than by moving us to a place where increased faith is required.

– Give generously. “Freely you have received,” Jesus told his disciples. “Now freely give” (Matthew 10:8). Practice what he preaches, and watch the windows of God's blessing opening upon you, family and business.

Prayer Points

1. O Lord, let your blessing flow towards me and my family.
2. Let the wisdom to make money this year, be released unto me in the name of Jesus.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Exodus 4-6

THURSDAY JAN 20, 2022

TURNING BACK

HEART-TO-HEART

"The sons of Ephraim were archers equipped with bows, yet they turned back in the day of battle ..." Psalms 78:9 (NASB)

The men of Ephraim were trained archers. Yet, when facing an enemy in battle, they concluded that defeat was certain. They decided not to try, turning back without an effort. But they had everything they needed for victory. God had prepared them for this moment. He equipped them and gave them His promises. They could draw on His strength and wisdom. But instead of moving forward in faith, they chose to give in to doubt. They forgot His promises, His past blessings, and the miracles He had performed. At times, we too might feel like turning back from our battles meaning giving up. The conditions may not seem favorable. Our adversaries may appear to have advantages. We may be afraid, lack confidence, or feel inadequate. We may be tired and weary.

Trusting in ourselves, we can become discouraged. We turn aside even though God has prepared us and equipped us for success. We accept defeat when victory can be ours! The Bible assures us that God is with us in every situation. He is ready to give you strength and wisdom and guide you. He will provide what you need. His Word shows us steps that lead to victory. But you must believe Him, obey Him, and move forward in faith.

Do not "turn back in the day of battle." Do not give up on that project; if God is leading you, it's a sure win for you if you don't turn back. Go forward with confidence. Trust that God already has given you everything you need! And He is with you right now.

Prayer Points

1. Lord, empower me in the journey of 2022 in Jesus' name.
2. By your power I will triumph and succeed this year.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Exodus 7-9

FRIDAY JAN 21, 2022

LET'S GO TO WORSHIP

HEART-TO-HEART

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD." Psalms 122:1 (KJV)

Are you always glad to be in the House? I am convinced that if we truly know the Lord, then we will learn to worship Him even more. We come together and sing the songs of praise but the song is not the worship. We love to hear the music play but the music itself is not the worship. All of these things are what we use to bring us into a place of worship, but they are not worship in and of themselves, for true worship comes only from the heart. There are a lot of people who believe that if they just drag their body into the church on Sunday morning, sit in the pew in the church, and then force themselves to sing or to clap their hands every once in a while – that they are worshipping God. But that's not what worshipping God is really all about. If we really worship God, all of the things that we do, playing the music, singing, clapping or raising our hands, tapping our toes, and whatever else you feel like doing, are all physical manifestations of worship but before that can be considered worship, there has to be something even greater happening in the heart and in the Spirit. Jesus gave us the meaning of true worship in John 4:24, "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." Worshipping God in Spirit and in truth is what real worship is all about. Millions of people will drag themselves to church today, sit in a worship service. The question is "Are you a true worshiper or just a singer?" TRUE Worship brings down the presence of God and His presence guarantees abundant blessing. It is also important to know that you don't have to be in a Church gathering or have musical instrument playing before you worship God. Ensure you are a true worshiper.

Prayer Points

1. Give me a heart of worship O Lord today as I go.
2. Let the Heavens hear me and release my blessings.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Exodus 10-12

SATURDAY JAN 22, 2022

TRUE FRIENDSHIP –1

HEART-TO-HEART

“Two are better than one, Because they have a good reward for their labour.” Ecclesiastes 4:9 (KJV)

When we read these words of Solomon we tend to think in terms of marriage, and there certainly is that application. But I believe the author had a much wider application in mind. This is for people who are humans on this lonely earth who are wondering how to survive in our dog-eat-dog culture. To go far in life first you need God and then men – the man could be a friend. So who are your friends? You actually need to check your friends' list and cross out some names.

The writer of Ecclesiastes wants us to understand that Friendship is a good investment (v. 9). When the author says in verse nine, “Two are better than one, because they have good reward for their labour” – the words “good reward” can also be translated “good return” for it means dividends paid on a wise investment. The very best investment you will ever make in life will not be a financial one, but rather the investment made in relationships. We will get the best return on that investment over any other investment that we will ever make. As we go through life there are two kinds of things we can give our lives to. Some people try to accumulate possessions. They are constantly trying to get more or better stuff. If we spend all our lives trying to accumulate more and more possessions, we will never truly be happy and fulfilled. On the other hand we can decide to focus on building relationships, trying to make friends and to be a friend. The first half of Proverbs 18:24 says, “A man who has friends must himself be friendly...”

Prayer Points

1. Let your peace begin to reign in my life and home.
2. Open my eyes to identify friends than foes.
3. Detach me from friends that are on assignment to reduce me.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Exodus 13-15

SUNDAY JAN 23, 2022

TRUE FRIENDSHIP –2

HEART-TO-HEART

“Two are better than one, Because they have a good reward for their labour.” Ecclesiastes 4:9 (KJV)

Characteristics of a real friend:

1. A real friend helps you when you're down. (v.10)

Now you may have a lot of people in your life you could call acquaintances. But you may only have a very few that you could term “real friends.” You may wonder, “How can I tell the difference between acquaintances and friends.” That's easy, just get in trouble, the people that are still around are your real friends, and there may not be as many left as you would have thought.

2. A real friend is someone who provides emotional or physical warmth in a cold and cruel world.(v. 11)

“Again, if two lie down together, they will keep warm; But how can one be warm alone?” We need help to face circumstances beyond our control; we need to be able to gain emotional strength when we do not have enough of our own. Sometimes it's cold out there in the world. These are those circumstances where we are facing a battle of “How am I going to make it through this right now!” That is the time we need a friend to give us emotional strength. We all know that the reality of life is that we encounter a lot of people who when we spend time with them, they send our emotional gas gauge all the way over to empty. We leave their presence absolutely drained. But there are other people and these are our friends, that when we spend time with them, our emotion gas gauge goes all the way over to full. In that case, there are two kinds of people in the world encouragers and discouragers, which group characterizes you?

Prayer Points

1. Thank You Father for this new day, it shall be well with me.
2. I take all of God's blessings designed for me today.
3. Send me help and let me not be ashamed his week.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Exodus 16-18

MONDAY JAN 24, 2022

TRUE FRIENDSHIP –3

HEART-TO-HEART

“Two are better than one, Because they have a good reward for their labour.” Ecclesiastes 4:9 (KJV)

1. A real friend is someone who will fight to protect you or your reputation. (v. 12)

“Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him.” When these words were written based on the military strategy of the ancient world, almost all combat, was hand to hand combat. The soldiers in pairs stood back to back of one another, and they always keep their backs in contact and fought whatever enemy came from any side. Friends don't stab you in the back, they guard your back.

2. A real friend is committed to helping you grow spiritually. (Proverbs 27:17)

The greatest gift you can give someone is the gift of an invitation; an invitation to a relationship with God. Some of you are in the Church you attend today because your friend invited you. Well I want to tell you that they are a true friend because they are letting you know of the greatest gift anyone could ever get and that is a personal relationship with God, forgiveness for your sin and a place in heaven forever. The writer of Proverbs compares this type of friendship to iron that is banged on by iron. Think of a blacksmith who makes swords. He takes a hammer and with a piece of iron and works on it slowly and continuously until it takes the shape and sharpness of a sword. Friends are always challenging us and even pushing us to be all that God wants for us to be.

Prayer Points

1. As I go this week, I receive wisdom to manage my life and to profit.
2. Evil shall be far from me in the name of Jesus.
3. Father, give me another testimony in JESUS NAME.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Exodus 19-21

TUESDAY JAN 25, 2022

ANXIOUS —1

HEART-TO-HEART

"Therefore I say to you; do not worry about your life..."-Matt. 6:25 (NIV)

We are living in a time that many refer to as an 'Age of Anxiety.' It seems that worry is the watchword of our world today. We worry when there is no job, lack of money, when we are sick, when we lose a friend or relations. We must know that life cannot be lived free from all sense of anxiety and concern. Concern over becoming ill can make us to practice rules of good health. However, the problem is this: "It is easy to let our concerns becomes our cares, and our forethoughts to become our fear-thoughts." There are different kinds of worry:

1. People worry about things that have already happened. This is very futile! Worrying about that which has already happened is like trying to saw sawdust! Worrying about the past is like trying to put toothpaste back into the tube. Past deeds cannot be undone or past words unsaid. Lloyd George, former Prime Minister of England, once said, "I have made it a practice of my life always to close the gate behind me." And that is what we need to do with things that have already happened!
2. People worry over things that will inevitably happen. Some worry that their children will marry. Some worry about dying — but we will all die anyway (Hebrews 9:27). Some worry about growing old — but we will grow old. Some people worry about things that will never happen. Mark Twain once said, "I have worried over a great many things in life, the most of which never happened." Surveys have shown that 80% of the things we worry about never happen.

Prayer Points

1. I receive power over all situations, they shall favour me.
2. Let the counsel of evil over my life be scattered by fire.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Exodus 22-24

WEDNESDAY JAN 26, 2022

ANXIOUS —2

HEART-TO-HEART

"Therefore I say to you; do not worry about your life..."
— Matt. 6:25 (NIV)

HOW TO OVERCOME WORRY

1. Determine that you will overcome through God.
We must not allow our thoughts to push us around. Abraham Lincoln said, "I have been as happy as I have made my mind to be."
2. Be close to God. You must have a relationship with Him. Philippians 4:7 "And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (NIV) The closer we are to God - the fewer worries we have.
3. Develop the right attitude of mind.
You need to count your blessings and appreciate God. Don't concentrate on the bad experiences and neglect of the good.
4. Do what you can and turn the rest over to God.
Do what you can and leave the rest to God. We must trust God! Isaiah 26:3 "You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you." (NKJV)
5. Live one day at a time.
Yesterday is buried and tomorrow is yet unborn. The best way you can prepare for your tomorrow is to fulfill the today's duties. (Read Matthew 6:34)
6. Engage in purposeful work.
Even in Eden, God saw the need for employment to insure man's happiness (Gen. 2:15). There was a wise man who said that "he had no time for worry, for in the day time he was too busy and at night he was too sleepy."

Prayer Points

1. In the name of Jesus, my needs shall be met and my heart desires fulfilled.
2. O Lord, may your presence go with me today.
3. Let my burden be removed in the name of Jesus.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Exodus 25-27

THURSDAY JAN 27, 2022

A LIFE WITHOUT GOD

HEART-TO-HEART

"The fool says in his heart, 'there is no God'..." Psalms 14:1 (NIV)

On the surface, this Psalm seems directed against those openly denying the existence of God. But, in fact, the principles articulated here have implications for everyone. What David learned was how easy it can be for anyone to forget about God and to go his own way. And he learned the importance of focusing on God, placing Him first, seeking Him, trusting in Him, thinking about Him, and being guided by His principles. These attitudes are the foundation for a life of blessing.

Yes, denying His existence leads to a life without His blessing, protection, and wisdom. But even those who superficially believe in Him can act as if He does not exist. Without a consciousness of God, we can believe any argument. We can drift into any belief system and develop our own interpretations of events. We can follow any magnetic personality or be enticed by any clever-sounding teaching. A life without God is a life exposed to all kind of evils. Such lives at the mercy of the devil and his cohorts. Such life could end in eternal damnation too.

The sure path is:

1. To stay focused on God; to be committed to the things of the spirit and build spiritual stamina.
2. To live a life of constant prayer, remembering that God is with us, all the time.
3. To be sensitive to His Spirit always.
4. To live according to His Word. In your life, seek to have a more intimate relationship with God. Read and study His Word.
5. To spend time in prayer by committing the issues of your life to Him.

Prayer Points

1. Father I bless Your name for your faithfulness.
2. I go in your might and power today in the name of Jesus.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Exodus 28-29

FRIDAY JAN 28, 2022

DEEP ROOTS

HEART-TO-HEART

"Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him..." Colossians 2:7 NLT

Even though Paul had never met the believers in Colossae, he had practical concerns about them. He felt compelled to communicate basic truths for their health, growth, and protection essential for their spiritual journey. In a world filled with possible influences, Paul wanted to encourage these Christians to develop deep roots and to dig in the right soil. These roots were necessary to grow and have the right spiritual nutrients. A Christian that is malnourished remains a baby spiritually.

By giving a picture of roots, Paul was teaching them that they couldn't just dwell on the surface by going along with the crowd or accepting superficial ideas. In fact, digging is central to healthy growth in the Christian life. This digging includes studying His Word, a life of prayer, seeking God, and fellowshiping with other believers. It is essential that this digging take place in the context of their relationship with Jesus. In fact, if misdirected, digging could take them in the wrong direction and give them a flawed foundation. This is why their roots needed to "grow down" into Jesus. Their lives needed to "be built on Him." This approach helps them grow in truth. It would lead to an "overflow" of blessings and "overflow with thankfulness." In your life, seek to think constantly about your relationship with Jesus. Focus on Him and constantly fellowship with Him. Don't stay on the surface, but dig into His Word. Check your thoughts against His standards. Go deeper in God and enjoy the fullness of God's blessings.

Prayer Points

1. Help me O Lord, to go deeper in you and know more of you.
2. Lord Jesus, let your beauty and glory fill my life today.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Exodus 30-32

SATURDAY JAN 29, 2022

PREPARED FOR MIRACLES

HEART-TO-HEART

"He went up into the boat with them, and the wind ceased ..."
— Mark 6:51

Troubles and challenges are inevitable in life. The storm was so severe that the disciples feared for their lives. Then they were startled to the point of terror when they saw Jesus walking on the water. As He entered the boat, the wind that had been so threatening simply became still. Their reaction was astonishment! Jesus' control over the weather utterly amazed them! One reason they were so amazed is because "their hearts had grown callous." They were not prepared for the kind of power and authority that He brought to their crisis. They did not understand what Jesus could do in their lives.

The same thing can happen to each of us. We can become caught up in our own problems and focused on our personal storms and trials. We, too, can become callous and cold and not realize what God can do for us. Throughout every situation, God is ready to perform miracles. But we need to be careful not to allow our hearts to be hardened against the effects of our difficulties. In your life, have faith that God wants to deliver you from the storms you face and perform miracles for you. Do not allow your heart to grow callous, but ask Him to help you understand His Word and be sensitive to His Spirit. Remember that with God, all things are possible. Have faith in Him today and be prepared for His miracle-working power.

Prayer Points

1. I enter into my testimony by mercy as the month ends.
2. O Lord, give me my miracle and put the enemies to shame.
3. Let the blood of Jesus be a covering for me and my household in the name of Jesus.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Exodus 33-35

SUNDAY JAN 30, 2022

ONLY BY FASTING –1

HEART-TO-HEART

“He replied, “This kind can come out only by prayer.”

—Mark 9: 29 NIV

By definition “fasting and prayer” is when we intentionally stay away from our regular physical sustenance for the express purpose of seeking the Face of God. Fasting is a spiritual weapon that God expects us to use: we are in real spiritual battle and spiritual battles require spiritual weapons. Prayer and fasting can be defined as voluntarily going without food in order to focus on prayer and fellowship with God. It is when prayer and fasting are combined and dedicated to God that they reach their full effectiveness. This is a way of forcing yourself to focus on God and rely on him for the strength, provision and wisdom you need.

The power of prayer and fasting is quite evident in the life and ministry of Jesus. The Pharisees fasted twice a week – this was a powerless ritual that gained them little more than weight loss and the acclaim of their peers. Why did Jesus fast? The lengthy time Jesus spent in the wilderness was not without purpose. It produced a dimension of power he could not get in other ways. Jesus was ready for every occasion of life and ministry because, He developed a lifestyle of fasting and prayer. The same goes for Christians today, there are some depths and dimensions in God that you can't get into except you employ the weapon of fasting and prayers. Fasting adds focus to our prayers by allowing us to concentrate on God more fully. It fuels more passionate prayer by combining a great burden with real sacrifice. Fasting gives us more spiritual strength than just praying without it.

Prayer Points

1. Thank you Lord for this new day and week.
2. Let your prepared blessings for me locate me.
3. I receive power and enablement to seek your face.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Exodus 36-38

MONDAY JAN 31, 2022

ONLY BY FASTING –2

HEART-TO-HEART

“He replied, “This kind can come out only by prayer.” Mark 9: 29

WHAT YOU ACCOMPLISH WITH FASTING

1. Fasting breakdown strongholds and barriers in the spirit realm.
2. Prayer with fasting enables us to see the unseen, hear the unheard, know the unknown and understand the mysteries of God. The bible becomes a living book.
3. Godly fasting with prayer releases breakthrough power.
4. It releases the anointing: Moses ascended Mount Sinai and his forty days fast produced more than a holy glow on his face; it also resulted in the giving of the law.
5. We get clear direction when we fast and pray.

HOW TO FAST

1. Set Your Objective: This will enable you to pray more specifically and strategically.
2. The very foundation of fasting and prayer is repentance.
3. Confess every sin that the Holy Spirit calls to your remembrance and accept God's forgiveness (1 John 1:9).
4. Seek forgiveness from all whom you have offended, and forgive all who might have hurt you (Mark 11:25).
5. Begin your time of fasting and prayer with an expectant heart (Hebrews 11:6).
6. Exercise physically moderately only if you have to.
7. For maximum spiritual benefit, set aside ample time to be alone with the Lord. Listen for His leading. The more time you spend with Him, the more meaningful your fast will be.

Prayer Points

1. As I seek your face, open my heaven and bless me indeed.
2. Let the blood of Jesus be a covering over me in Jesus' name.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Exodus 39-40

TUESDAY FEB 1, 2022

RIGHT INTO THE HEART

HEART-TO-HEART

"Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said....."—Mark 10:21 (NIV)

God has the ability and power to reach our hearts and then move them in the same direction as his. Jesus famously encountered two rich men. One we know only as "the rich young man" (or "ruler" in some accounts). The other we know by name: Zacchaeus. In each case, Jesus demonstrated his knowledge of what was going on in the man's heart. To the public observer, the rich young man was morally upright and an exceptional citizen. To Jesus, he still had a cage around his heart. Contrarily, Zacchaeus was despised by the public as a thieving tax collector, loyal to those who governed the land rather than to God. But when Jesus looked into this man's heart, he saw a true desire for something new. This man Zacchaeus wanted to be saved. The young man wanted to talk definitions and details. So Jesus met him there. The Savior told the young man, "You are almost there, but one thing still grips your heart ahead of God. It is money. Abandon your riches and you'll find your way into the kingdom." But Jesus never brought up details with Zacchaeus. He simply spoke of relationship—"let's eat together." Surprisingly, Zacchaeus' response went right to the details: "I'm giving back all that I have stolen, and much more!" God has the enduring ability to look right into our hearts as well, to talk with us in the necessary terms. The question is whether we will respond like the young man or like Zacchaeus. The young man turned away, unwilling to unlock his heart to the King. But Zacchaeus threw open the doors of his home and his heart. He wanted whatever Jesus had to give him, no matter what it cost him to get it.

Prayer Points

1. This day I give you my heart completely O Lord.
2. Let your will be my will in all circumstances in Jesus' name.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Leviticus 1-4

WEDNESDAY FEB 2, 2022

FULLY PRESENT

HEART-TO-HEART

“Then the Lord said to Moses, “Come up to Me on the mountain and be there; and I will give you tablets of stone, and the law and commandments.” –Exodus 24:12 (NKJV)

Trekking up to meet God in the mountain wouldn't be a simple task. I wonder if Moses felt physical, mental, and emotional fatigue when he trekked up Mount Sinai. In today's passage, the Lord said to Moses, “Come up to Me on the mountain and be there.” The Hebrew root form for “be there” is 'haya' and means simply “to be.” God knew the possibility that Moses could be distracted by his physical needs and questions when he reached the top, so he reminds Moses to be fully present to receive the law and the commandments that he would teach to the Israelites. Like Moses, we too find reasons that cause us to struggle with being fully present in our personal relationships with God and others. Often our lives are moving so fast that our attention is divided at any one moment. Cell phones, Email, texting, Facebook, and Twitter are wonderful ways to stay connected to people and events; however, when we choose the message beeping on our phone over the person (God) we are with, we are not fully present. When we are divided in our conversations and distracted by our cell phones, we damage our relationships without realizing it. Relationships deepen when we enter into authentic conversation with each other. Being fully present in our relationship with God and others requires us to choose to be there in the moment. As we do this, our capacity to love grows, leading us into deep and richer relationships with God.

Prayer Points

1. Take me deeper in your will and ways by your Spirit.
2. I shall not be backward in the name of Jesus.
3. Arrows flying during the day shall not locate me and my household.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Leviticus 5-7

THURSDAY FEB 3, 2022

LISTEN

HEART-TO-HEART

Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it."

—Isaiah 30:21 (NIV)

We cannot underplay the fact that our God speaks, that he can be heard. Through the prophet Jeremiah, God said this of the gods of those who had forsaken him: "Like a scarecrow in a melon patch, their idols cannot speak; they must be carried because they cannot walk." (Jeremiah 10:5) Only our God has a voice. He constantly speaks to His people. We must be committed to hearing that voice. This begins by reading the words of God captured in what we call the Word of God, the Bible. In the Bible, we find universal instructions that God has given to all his people for all time. These tell us how to live in ways that exalt him and display his wonder.

But we also find in Scripture many examples of times when God spoke to people personally, giving them instructions for what they should do in their lives. We call it sin when these people did not listen to these instructions, as when Jonah refused to go to Nineveh. We would not call it sin for us, but it was sin for Jonah.

"You really think I can hear from God?" Actually, virtually everyone has a way of describing this voice of God, though not all would call it a literal, audible voice. Some call it a word, others an impression, still others a leading. Some say, "God spoke to my heart." In fact, what other evidence would we have that the Spirit of God really is our Comforter, our Advocate, and our Guide? So our ears must always be listening for this voice, always prepared to have the living, speaking God speak to us!

Prayer Points

1. O Lord, open my ears to hear your voice in Jesus' name.
2. Let your Word deliver my blessings today.
3. Lord, lift your hand to be over me and household.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Leviticus 8-10

FRIDAY FEB 4, 2022

THE PERFECT TIMING

HEART-TO-HEART

"In the course of time, David inquired of the Lord. 'Shall I go up to one of the towns of Judah?' he asked." 2 Samuel 2:1 (NIV)

Things go well by its perfect timing. You see more of a particular fruit when it is its perfect timing (it's season).

Saul was dead. Israel's civil war was over. Now, what was David to do? It seemed time for him to take the throne as king. Some could not understand why he had not acted earlier. After all, he already had been anointed as king. But David had learned the importance of waiting for God's time. So, he acted not when he could have, but "in the course of time." After seeking God, he moved forward only after receiving His clear direction – at the right time, God's time.

David's life was a testimony to the importance of waiting on God, a principle reinforced throughout his writings. He wrote, "Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord." (Psalm 27:14) Also Psalm 37:7.

As David demonstrated, to be used by God, we need to act when He directs. We always need to be sensitive to His leading and guidance. And we must remain patient – patient for God to prepare the way, for the right circumstances, for the time to be right, and for our training to be complete. Make sure you are sensitive to God's timing for the challenges you face. Seek His directions for your decisions. Don't make assumptions but listen for His guidance. His time may not be your time. Wait and be ready to move forward only as He directs.

Prayer Points

1. Thank You Lord Jesus for the gift of life given to me.
2. Lord, help me follow the leading of Your Spirit at all times.
3. Holy Spirit, help me to take the right step at the right time in Jesus' name.
4. Lord, fight my battles for me today in Jesus' name.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Leviticus 11-13

SATURDAY FEB 5, 2022

WHEN GOD ANSWERS

HEART-TO-HEART

"My heart rejoices in the LORD ... I rejoice in Your salvation."

—1 Samuel 2:1 (NIV)

For years, Hannah felt disappointed, like a failure. Why? She was barren when her husband's other wife had given birth to children. Through this time of frustration, she cried out to God. And He answered her prayers in ways that she knew were miraculous. Once God had given her a son, she could not contain her joy. Overwhelmed with praise, she exalted the Lord. She knew that God had delivered her, provided for her needs, and blessed her beyond anything she could never have imagined.

Her joy was more powerful and profound because of the miracle that God had performed. He demonstrated that He could do anything. From her heart, she declared, "There is no one holy like the LORD." We can depend upon Him. He is worthy of praise.

You may find yourself going through similar situations. You may face overwhelming challenges. You may feel disappointed or frustrated, even hopeless. It may not seem that there are answers to your problems. But, just like Hannah, remember to trust in God. Just like Hannah, cry out to Him and believe Him for the help you need.

Today, don't hold back but pour out your heart to God. As He answers your prayers, give Him the glory. Let Him share the joy He has prepared for you! Remember, there is no rock like our God. You can depend upon Him.

Prayer Points

1. Commit that situation into God's hand.
2. As I serve you, I shall not be ashamed in Jesus' name.
3. I receive help from far and near in the name of Jesus.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Leviticus 14-15

SUNDAY FEB 6, 2022

THOSE WHO KNOW GOD

HEART-TO-HEART

".....But the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits." – Dan. 11:32b (NIV)

Knowing God is not just attending a Church or answering a Christian name. To know God is to have deep relationship with Him. Writing this Psalm, Asaph reflected on how life was different for those who know God. Aware of His presence, they can be filled with worship and praise, with peace and confidence. They can experience His presence as they face every challenge and realize that He defended them against their enemies and shielded them when they were attacked. His people knew just how great He was. He provided light for them, showing them the way. Their adversaries might have seemed invincible, but God knew their weaknesses. When He spoke, they were reduced to nothing. Their weapons had no impact. He silenced their attacks.

Those who did not know God had reason to be afraid. But His people could be confident because of their relationship with Him. "It is you alone who are to be feared". He ended disputes and the land "was quiet" when He "rose up to judge" (vs. 8-9). Those who don't know God may focus on the reputation and temporary powers of armies, popularity, and human resources. But His people trust Him, realizing that He is worthy of all praise. As you face life's challenges, remember these truths. Renew your relationship with God. Seek Him anew. Be renewed by His Word. Don't give in to fear or worry but trust Him, confident that He is with you. Let Him guide and defend you and give you victory.

Prayer Points

1. Help me Lord to have a more intimate relationship with You in the name of Jesus.
2. Father, go ahead of me today like a mighty warrior.
3. Let your hand of power rest over my life in Jesus' name.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Leviticus 16-18

MONDAY FEB 7, 2022

GOD AT WORK

HEART-TO-HEART

"This can be nothing other than the sword of Gideon son of Joash, the Israelite. God has given the Midianites and the whole camp into his hands." – Judges 7:14 (NIV)

God told Gideon that He would give the Midianites into his hands. But to Gideon, this seemed impossible. Despite God's promise, Gideon was afraid and lacked confidence. So, God asked him to sneak into the enemy camp to listen to what they were saying. God knew he would be encouraged. At first, Gideon remained overwhelmed. The Midianite army was vast and "thick as locusts" (v. 12). They were heavily equipped with more camels than could be counted. But then he heard a Midianite share a dream in which he declared that God already had given the Midianites into the hands of Israel. Gideon realized that Midian expected defeat. It became clear to Gideon that God would accomplish what He promised. He still felt inadequate and overwhelmed at his challenge, but he was learning that his role was to trust and obey God and realize that God was at work.

You may have doubts about the challenges you face. The obstacles you confront may seem impossible to overcome. You may not see any indication that God is doing anything to answer your prayers. But the Bible assures us that you always can trust Him. His promises always are true. Realize that God is at work in your life and the world. You may not see tangible results but have confidence. He is accomplishing His purposes. You can trust Him.

Prayer Points

1. Lord, let Your finger of wrath be released over my foes.
2. In Your wrath, swallow every militating power.
3. Lord, release me from powers troubling me from my father's house.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Leviticus 19-21

TUESDAY FEB 8, 2022

COVENANT PARTNER

HEART-TO-HEART

"Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David ... Jonathan made David vow again because of his love for him, because he loved him as he loved his own life." – 1 Samuel 20:16-17 (NASB)

Jonathan's father, King Saul, was willing to make commitments, but also was known to change his mind later and not follow through. As a result, others were not always sure what he would do or what he believed. Jonathan had to go to extra lengths to learn how Saul felt about David.

In contrast, Jonathan understood that his word was his bond. His commitments were real commitments. His agreements were agreements, regardless of circumstances.

He understood the importance of a covenant relationship. He knew that people who agree to covenants are committed to each other and will keep their promises. Even after Jonathan died in battle, David remembered their covenant and kept the promises they made to each other (2 Samuel 9:11-13).

This is important in our relationship with God because He is a God of covenants (Genesis 6:18). He always keeps His Word, which never changes regardless of circumstances. God looks for people who understand these principles and know that His Word really is true and so trustworthy that their word is their bond in their relationship with Him and others. People in the world may change their minds, reinterpret their words, or forget their commitments when convenient. But you always can trust in God! Base your life on His changeless Word. And seek to be a person who is faithful in your relationships with God and others. He is a sure covenant partner who will not in any way fail or disappoint you.

Prayer Points

1. Help me Lord to make the change that will advance my life.
2. Let your hand be upon me for good in the name of Jesus.
3. Send me help, O Lord and give my family all round peace.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Leviticus 22-23

WEDNESDAY FEB 9, 2022

ZION

HEART-TO-HEART

"The LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the other dwelling places of Jacob. Glorious things are spoken of you, City of God." – Psalm 87:2-3 (NIV)

The Bible reminds us that gates are important in practical ways. They provide access to and exit from a building or other structure. But gates also have spiritual significance. The gates of Zion were of particular importance in the bible.

After David captured the Zion stronghold (2 Samuel 5:7), it became the site of the temple, the center of religious life for God's people. Zion became a symbol in every generation for the places where they gathered to worship Him. And its gates had special meaning. The Bible reminds us how much God "loves the gates of Zion." These gates symbolize coming into His presence and the place where we fellowship with Him and worship Him. The Bible tells us that we are to "enter His gates with thanksgiving" (Psalm 100:4). This means coming before Him with hearts overflowing with thanksgiving and praise.

The gates of Zion also represent God's protection. As Jesus said, we are to be like a city on a hill that cannot be hidden (Matthew 5:14), a place filled with joy. We see this when the Psalmist wrote in Psalm 87:7 "Singers and dancers give credit to Zion: "All my springs are in you!"(MSG). Seek to enter the Gate of Zion always for there lies power, grace and glory. Worship Him and be faithful to His call on your life. Endeavour to be radical in your commitment to His house, people, Word, and Kingdom. Make an Impact in Zion and the God of Zion will show Himself strong in your life.

Prayer Points

1. By your power O Lord, I enter into the realm of glory.
2. Visit me, my home and business before the end of this week and give me a testimony in the name of Jesus.
3. I shall not be stranded; I shall not be ashamed by mercy.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Leviticus 24-25

THURSDAY FEB 10, 2022

WHEN THE MIGHTY FALLS

HEART-TO-HEART

"He fought against his enemies in every direction ... Wherever he turned, he was victorious.." – 1 Samuel 14:47 (NLT)

Saul often is pictured as a weak king. He was rejected by God, self-centered, and insecure. But we also must remember the great success he enjoyed in his early years on the throne. He led Israel to victory "wherever he turned" and "performed great deeds." What happened to change this pattern of success? We know that eventually Saul turned away from God. He became jealous and obsessive. Driven by anger and fear, he seemed to forget that he only was strong as long as he depended on God. He owed everything to Him. In his own strength, he was a failure. When God withdrew His blessings, Saul discovered that his personal abilities were not enough.

Describing Saul's death, David declared, "How the mighty heroes have fallen" (2 Samuel 1:27). David, too, knew what it was like to fail. He too, experienced great triumphs. He recognized that God was his light and salvation and the strength of his life (Psalm 27:1). God was his rock, fortress, and deliverer (Psalm 18:2). Yet David, too made serious mistakes, particularly after committing adultery with Bathsheba. Learn from the mistakes of Israel's first two kings. Don't take God's blessings for granted, and never forget that you owe everything to Him. Make Him the strength of your life. Humble yourself before Him and remember to depend on Him. Honor Him. Worship Him. And give Him all the glory! As we journey along this year, you must be spiritually discerning so you don't fall into the trap of sin or evil originating from the camp of the enemies. I speak over your life, you will not fall!

Prayer Points

1. I will not fall from grace in the name of Jesus.
2. Let God arise and fight for me against all oppositions.
3. Let the conclusion of evil over my life be overruled by fire.

One Year Bible Plan: Leviticus 26-27

FRIDAY FEB 11, 2022

WHAT SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE

HEART-TO-HEART

"Abraham believed in the God who brings the dead back to life and who creates new things out of nothing. Even when there was no reason for hope, Abraham kept hoping." – Romans 4: 17-18

God promised Abraham that he would have a son and that his descendants would be more numerous than the stars in the sky. But for Abraham and his wife, Sarah, this seemed impossible. In the natural, they were too old to have children. It physically was not possible. It would have been natural for Abraham to doubt God. How futile it must have seemed to believe that in his old age, he could be the father of a multitude. But he continued to believe, even when there seemed to be no hope. He was rewarded for believing in the God of the impossible (Genesis 15:1-6). Abraham provides a powerful demonstration of faith and how we should approach the problems we face. Following his example, we always should have faith in God. Regardless of how things appear, we always should hope. Paul reminded us that there are no limits with God. He "creates new things out of nothing." He can breathe life into any situation. As the Creator, He can speak anything into existence.

The Bible teaches that we are to have this attitude toward our problems. If we face situations that seem hopeless, we are not to give up but stand on God's promises. Keep believing. Whatever you face, commit your needs to Him. Have faith. Keep believing. He is the God who gives life to the dead, the God of miracles. With Him, nothing is impossible.

Prayer Points

1. Father, I commit this situation to You. (Mention it)
2. Today, I trust you for my miracle I believe You can do anything!
3. Keep my feet from all traps and evil today and always.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Numbers 1-2

SATURDAY FEB 12, 2022

OVERCOMING CHALLENGES –1

HEART-TO-HEART

“No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.” –Romans 8:37 (NKJV)

Challenges are all part of life. As long as we remain in this human body, we definitely must confront challenges of life. But, we are not alone in this matter. “Be of good cheer, because I have overcome the world for you!” That’s God’s promise for His people. The early generation of Israelites followed God’s guidance during the battle of Jericho, and the city’s massive walls fell down flat. Just as those ancient people marched around Jericho’s walls for seven days, the biblical story reveals seven spiritual principles that will help you to overcome any type of obstacle you face in your own life.

Here are some ways you can rely on God to help you break down and overcome the challenging obstacles that are standing in your way:

1. Depend on God’s power rather than on the size of your problem. No matter how big your “wall” seems as it looms over your life, be assured that you can shrink it down until it falls down completely when you trust God to help you overcome it. So rather than look at the wall that’s standing in your way right now, look at God, who stands ready to help you overcome that obstacle.
2. Pursue holiness and acknowledge God. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you recognize the extraordinary ways that God is working in all of the ordinary situations in your life. Every day, try to grow in holiness, because as you do you’ll become stronger and better able to overcome your challenges.

Prayer Points

1. O Lord, turn my challenges to living testimonies.
2. Help me pursue holiness and righteousness in Jesus’ name.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Numbers 3-4

SUNDAY FEB 13, 2022

OVERCOMING CHALLENGES 2

HEART-TO-HEART

"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us." –Romans 8:37 (NKJV)

1. Surround yourself with other believers that are committed to the same goal. Choose to be part of a culture of people who are committed to matters of eternal importance. Help each other set aside sin and disagreements to unite as pure people set apart for God's plans.

2. Keep putting one step in front of the other consistently to make progress. Every day, choose to take whatever next steps the Holy Spirit leads you to take. Don't give up when you're frustrated that your progress is slower than you'd like it be. Instead, remind yourself that God works on an eternal timetable, and pray for the strength you need to be patient and persevere.

3. Obey God's instructions at every step of the way. Expect God to reward you for your faithful obedience along the journey of overcoming your challenges. When you obey God in small ways, God will lead you to a greater level of faith and responsibility, so that you'll keep growing spiritually and be able to move forward to victory over the challenges in your life. Do whatever you sense God telling you to do – from staying in your marriage when you feel like giving up, apologizing to a friend you've hurt, or forgiving a friend who's hurt you, to getting out of debt, giving more money to your local church, or moving to a different job that's a better fit for you.

Prayer Points

1. By the blood of Jesus, I am an overcomer.
2. Forces and power that stop people and progress in my father's house shall not prevail over me in Jesus' name.
3. Holy Spirit, help my spirit man to connect to You always.
4. Thank You Lord because it's my time and it's my turn for a positive turnaround.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Numbers 5-6

MONDAY FEB 14, 2022

PROCESS FOR YOUR HEALING 1

HEART-TO-HEART

"Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan..."
—2 Kings 5:14 (KJV)

Naaman was the Commander-In-Chief of Syria's expeditionary forces, and, because of his outstanding military successes, had been hailed as a national hero. It was shocking news when the General's personal physician found he had contracted leprosy which was widely prevalent in those days. Across the nation, the cry went up, "General Naaman is a leper! Our beloved leader is a leper!" Leprosy meant living but enduring a torturous and isolated life with suffering that leads to death. Disease is a foul and inhuman thing and is not numbered among the blessings of life. Jesus Christ came laying His healing hands upon the sick and tormented; healing every sickness and every disease among the people (Matthew 9:35). People touched Him, too. The Bible record states that as many as touched him were made whole (Mark 6:56). In the story of Naaman's miraculous healing through his faith in God, there are seven rules of faith that we can use today for healing.

1. Recognize the fact that diseases and infirmities are from the devil to oppress victims. Acts 10:38 "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him." God, who is busy with the affairs of an entire generation, has the time and power and desire to save, to heal, to reward and bless. Wherever there is human need for healing, Jesus is present to heal. (Luke 5:17.)

Prayer Points

1. Heal me O Lord and I shall be healed.
2. Let the root of sickness in my body dry up in the name of Jesus.
3. O Lord, let your grace speak for me and my family in Jesus' name.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Numbers 7

TUESDAY FEB 15, 2022

PROCESS FOR YOUR HEALING 2

HEART-TO-HEART

"Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan..."
—2 Kings 5:14

1. Believe the message. It doesn't matter if the message came from a servant girl. The message of God is more important than its messenger. You've got to believe the message of healing. Many precious people are letting some preconceived idea or prejudice keep them from being healed. This thought occurred to one of Naaman's servants who perhaps said, "Master, we want our lord to be recovered from his leprosy. The prophet is right, Sir, you were expecting the prophet to do some great thing over you and because he did the opposite you were offended and now you are returning unhealed. Master, in your servant's humble opinion, it is better to go wash and be clean."

2. Put your faith in God, not man. The little girl had clearly told Naaman that the prophet would teach him how to use his faith to be healed of leprosy. Instead, he had gone to the king. Have confidence in His servant or prophet, but put your faith in Almighty God, not man. The person God has chosen to help you receive healing is an instrument only—the means to an end. Your deliverance is by faith in God and His power.

3. Use a point of contact and become as you want to be. The Prophet Elisha had said that if Naaman would dip seven times his flesh would be cleansed from leprosy. River Jordan was a point of contact or a means through which he could release his faith. He was to dip seven times—no more, no fewer. He would find by the time he became willing to do this he would be in the right attitude, the proper frame of mind, to believe for a miraculous recovery.

Prayer Points

1. Arrow of sickness in my body, jump out by fire.
2. I drink the blood of Jesus for healing from my head to toes

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Numbers 8-10

WEDNESDAY FEB 16, 2022

JOSHUA GENERATION-1

HEART-TO-HEART

"And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it."

—Numbers 13:30 (KJV)

Joshua or Hoshea meaning "He will save" portrayed his noble witness after spying the land of Canaan. He was an excellent leader from the tribe of Ephraim. He had a humiliated beginning as he was born in Egypt. So he experienced hardship. He was a child of destiny as he would've been killed like others. In Exodus 17:8-15, he assisted Moses in defeating the Amalekites, the enemies of the God's people. What were the wonderful qualities of Joshua? Firstly, he learnt obedience. Yes! He learned to rule by obeying God first. Secondly; He ruled for God not self. He was indeed a man worthy of good honor. No, wonder, he was blessed by God.

The Joshua generation is the generation God is seeking for. Joshua and Caleb stood out from the people who saw themselves as grasshoppers in the sight of their enemies when given the assignment to spy the land God gave them.

God is looking for the people that will not be afraid to stand even when others deny his miracle and invisible support. This is generation that will depend wholly on the hands that hold the universe. They are the generation that will trust God and his power always even when science and modernism try to disapprove His existence. The generation that can say in the presence of their mountains and giants "we shall overcome" (Numbers 13:30-31)

That should be the generation you belong in!

Prayer Points

1. In the name of Jesus, I confess I am not a weakling.
2. I will possess my land of promise this year in all aspects.
3. By the Blood of Jesus I take what belongs to me.

One Year Bible Plan: Numbers 11-13

THURSDAY FEB 17, 2022

JOSHUA GENERATION-2

HEART-TO-HEART

And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.

—Numbers 13:30 (KJV)

Let's see some of qualities of the Joshua generation. They are:

1. Men of Faith: The Joshua generation is the "We are able" generation. God is looking seriously for the men of faith like Joshua and Caleb. Remember that whoever looks to the past and fear the present is certain to miss the future. Faith is a winning force. Are you among the 'faith and optimistic' group who are eager to possess the lands, families and nations for the Lord? These are men of substance, who only trust in the Divine Hand not financial build-ups, personal ego, intellectual abilities or military power. God had such men in Abraham, Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed'nego who proved their faith in the heathen land. God stood for them in the fire of affliction. The heart of faith can purchase anything good in the world market.

2. Men of Obedience: One who walks with God always gets to his destination. The Joshua generations are those who are willing to obey God perfectly. They love to do all his commandments. Remember, half obedience is no obedience at all. Men who trust in God and submit themselves to him are the ones He delights in; and they receive heavens back-up. God is looking for men that will love and obey Him completely. Men like Noah, Abraham and Joshua. God requires our faith to walk with Him. People that will do exploit and have result are people of faith. At this time and season, step up your faith. Do not be a canal Christian. One of the reasons we are fasting is to rekindle the power in us.

Prayer Points

1. Empower my hands, O Lord, to win the battle of life.
2. I escape any evil trap set for me in the name of Jesus.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Numbers 14-15

FRIDAY FEB 18, 2022

JOSHUA GENERATION-3

HEART-TO-HEART

"And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it."

—Numbers 13:30 (KJV)

1. Men of Courage: Have you read the language of these men in the word of God, "Let's go and possess..." Joshua was courageous. For you to enter into your possessions, this is a virtue you can't throw away. He didn't keep his own till tomorrow. There and then, he raised a different view, knowing full well that one with God is in the majority. When a child of God makes a move, God will stand by him. God will also move on his behalf. The congregations ruled by the flesh will have no solution to people's problem for the arm of the flesh easily fails. People can believe lies easily. When the congregation heard the evil report, they responded cowardly. (Numbers 14:1-2). The people always love to hear evil report. Jesus Christ brings the "Good News" - Luke 4; 18. Men of courage like Uriah can risk their lives to do what is right. They can risk their reputation like Daniel to do what is right.

4. Men of Vision: The Joshua generation consists of men of vision. They are result-oriented, focusing on their vision so they can inspire life and change the atmosphere from worse to best. They are originators and can discern the future. They seek to succeed in God's way. Vision is a vital link to success. It is a tool for finding direction. Your vision determines how far you can go. A visionless mind is a confused one. Joshua got the heaven's picture and likings and pursued it. He stood for God and was rewarded (Numbers 14:28-32). When we have vision, we see everything in the proper perspective. Only the vision of Christ sustains in crisis.

Prayer Points

1. By your Spirit O Lord, I will get to my promised land.
2. Monitoring forces of my father's house, be blindfolded.
3. Let my life be a display of your glory today in Jesus' name.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Numbers 16-17

SATURDAY FEB 19, 2022

FAMILY ALTAR

HEART-TO-HEART

"For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, ..."
—Genesis 18:19 (KJV)

Family altar simply means Family Bible study and worship time. Every Christian family should have such a time daily. It is well to remember the great command that the Lord gave to Israel.

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might." (Deut. 6:4-7).

Worship of the Lord goes to God first and then in in the whole family. What is the purpose of the Family Altar?

1. To worship God together and learn more of His ways. We need to learn how to regard Him and to realize that He is the Creator, Holy, and to be honored in all that we say and do.
2. To honor God's Word, develop respect for it, and to live by it. James says, "But be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves" (James 1:22). Family Altar helps to establish the family in faith, personal convictions, and doctrine.
3. To pray over family problems and needs, burdens the children may have, and that they may have confidence in the God that answers prayer in the everyday things of life. All the members of the family have personal needs. When we combine our faith and ask in prayer God hears us.
4. To pray and intercede for others such as the pastor, missionaries, sick folk, unsaved loved ones, the neighbors, fellow believers in need, the church, our rulers, the shut-ins, those who are in trial or going through persecutions.

Everyone must ensure the fire of the family altar keeps burning.

Prayer Points

1. Lord, empower our family altar in the name of Jesus and make our home the place of your abode.
2. Lord, send your word to me today for clear directions.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Numbers 18-20

SUNDAY FEB 20, 2022

THE BARNABAS' LEGACY: AN ENCOURAGER -1

HEART-TO-HEART

".....He was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts."—Acts 11:23 (NIV)

Barnabas, you may already know, was a prominent figure in the New Testament. Though not an apostle, Barnabas' presence in the book of Acts made him as famous as other "second line" disciples, such as Luke and Mark and Priscilla and Aquila. They showed up on multiple occasions, both in Acts and in Paul's letters to the local churches.

When Barnabas is first introduced, however, we are given his lesser known name, the one his parents gave him: Joseph. But immediately the text (Acts 4:36) tells us that the apostles called him Barnabas, and that is the only name he goes by throughout the rest of the Scriptures. Why did they call him this? Because Barnabas, a name that literally meant "Son of Encouragement" in the Hebrew, knew how to lift others up with the things he said and did. When Saul later called Paul suffered rejection in Jerusalem, it was Barnabas that came to his rescue.

"But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. He told them how Saul on his journey had seen the Lord and that the Lord had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had preached fearlessly in the name of Jesus." Acts 9:27 (NIV)

As Christ representatives, we must be an encourager to fellow Christians. Our attitude and responses to fellow believers must be to encourage them like Barnabas. Acts 11:24 "He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord."

Prayer Points

1. Lord, make me an encourager to the fellow believers.
2. I am a Kingdom builder and glory carrier in the name of Jesus.
3. Thank You because this week shall produce my blessings.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Numbers 21-22

MONDAY 21 FEB, 2022

THE BARNABAS' LEGACY: AN ENCOURAGER -2

HEART-TO-HEART

".....He was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts."—Acts 11:23 (NIV)

The legacy of Barnabas remains outstanding as an encourager. Encouragement could take one of the following forms:

Affirmation

A common and simple form of encouragement is affirmation. It recognizes a job well done and offers some cheery words in response. If a child does a somersault, we might laugh and say, "That was great!" That's all a child really needs, especially when it comes to something as playful as a somersault. If they never do another one, it's not a big deal.

Appreciation

A second form of encouragement is appreciation. This is often delivered as a thank you. Appreciation also carries with it affirmation. When I thank you for the work you have put in, I am also affirming that work. You are encouraged to keep going in that work. When we receive appreciation, we can thank a person in return for paying close attention.

Identification

A third way to encourage others is by identification. We might call this a drilling-down of encouragement, because we use a detailed observation to offer specific support. This kind of encouragement works in any context, and it is a good habit of encouragement to develop if you are recognized as skillful in that context. This is because people recognize you as one who can pick out the fine details.

Prayer Points

1. Father Lord, make my life a positive influence for Your Kingdom.
2. Lord, make my life an enviable one in the name of Jesus.
3. I shall go by your grace today and beyond in Jesus' name.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Numbers 23-25

TUESDAY 22 FEB, 2022

THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

HEART-TO-HEART

"... And the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."
—Ephesians 6:17 (NIV)

From the Scripture above, "the word of God" does not refer to the whole Bible. There are two words that are used in the Scriptures for "the word of God." One is the familiar word 'Logos', which is used in the first verse of the Gospel of John: "In the beginning was the Word" (Logos). Logos refers to everything that God has declared, the total declaration of what God has said. The second is called 'Rhema' and refers to a specific saying of God, in a passage or a verse that has a special application to an immediate situation; to use a modern term, it is the word of God applied to experience, to our existence.

The "Sword of the Spirit" is the word of God (Rhema) applied to a concrete situation. This is the great weapon placed in the hands of the believer. Maybe all of us have had some experiences in this regard. We have all read passages in the Scriptures in which suddenly the words give the impression of coming to life, as if they had flesh and bones, as if they were jumping from the page to us or as if they had eyes that followed us everywhere we were.

We may have experienced this at some time of temptation or doubt, as we were assaulted by what Paul calls "the fiery darts of the evil one" (v. 16). But it has been immediately answered by a passage of the Scriptures that came to mind, something we had not thought about. So whenever the devil comes to attack, discourage or deceive, get the Sword of the Spirit and deal with the situation. Victory is surely guaranteed.

Prayer Points

1. I release the Sword of the Spirit upon every trouble of my life in the name of Jesus.
2. By your favour O Lord, turn my struggle to a success story.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Numbers 26-27

WEDNESDAY 23 FEB, 2022

BE QUIET

HEART-TO-HEART

“Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.” – Psalm 46:10 (NIV)

Our relationship with God is first and foremost an individual matter. We deal with God and he deals with us in a one-on-one relationship (though He has given us the body of believers to train and encourage us in this relationship). One of the ways that God helps us to know him better is to meet us in solitude and silence. Before we can hear God speak, we must become still and wait in silence. This is best done in solitude and not together with someone else or in a place surrounded by distractions. This might be one of the hardest things God asks us to do. God speaks in a still, small, voice that cannot be heard over the noise of our cell phone or television. If we are serious about really getting to know God, we need to find a place and a time where we can be still before him. Much like the golfer who needs quiet to focus on what he is about to do, we need time and solitude to really understand God's plan and purpose for our life. Jesus spent much time alone: in prayer and conversation with his Father in heaven. He got up early, stayed up late, and often escaped after extremely hectic days to any place he could go to be alone. These can also be done by us to get us strengthened. If time with the Father was so important to Jesus, it should be equally important to us. It is in solitude and silence that we can best comprehend who God is and what he wants from us. The direction we so desperately need in the noisy, chaotic life that surrounds us can only come when we are still.

Prayer Points

1. Let me abide in your presence Lord in the name of Jesus.
2. I command everything that is dead in my spiritual life to receive the touch of the Lord afresh.
3. Let God's goodness and mercy go ahead of me this week.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Numbers 28-30

THURSDAY 24 FEB 2022

TURN TO HIM

HEART-TO-HEART

"When his brothers and all his father's household heard about it, they went down there to him. Then everyone who was in distress, and everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was discontented gathered to him." – 1 Samuel 22:1-2 (NASB)

Earlier, there had been optimism after David led Israel's army to victories. But the environment changed. A spirit of hopelessness spread throughout the land. Threatened by David's successes, Saul treated him like an enemy, pursuing him relentlessly. As David fled to a place of safety, people throughout Israel seemed to feel relieved. They knew he was a hunted man, and there were risks for anyone who supported him. But David still provided a ray of hope. This particularly was true for those who were troubled or weary, those who felt distressed or discontent, and those in debt. David provided a refuge for those facing problems who didn't know where else to turn. David reminds us of the promise made by Jesus, who told His followers, "Come to Me, all who are weary and burdened..." (Matthew 11:28). He promised they would find rest in Him. David provided a refuge for everyone in Israel who was in distress. Jesus promises rest and peace for anyone who feels troubled. He is a refuge for those with burdens, those who are sick or discouraged, and those who are worried or afraid. He simply asks us to call on Him, come to Him, and trust Him. Are you plagued by burdens? Remember, you can take refuge in Jesus. Call on Him. Commit your troubles and concerns to Him. And pray for people you know who need help.

Prayer Points

1. I lay my entire burden at your feet O Lord, help me.
2. Grant me peace; let my troubles and burdens be taken off in the name of Jesus.
3. I roll away every weight of indebtedness, make a way O Lord.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Numbers 31-32

FRIDAY, 25 FEB2022

VICTORY EVERYWHERE

HEART-TO-HEART

"And the LORD helped David wherever he went."

– 2 Samuel 8:6 (NASB)

There are whole lots of values we can learn from David in connection to His relationship with God. He enjoyed God to the fullest. He had the kind of results most people can only imagine. Everywhere he went, the Lord helped him. Whatever he did, the Lord gave him success. When he was attacked, God provided protection. David was victorious when he was outnumbered – even when his obstacles seemed overwhelming. He received hope when situations seemed hopeless. He was guided when he did not know what to do or where to go. Why was he so successful? David had developed an intimate relationship with God and knew that He was with him. David believed the Word of God and approached each challenge with complete trust in Him. This is the kind of life that God can give to all of us. It is a life of protection, safety, and constant victory. But we are not guaranteed to experience this level of success. As David found out later, we have choices to make. If we turn away from God and disobey Him, we cannot expect His blessings.

The Bible assures us that God is ready to help you in every situation you face. But you cannot have this kind of success if you trust in yourself or your resources alone. Be sure that you pray and commit your way to Him. Seek His wisdom. Be faithful with the resources you have been given. Obey His Word. Trust completely in Him. Have faith that He will give you victory in everything you do.

Prayer Points

1. Now and beyond I shall be helped and favoured in Jesus' name.
2. Henceforth, I walk in God's abundant blessing and goodness.
3. Attack prepared for me today shall not locate me.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Numbers 33-34

SATURDAY 26 FEB, 2022

FINANCIAL FREEDOM

HEART-TO-HEART

'The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts.' – Haggai 2:8 (KJV)

It is possible for a Christian to reach financial freedom. Financial freedom is a state in life where a person no longer worries about the money problems that are disturbing others. It is true that many people reach this state through ungodly ways. However, this must not discourage you. We know of people who have made it to the top of the financial world through legal and godly ways. It is in this light that we say Christians can also make it in the financial world. The concept of money is more of a contradictory one in today's modern church. There are several points of view coming from different denominations concerning the aspects of Christian financial freedom. Whatever the case, God has promised to be with us for all times. And being with us implies that He'll bless our efforts in making a living.

Through hard work, God can bless you financially. Do not sit back with folded arms to wait for the money to come down from heaven. You'll be making a mistake to believe that Christianity means poverty. If you are a Christian and decide to be poor, then it's more of your personal decision. We say this because we believe in hard work for God always blesses those who work hard. Pray and ask God to help you get a job. If you can't get a job pray and ask God to help you to start your own business. When working, prioritize savings. When you've saved enough under the light of God, invest to grow your wealth and make much money. This year, you shall enjoy financial freedom.

Prayer Points

1. I give unto God all of me; my treasure, time and talent.
2. Strange evil occurrence in my life, come to an end by fire.
3. Mountains of impossibility in my life crumble down now.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Numbers 35-36

SUNDAY 27 FEB, 2022

GREAT THINGS

HEART-TO-HEART

"If you have faith in me, you will do the same things that I am doing. You will do even greater things...." – John 14:12 (NIV)

Jesus reinforced many important truths during His last night with the disciples. He knew that they would experience challenges and difficulties, and had needs that seemed overwhelming. He knew that they might be discouraged, afraid, or uncertain. They had seen Him perform miracles and knew they could depend on Him. But, they must have wondered, what would happen after He left? What were they going to do without Him? Jesus gave them clear, specific directions. He said, "Have faith in me." And He said that they should not lower their expectations. In fact, He told them, "You will do even greater things, now that I am going back to the Father." Just imagine! Greater things than Jesus did! No matter what the situation, He told them to be confident and bold: "Ask me, and I will do whatever you ask."

Those same words apply to us today. Based on the words of the Bible, we can believe that great things are possible. Thus we need to believe Jesus and continue to believe Him. Do you have physical needs? Do you have problems over which you cannot seem to get victory? Do you need a miracle? Do you know of family problems? That miracle is tied to your faith. What you need to do is to develop your faith in God. Believe that all things are possible. If He (Jesus) has said you will do greater things, prepare for it! You may have asked before but don't give up. Commit these people and situations to God, and seek Him anew. Ask Him today, that He can bring honor to the Father, and meet your needs!

Prayer Points

1. Holy Ghost, empower my hands against my enemies.
2. I receive wisdom for winning strategy in the name of Jesus.
3. O Lord, put the mark of favour upon me and my business.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Deuteronomy 1-2

MONDAY 28 FEB, 2022

FAITH LANGUAGE

HEART-TO-HEART

"...He will have whatever he says." –Mark 11:23 (NKJV)

If you need a miracle — or want to live in everyday victory; you've got to learn to only speak the language of faith. The Bible is clear that our words have power to release life, death and whatever we say. So, whatever you're living in today is likely the result of yesterday's words. Until you reach the point of speaking faith every day, you need to do what Kenneth Copeland told Mylon Le Fevre to do years ago when Mylon was new to walking by faith. Mylon was telling Kenneth all about his troubles, even though he said he believed God to help him. Kenneth said to him, "Son, you need to learn the language of silence." Kenneth was telling him that until he could learn how to speak faith, he needed to keep quiet.

This advice Kenneth gives often. Jerry Savelle shares what Kenneth said to him when he was first learning to walk by faith. "Before God transformed my life, I asked Kenneth Copeland why nothing was working in my life, and he said, 'Jerry, your problem is your big mouth. You need to learn the vocabulary of silence.' And then he said, 'If you can't talk the Word, then shut up.' Once I learned how to 'bridle my tongue' (James 3:1-9), things began to change in my life!" You may already know about the importance of your words, but you will always have to be intentional about only speaking the language of faith.

Prayer Points

1. I receive by faith, all my requests and heart desires.
2. Let the covering over my testimony be removed in the name of Jesus.
3. Declare the miracle you desire – health, career, marriage, promotion etc; Say it loud – I receive them in the name of Jesus

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Deuteronomy 3-4

TUESDAY 1 MARCH, 2022

THE MAN GOD LOOKS AT

HEART-TO-HEART

"This is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word." – Isaiah 66:2 (ESV)

Attraction brings attention. Naturally, our attentions are caught when something or somebody is attractive. We are attracted to God when we have some attributes as mentioned in the scripture above. Who are the kinds of people whom God looks at with particular pleasure? We should know that we can't impress Him with our talents and abilities. After all, these were gifts from Him. We can't impress Him with our accomplishments. After all, He is the creator of all things. We can't impress Him with our physical prowess or appearance. So, what kind of person does He look for? He looks for those who are humble, who love and respect Him so much that they tremble at His Word, people who hunger to spend time with Him, and desire to know Him more intimately. The quality of the life you live will determine the attention you get from God. Little wonder the Bible says the eyes of the Lord will not behold sin. Are you one of those people that can get God's attention and consequently enjoy His pleasure? Search your heart.

1. Do you sincerely want to draw closer to God?
2. Do you want to know Him better, to receive more of His truth, wisdom, and power?
3. Have you truly submitted your life to Him, and do you seek first His Kingdom in all you do?
4. Do you love Him more than the things of the world?

The Bible promises that God is ready to reveal Himself to you and pour out His blessings but first, He wants to see your motivation and your true character. Humble yourself before God, and seek Him with a contrite spirit. Crave the opportunity to know Him more intimately, worship and serve Him. Trust Him.

Prayer Points

1. Thank You Father for bringing me into a new month.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Deuteronomy 5-7

WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH, 2022

THE KINGDOM INVESTOR

HEART-TO-HEART

"I confronted the officials and said, 'Why is the house of God forsaken?'" –Nehemiah 13:11-12 (ESV)

When Nehemiah returned to Babylon, he found conditions that disturbed him. People had been selfish, pursuing their own interests, and forgetting about God's house. They had stopped investing in the House and so it became bad. The people had been commanded and taught to give to support the work of God, but they had stopped giving. As a result, lacking resources, God's servants had to abandon their work. When Nehemiah confronted the Jewish leaders, he asked, "Why is the house of God forsaken?" They might have thought that giving was optional, but he made them realize that this was central to their relationship with God. When they did not give to God, they actually were forsaking His house. Convicted by this reminder, everyone responded, bringing their tithes into His storehouse. As a result, His work was continued. What are you doing or what have you done to your Heavenly Father's House since the year commenced. Do you put God first?

The Bible reminds us that we always should seek first God's kingdom, with our time and resources. Luke 6:38 "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." (NIV)

There are also consequences when we do not sow for we won't reap. The Bible explains that God has given us time, talent, and treasure, and many opportunities to use these gifts. When we give to God, we help spread the Gospel and open the door to His abundant blessings. Your life will progress when you contribute to the progress of His Kingdom.

Prayer Points

1. Give me a heart dedicated to your service O Lord.
2. I receive Ideas and wisdom needed for my life to progress.

One Year' Bible Reading Plan: Deuteronomy 8-10

THURSDAY 3 MARCH, 2022

ADVANCEMENT 1

HEART-TO-HEART

“And the Lord said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever.”
—Genesis 13:14-15 (KJV)

Advancement is the act of moving forward. It is the act of recording noticeable increase, progress and enlargement. Advancement is leaving where you are to where you ought to be in life and destiny. To advance means to look around you and realize that you have changed level and class. Supernatural advancement is moving forward by a means that lacks human explanation. It is being carried by the wind of heaven to cross distances and arrive at a desired destination which you ordinarily would not have gotten to on your own strength and ability.

Areas You Need Advancement:

1. **Spiritual life:** You must get more matured in the spirit. The level you were last month or last year should not be where you are this month or this year. If you have been praying for an hour, you must increase it. Study the scripture more and get more involved in the things of the spirit.
2. **Career or Business life:** You must advance in your career. New and improved way of running your business should be the order of the day. This brings promotion and more clients.
3. **Financial Life:** You must find ways of making more money this year. The kind of money you made last year is not enough for you to run this year. Invest more. Be financially literate.
4. **Relational Life:** Connect to relationships that will add to you.

Prayer Points

1. Help me Lord to tap into deep secrets that will advance my life in the name of Jesus.
2. All hindrances to my advancement catch fire now.
3. Lord Jesus let your presence go with me today.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Deuteronomy 11-13

FRIDAY 4 MARCH, 2022

KEYS FOR ADVANCEMENT

HEART-TO-HEART

"And the Lord said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever."
—Genesis 13:14-15 (KJV)

1. The Key of Vision: Supernatural advancement is powered by vision. Whatever is not your vision can never be your portion. Whenever God wants to advance your life, he advises you in the area of your vision for life. Vision is the ability to see what can be that has not been with the eyes of the mind. Vision is insight into the future. Vision is your ability to see what others can't see.
2. The Key of Divine Guidance: Any man that must advance supernaturally must have access to divine guidance. Divine guidance is the ability to know the mind of God over an issue in your life. It is hearing what God is saying concerning an issue. It is having access to God's idea on what you are about to do. Your advancement in life is in your ability to hear the voice of God and obey the voice of God. God's instruction to you is the key to your being distinct in life.
3. The Key of Preparation and Readiness: "So Jotham became mighty, because he prepared his ways before the Lord his God" —2 Chronicles 27:6. The opportunities and privileges of life are better maximized for advancement and success when you are prepared. Supernatural advancement does not encourage laziness and lack of preparation but calls for your preparation which God rewards by bringing the needed opportunities your way.

Prayer Points

1. Let every evil confession around my life be terminated.
2. I receive direction from God and I walk in distinction.
3. Let my eyes, ears and heart be opened for your leading.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Deuteronomy 14-16

SATURDAY 5 MARCH, 2022

THE POWER OF UNITY

HEART-TO-HEART

“Now when the seventh month came, and the sons of Israel were in the cities, the people gathered together as one man to Jerusalem.”
—Ezra 3:1 (NASB)

It was a momentous time in the history of God's people. After years in exile, thousands had returned home. While filled with joy, the reality was that they faced monumental problems. The country was in ruins. Years earlier, the Chaldeans effectively had destroyed Jerusalem. The walls had been broken down. The temple had been burned (2 Chronicles 36:19). One of the first acts of these returning exiles was to gather for an important meeting. They needed to assess their situation and evaluate what needed to be done. Realizing they faced overwhelming problems, they focused on unity. They didn't dwell on issues that divided them, but “gathered together as one man.” They recognized that they need to be unified in their plans and actions. The Bible consistently reminds us of the importance of unity. David in Psalm 133:1 described “How good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity.” Jesus taught His disciples that their unity was central to their effectiveness. He prayed that His followers “may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me” (John 17:23). Paul also taught about unity (Ephesians 4:3). This unity was a key to the Spirit falling on the day of Pentecost, as the disciples were “all together in one place” (Acts 2:1). Realize that you can accomplish more and have more impact as you have a “unified purpose” and work together with other believers. With a unified purpose and oneness of mind, we can accomplish a lot. The Holy Ghost does more in the company or gathering of believers who are bonded in unity.

Prayer Points

1. I decree restoration of every good thing that I have missed.
2. Pray for peace in YOUR home, the church and our nation.
3. Lord, turn around every situation causing me tears.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Deuteronomy 17-20

SUNDAY 6 MARCH, 2022

FOCUS

HEART-TO-HEART

"Be strong do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do."
—Joshua 1:7 (NLT)

Horses are among the most magnificent of God's creatures, animals noted for breathtaking beauty. Horses also are among the speediest creatures, able to run up to thirty miles an hour. Yet it can be frustrating to get even well-trained horses to run at top speed. The problem is that horses have eyes at the sides of their heads. This makes it easy for them to run off course, and hard for them to stay focused. This is the challenge of jockeys, whose task it is to keep their horse on track and moving at top speed. One traditional remedy is through blinders, squares of leather that attach to the bridle at the sides of the horse's head. Their goal is to eliminate distractions, and help them look straight ahead. Blinders represent an important spiritual principle. The fact is that there are many ways we can be distracted: for instance, through Social media, friends, rumors and deceptive advice etc. We can chase the wrong goals and go off course. We can become impatient and give up, feeling that the challenge is too great. We all need spiritual blinders to keep us on course. These are reasons why the Bible consistently teaches the importance of focus. We see these principles in the words God gave Joshua when he began his assignment as leader of His people. God told him 'Stay focused, don't deviate, always obey Me'. These instructions were so important Joshua repeated them in his directions to the Israelites at the end of his life (Joshua 23:6). In your life, remember to stay focused. Avoid distractions, and make sure that God is pleased with your choices.

Prayer Points

1. Pray for the success of IMPACT 2022 Convention.
2. Ask that your divine allocation be released unto you this season in the name of Jesus.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Deuteronomy 21-23

MONDAY 7 MARCH, 2022

A CRY TO GOD

HEART-TO-HEART

"Hear my voice when I cry, O Lord; be merciful to me and answer me. My heart says of you, 'Seek his face!' Your face, Lord, I will seek."
—Psalm 27:7-8 (NIV)

David faced difficult circumstances. He had been through many forms of trouble and desperately needed help. Evil men had advanced against him to devour his flesh. He had been attacked by enemies and besieged by powerful armies. War had broken out against him. He had faced the accusations of false witnesses. He even had felt forsaken by his father and mother. In the midst of these problems, he called out to God. Feeling vulnerable and desperate, he humbled himself, and asked God to hear his voice. He knew that no one else could help him, but that when he sought God's face, He would hear him, be merciful to him, and answer him. Looking back, he remembered that God always had been faithful and delivered him from every fear. His attackers had stumbled and fallen. He was safe in His presence, and even was "exalted above the enemies who surround me." Confident in God, his heart was full of joy, and he was able to sing His praises.

When we feel besieged by problems, this is a reminder of what should be done. We may feel overwhelmed by financial needs or bound by bad habits. There may be conflicts in our relationships. We may have health issues or face pressures on a job. We may be worried about friends and family. Or we may have spiritual struggles. The Bible promises that, in all of these situations, we don't need to be afraid or worried. Instead, these are moments to seek God. Not to pray short, polite prayers but actually to hunger and thirst after Him. Let us approach Him boldly, with a sense of desperation and urgency. Today, seek God's face in your life for the challenges you face. You will be sorted.

Prayer Points

1. Thank You Lord for your words concerning me shall not fail.
2. I enter into the fulfillment of your promises for my life.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Deuteronomy 24-27

TUESDAY 8 MARCH, 2022

DISCERNMENT

HEART-TO-HEART

“Dear friends, do not believe everyone who claims to speak by the Spirit. You must test them to see” –1 John 4:1 (NLT)

Discernment is the ability to judge well. How do we know what to believe? How can we tell the difference between an opinion and something that genuinely is true? This process can be challenging!

Some people simply possess the ability to sound convincing. A statement may sound correct but still be false and even deceptive. And we can find ourselves deceived and convinced by such statements. A recent poll demonstrates why this is such a problem. This revealed that most people find it difficult to tell the difference between fact and opinion. If a statement sounds accurate, many simply believe that it was true. People also are more likely to believe a statement that agrees with their own personal opinions.

This problem applies to every facet of life. Discerning what information covered by the “news” is really true or just opinions. Whether a sales person is providing facts or just trying to sell you a product. Whether a person who is claiming to help you is genuine or trying to exploit you or even whether your children's friends are the type that will add value to them or pollute their destinies. We have false religions that can feel convincing. False teachers filled with deceptive ideas that can lead us astray. Remember the importance of discernment by the word of God. Proverbs 1:4 “For giving prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the young.” (NIV)

Therefore, stand on the truths in God's Word, and fill your mind with the Word.

Prayer Points

1. Help me Lord to know the Truth, and forsake deception.
2. I shall not fall into the trap of the enemies in Jesus' name.
3. Let the mark of favour be upon me and my children.
4. O Lord, in your purpose I will leave and dwell in Jesus' name.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Deuteronomy 28-29

WEDNESDAY 9 MARCH, 2022

GOD IS WORKING

HEART-TO-HEART

“Therefore the king said to me, “Why is your face sad, since you are not sick? This is nothing but sorrow of heart.” –Nehemiah 2:2 (NIV)

Nehemiah had every reason to be afraid. As cupbearer to Persia's king, he must have witnessed many high-level confrontations. He would have observed the potentially disastrous outcomes that could result from approaching the king. These thoughts would have been in his mind as he pondered the situation in Judah. He had been devastated with the news that Jews living in Judah were “in great trouble and shame,” and that “the wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates are destroyed by fire.” As he wept and mourned, he turned to God, fasting and praying, pouring out his heart. While serving as cupbearer, he could not hide his emotions. Sensing that something was wrong, the king asked, “Why is your face sad?” This shows God working in favour of Nehemiah though unknown to him until his requests were granted. This is the situation we find ourselves most of the time. We get burdened, disturbed and fear when God is actually working things out for us.

Nehemiah had to respond, realizing that his future depended on what he would say. After he described conditions in Jerusalem, the king asked, “What are you requesting?” Options must have flooded his mind. In that moment, once again he returned to prayer. Only then did he make a request, asking that the king sent Nehemiah to Judah “that I may rebuild it.” Further, he asked the king to give him letters to assure the cooperation of government officials and that he would have adequate timber for his building projects. These were bold requests but the king granted each of them. Then Nehemiah said that “the good hand of my God was upon me.”

Prayer Points

1. Arrows of the enemies in my body, jump out by fire.
2. Household powers fighting me, be cut off by fire.
3. O Lord, send me helpers needed for my advancement.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Deuteronomy 30-31

THURSDAY 10 MARCH, 2022

THE BELIEVERS' MARKS

HEART-TO-HEART

"Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good." – Roman 12:9 (NIV)

We must ask ourselves what are the Believer's marks?

1. Exhibits Christ's Love: The first mark of a true believer in the Lord Jesus Christ is genuine love. Sometimes we don't do a good job of expressing godly love, but as we mature in Christ, we will do so better and better. We must ask ourselves some probing questions: Do I have the other person's best interests at heart? Am I willing to put their needs ahead of my own? Do my actions and verbal declarations of love line up? Will we always get it right? Definitely not! Will God strengthen us to be conduits of His love to those He brings into our lives? Absolutely! Christ laid his life because he loves us. For God so loved the world despite all our short comings.

2. Hates Evil: Second on the list of marks of a true believer is the abhorrence of what is evil. We don't use that word very often anymore. We may throw the word hate around and not mean it as intensely as we would the word abhorrence. Google defines "abhor" as to regard something with disgust or hatred. If we sit around and consider the state of the world and dwell on those who have hurt us, we may work up feelings of abhorrence. But, of course, that does not line up with other commands the Lord issues in His Word.

3. Shows Affection for others: We ought to genuinely care for our brothers and sisters in Christ. And we ought to care for others as well. The development of these and other godly characteristics of authentic believers will be evidence of our love for God and our love for others. Are you a TRUE BELIEVER?

Prayer Points

1. Make me your Kingdom promoter by my way of life.
2. Lord Jesus, let my life be a reflection of your glory.
3. I put the mark of the Lord Jesus upon my life, my children and my home.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Deuteronomy 32-34

FRIDAY 11 MARCH, 2022

SELF-CONTROL

HEART-TO-HEART

“He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, he who rules his [own] spirit than he who takes a city.” –Proverbs 16:32 (RSV)

It is the goal of many ambitious people to win awards and achieve greatness. This influence their drive for fame and glory, to experience heightened pleasures, to travel to exotic locations, to leave behind a rich legacy, to win important battles, to be elected to high-ranking offices. These all are ways that we might imagine what it means to be “mighty.” But the Bible says there is an entirely different kind of life that has even more impact. The Hebrew word here translated “mighty” was used to describe such people as Goliath and the “mighty men” who served with David (2 Samuel 23:8). These are men who can “conquer a city.” But Solomon, who actually ruled over many of these cities, concluded that it was better to be patient than powerful, and that it was more important to have self-control than to rule a city. Many people aspire to have power, influence, and riches, but how many seek the kind of self-control of which Solomon spoke? How do we develop this kind of control? One of the most important steps is to realize that God has given us the opportunity to make choices. We can choose to obey Him, or reject Him, to do His will or go our own way, or to follow the Spirit or our flesh. The Bible reminds us that each of us has limits but that His Holy Spirit is available to help us. In fact, Paul wrote that self-control is a fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:23). To lead a victorious life, self control must be your way of life. A life that is not duly controlled could miss the mark.

Prayer Points

1. I subject my spirit to the control of the Holy Spirit.
2. By the blood of Jesus, I am covered from all attacks.
3. Lord, renew my strength in you and give me grace to advance in every area of my life.
4. As I serve you O Lord, honour your holy name in my life.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Joshua 1-4

SATURDAY 12 MARCH, 2022

SUBMISSIVENESS

HEART-TO-HEART

“When the turn came for Esther ... to go to the king, she asked for nothing other than what Hegai, the king's eunuch who was in charge of the harem, suggested.” –Esther 2:15 (NIV)

To be submissive is the willingness to submit to orders or wishes of others or showing such inclination. We live in a modern world where regards to the elderly or authority is nothing.

Esther was born to a people who were exiles in Persia, at the time arguably the most powerful nation in the world. She had no power base, resources, or special skills. Yet within a short time, she became the queen, saved her people, and changed the course of history. How did this miracle take place? One reason for her remarkable impact was a humble, submissive spirit. In every situation, she consistently was a good listener, and had a good attitude. She listened to advice, whether that came from Mordecai or the king's eunuch. For example, her turn to “go to the king” may have been the most important moment of her life. The king's reaction would determine her fate. Esther had many choices but she submitted to the eunuch and did whatever he recommended. This humility was a key reason for her success. And God blessed her and she “won the favor of everyone who saw her.”

These principles still are true today. We may face problems that appear overwhelming. But, no matter what our situation, the Bible urges us to submit and reject pride. The promise is that God has prepared great blessings for us. This will be done through human vessels. First, however, he looks at our hearts. Are we independent or submissive? Or, like Esther, are we humble, focused on God and His kingdom, and always ready to serve?

Prayer Points

1. Help me Lord to be submissive to your will and authority.
2. Let your face of favour shine on me O Lord.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Joshua 5-8

SUNDAY 13 MARCH, 2022

APPRECIATION

HEART-TO-HEART

“They have been a wonderful encouragement to me, as they have been to you. You must show your appreciation to all who serve so well.” – 1 Corinthians 16:18 (NLT)

A study shows that most employees actually say they would “likely leave their job if they didn't feel appreciated.” The percentage was also higher among younger employees who seemed to place more importance on being appreciated. This is in stark contrast to the view of many managers. In fact, in this study, most senior managers felt that “it's common for staff to quit due to lack of recognition.” They didn't seem to feel that appreciation was as vital as it was to their employees. How? Through recognizing an employee's achievement, acknowledging and saying encouraging things to him. Another way is simply saying thanks to him at the end of an assignment. These actions can pay dividends in the workplace, inspire greater commitment and productivity, and spark improved attitudes. Showing appreciation is a Biblical principle. Paul demonstrated this when he encouraged believers in Corinth to show appreciation for all those who served faithfully. These are principles we can apply in our church and home, in our neighborhoods and the workplace. It is applicable to casual acquaintances and with friends and family —with the old and young. The fact is that all of us need appreciation. We need to know that we aren't taken for granted. When we show appreciation we demonstrate that we care, and that other people matter. Today, look for ways to show appreciation first to God and then to people around you. Learn to say words of encouragement. And let others know that you are thankful. Seek to have a thankful heart; showing appreciation for all that He has done for you.

Prayer Points

1. Father, I am so grateful for all that You have done for me.
2. Show a heart of appreciation to people who have added to you.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Joshua 9-11

MONDAY 14 MARCH, 2022

BUSINESS AND LIFE SUCCESS

HEART-TO-HEART

“Plans succeed through good counsel...” –Proverbs 20:18 (NLT)

Businesses start perhaps by an initial burst of enthusiasm, most survive, at least for a while. More than two-thirds last at least two years. But, after five years, half have closed their doors. Why do some succeed, while others fail? Even innovative ideas can experience difficulties. If they want to succeed, owners and managers must provide products and services that meet the needs of customers, and then be able to communicate those benefits. Many new ventures are plagued with unrealistic expectation: they need to be practical. “Brands often overestimate the loyalty of repeat buyers.” Buying once or twice is a start but, for success, “it takes approximately eight purchases for a consumer to become a truly loyal buyer.” The fact is that half of buyers don’t return after a first experience. And many who do make a return visit don’t engage again. With so many options, many ventures just don’t provide enough reasons to return. The Bible gives us important advice on how to be successful in any kind of venture. These include:

1. Be A good listener and seek good advice.
2. Be practical and not overestimate success.
3. Having a realistic plan.
4. Provide a product or service that genuinely meets needs
5. Be patient and do not expect instant success.
6. Perhaps the most important step is to “commit your actions to the Lord, and your plans will succeed” (Proverbs 16:3).
7. Seek and trust Him. As we continually commit our ways to Him, the Bible promises that He will direct our path (Proverbs 3:5-6), business and otherwise.

Prayer Points

1. The work of my hand shall prosper in the name of Jesus.
2. Grant me success by your Spirit O Lord.
3. This week I shall be prosperous and highly favoured.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Joshua 12-15

TUESDAY 15 MARCH, 2022

UNLOCKING GOD'S BLESSINGS 1

HEART-TO-HEART

"...Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in His commandments."—Psalm 112:1 (KJV)

We all want to live blessed lives and experience the promises and blessings of God. We want to live lives where we're free from sickness and disease, our relationships are thriving, money isn't a struggle, debts and bills are paid, and we are blessing others. But many Christians struggle with how to take hold of these blessings. In the Bible, God gives us the key over and over again to unlocking His blessings. Here are some keys

Acknowledge God as the Source of All Blessing: Hopefully by now, you've figured out that God isn't some Santa Claus in the sky who comes down your chimney and leaves you exactly what you want under the tree. He isn't a genie in a bottle that appears at some chance moment to grant you three wishes in life. No, no, no. God is so much more. He is the Alpha and the Omega, the One who was, who is and who is to come (Revelation 1:8). He is the Source from whom all things—including you—were created.

The Choice to Be Blessed Is Yours: Deuteronomy 30:19 "Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live!"(NLT) God tells us in this scripture that He has called heaven and earth as witnesses and set two choices before us: blessings or cursing, life or death. If we choose life, we will be blessed, and we will live. So, we have a choice.

Prayer Points

1. Father, thank you for the portion of blessing I will get today.
2. Open my inner ears, Holy Spirit, to hear your voice and walk in the path that will lead me into generational blessing.
3. Let the wind of heaven blow into my life financial blessing (mention the type of blessing you desire).

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Joshua 16-18

WEDNESDAY 16 MARCH, 2022

UNLOCKING GOD'S BLESSINGS 2

HEART-TO-HEART

"Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in His commandments." –Psalm 112:1 (KJV)

Fear the Lord: It can be confusing to read the phrase – "fear the Lord" – as an encouragement in scripture. This phrase seems to contradict God's edict to "fear not," a command that is listed 365 times throughout the Bible. However, the fear referenced in this scripture is not the terror and anxiety that God tells us to avoid. God promises that you will be blessed when you revere, worship and obey Him. He doesn't want you quaking in fear at the thought of Him or expecting ill effects from interacting with Him. No, He simply wants you to recognize who He is - the Creator of the Universe, the Alpha and the Omega, and your heavenly Father.

Delight in His Commandments: Often when we think of God's commandments, or His laws, we immediately return to the Big 10, the ones Moses brought down on tablets from Mount Sinai. But God's commandments aren't limited to those. In fact, there are hundreds of commands in the Old Testament alone. However, as it became glaringly clear under the Old Covenant, God's people have always been unable to follow His laws in their own strength. It took Jesus' sacrifice to erase the stain of their sin. Thankfully, Jesus showed God's people another way, a way beyond rote obedience and a way into relationship. In Matthew 22:37-40, Jesus summed up all the Old Testament commandments in one word—love: Jesus replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and your entire mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Prayer Points

1. Let the spirit of love peace and sound mind rest upon me O Lord.
2. I break the force of financial limitation over my life.
3. Pray for the Senior Pastor and his entire family.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Joshua 19-21

THURSDAY 17 MARCH, 2022

MAKE A DIFFERENCE 1

HEART-TO-HEART

"The LORD looked at him and said, "Go in this your strength and deliver Israel from the hand of Midian..."—Judges 6:14 (NASB)

Some will say, "What can I do to really make a difference? I am just one person with limited talents and resources. I don't have the knowledge or expertise to really do anything that will make a big difference in the world today." It doesn't take a lot of knowledge to encourage someone or to be kind to others. The big difference in making a difference is to remember that it's not about you. It's not about someone noticing who you are and what you are doing. It is about God using you uniquely for a purpose. Others may never know your name or your contribution. But God's grand plan uses sinners like you and me.

In 1 Samuel 9:5-10, an unnamed servant played a vital role in bringing Saul to Samuel. From that meeting, Saul became the first king of Israel. In Acts 23:16-22, Paul's unnamed nephew (the son of Paul's sister) had the bravery and conviction to go to the Roman commander and divulge the impending plot of the Jews to kill Paul the next day as he would be led to the council. The commander believed the young boy and Paul's life was spared. This was before Paul was inspired to write the letters to the Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon, and his second letter to Timothy. We might not have those letters but for the courage of this young man. And finally in Judges 7:6-8, the Lord reduced Israel's army from 32,000 to 300. Who were these 300? We will never know their names. The Bible doesn't tell us, but God knows. He was with them and they were victorious. That is the important part. God is indeed with us, and we can do all things through him. So step out and ask God to help you like all those mentioned above to make your impact.

Prayer Points

1. Today, help me Lord, to make an impact in Jesus' name.
2. Grant me favour O Lord as I go out today in Jesus' name.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Joshua 22-24

FRIDAY 18 MARCH, 2022

MAKE A DIFFERENCE 2

HEART-TO-HEART

“The LORD looked at him and said, “Go in this your strength and deliver Israel from the hand of Midian.”—Judges 6:14 (NASB)

We often talk ourselves right out of what God has made us or skilled us or called us to do. We think we need more seasoning. And sometimes we do. But God is always growing us over time, and something doesn't ring true when we appeal to God's "maturing us" right about the time he asks us to do a hard thing, especially a thing we're not comfortable doing.

Gideon was no warrior. He was a farmer, secretly threshing wheat out of sight of the enemy. So when God called him to the task of leading the Israelites against the oppressive Midianites, Gideon was reluctant. But this was God calling Gideon, even labeling him "mighty warrior," and Gideon backed away. Like us, he let his lack of personal confidence overrule his recognition of God's strength. God can and will make a difference, and he may just use you.

I do not need to know you to encourage you. God has made you in a unique and gifted way. While you may not possess traits that you would consider excellent, God has given you understanding and ability rightly fitted for the ministry he wants you to do—even if it is ministering to just one person! God wants to use you to make a difference in your office, business, and career. He wants to use you to bring light into that family, community or workplace. So be encouraged to take up your calling. Avoid making excuses or rationalization. Run in such a way as to win the prize. Just remember that poignant question that God asked Gideon: "Am I not sending you?"

Prayer Points

1. Make me a light to shine in my world, ministry, family etc.
2. O God my Father, let Your mercy prevail upon my life in the name of Jesus.
3. My Father, let your face shine upon me today in Jesus' name.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Judges 1-2

SATURDAY 19 MARCH, 2022

HOPE FOR BETTER

HEART-TO-HEART

“Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.”—Psalm 143:8 (NIV)

As a believer in Jesus, my hope is built on something other than my past experience. I can remember the bad things that have happened in the past, but my hope for the future lies entirely in God's hands. I have trusted God in the past, and when I look back at how he has worked things out, I know I can trust him in the future. God did not change last year—he remains unchanged this year. God uses the morning to remind us of his unfailing love for us. It is a new day, a new year, another chance to receive his unchanging love. We have been through a long day and a sleepless night, but God has not changed. He is still in control and knows exactly what needs to happen next to fulfill his purposes for us and for the world we live in. Jesus went to his Father and received new hope every morning, along with the strength to get through what lay before him. We can ask God to show us more of his unfailing love every morning. He will do just that, if we truly trust in him.

If we really think about it, the fact that he has revealed himself to us at all is probably the greatest testament of his love for us. He did that through Jesus who came to earth as Immanuel, God with us. He experienced life as we do, with all its ups and downs, hopes and fears, victories and defeats. He can love us for who we really are because he has walked the same road we have traveled. It's okay to be battered and bruised—he was, too. How did Jesus deal with the mess that comes with being human? He went to his Father and received new hope every morning, along with the strength to get through what lay before him.

Prayer Points

1. My Father, turn my troubles to triumph in Jesus' name.
2. Long-standing promises of God in my life manifest now.
3. Pray for HCC family worldwide for God's protection.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Judges 3-5

SUNDAY 20 MARCH, 2022

DISOBEDIENCE

HEART-TO-HEART

"If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the good things of the land." – Isaiah 1:19 (NKJV)

Disobedience is the major barrier between man and God. God wants to help everyone but disobedience deprives many from accessing divine assistance. The Bible says in Proverbs 1:24-26 "Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh."

God is calling you today to repent of every act of disobedience unto Him. Come to Him with every sense of humility so that whatever woes or sorrows you may be suffering can become history. The Lord Jesus says "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls." Matthew 11:28-29. If you have been battling with the sin of disobedience, I am appealing to you now to stop struggling because you cannot help yourself in this regard; only Jesus the Son of the Living God can help you. All you need to do is surrender your life to Him in genuine repentance. The Bible says in 1 John 3:8: "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil."

A careful study of the Bible would show us the glorious rewards of obedience and the terrible consequences of disobedience.

Prayer Points

1. Lord, have mercy upon me and make me obedient to you.
2. Confess this: I believe Your word; I am what it says I am.
3. Today and this week, I enter into my divine allocation of blessings in the name of Jesus.
4. Let your blessings programmed for me locate me by fire.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Judges 6-7

MONDAY, 21 MARCH, 2022

THE DISCIPLE

HEART-TO-HEART

"And he saith unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you fishers of men."—Matthew 4:19 (ASV)

A "disciple" is a person in training or following someone. John the Baptist had his disciples and when Jesus began his public ministry he called people to follow him and become his disciples. In Luke 5:1-9, Jesus was teaching the people by the Lake of Gennesaret (Sea of Galilee). There were two boats there with fishermen washing their nets. Jesus got into one of the boats and sat down and continued to teach the people from the boat. When he finished speaking he said to Simon Peter, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." When they let down their nets they caught so many fish their nets began to break. The fishermen including Simon and his brother Andrew, James and his brother John were astonished at the amazing catch of fish. Jesus said to Simon and the other fishing partners: "Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for people!"

Today we have the call to fish for souls being His Disciples. This comes with a reward. All Christ followers are volunteers. God doesn't grab you by the throat and hold you up and say, "Follow me or else." No, God created you to choose your own destiny. "If anyone would come after me"...the coming is up to you. Discipleship does not mean fanaticism. Being a follower and disciple of Jesus means we follow Jesus and pattern our life after Him. Jesus lived a balanced life. "He grew in wisdom, in stature, in favor with God and in favor with man." —Luke 2:52. As we pattern our life after Jesus we want to grow mentally, physically, spiritually and socially. The call of Jesus is a demanding call.

Prayer Points

1. Make me a true disciple useful for thine Kingdom, O Lord.
2. I enter into the fulfillment of God's words for my life.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Judges 8-9

TUESDAY, 22 MARCH, 2022

TAUNTING — A DEADLY WEAPON

HEART-TO-HEART

“He looked David over and saw that he was only a boy, ruddy and handsome, and he despised him.” (NIV) - 1 Samuel 17:42

Taunting is reproaching or challenging someone in a sarcastic, insulting, or scornful way. Boxing legend Muhammad Ali used several ring tactics to defeat his opponents; one tactic was taunting. In his fight with George Foreman in 1974, Ali taunted Foreman, “Hit harder! Show me something, George. That doesn't hurt. I thought you were supposed to be bad.” Fuming, Foreman punched away furiously, wasting his energy and weakening his confidence. It's an old tactic. By referring to Nehemiah's efforts at rebuilding the broken wall of Jerusalem as nothing more than a fox's playground (Neh. 4:3), Tobiah intended to weaken the workers with poisonous words of discouragement.

Goliath tried it on David by despising the boy's simple weapons of a sling and stones (1 Sam. 17:41-44). A discouraging remark can be a deadly weapon. Nehemiah refused to surrender to Tobiah's discouragements, just as David rejected Goliath's diabolical teasing. Focusing on God and His help rather than on their discouraging situations, David and Nehemiah both achieved victory. Taunting can come from anybody, including those who are close to us. As believers, the devil comes taunting using our circumstances. Responding to them negatively only saps our energy. But God encourages us through His promises: He will never forsake us (Ps. 9:10; Heb. 13:5), and He invites us to rely on His help (Heb. 4:16). So when you are taunted, do nothing but look unto God, believing in yourself. Remind yourself of God's promises.

Prayer Points

1. I stand by faith in God and reject the taunting of my enemies.
2. By the blood of Jesus, I cancel the negative word of the enemies over my life in the name of Jesus.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Judges 10-12

WEDNESDAY, 23 MARCH, 2022

A SEASON FOR EVERYTHING

HEART-TO-HEART

"To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven." —Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NKJV)

Life is meant to be lived with aspirations and dreams. We may have sound reasons for carefully selecting our priorities. Yet sometimes, by not agreeing to do more, we may feel guilty or we may think that somehow we have failed in our walk of faith. But according to Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, wisdom recognizes that everything in life has its own season—in human activities as in the realm of nature. "There is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven" (3:1).

Perhaps you are getting married or becoming a parent for the first time. Maybe you are leaving school and entering the workforce, or moving from fulltime work to retirement. As we move from season to season, our priorities change. We may need to put aside what we did in the past and channel our energy into something else trusting Him that He will make things beautiful at the appropriate time.

When life brings changes in our circumstances and obligations, we must responsibly and wisely discern what kind of commitments we should make, seeking in whatever we do to have God glorified (1 Cor. 10:31). So, don't fret or get troubled or disturbed, more importantly, do not give up in the place of prayer too. That is the only code that ensure you don't miss your season.

Prayer Points

1. I will succeed in all I do in my life by your grace.
2. Death will not take me before my season of testimony in the name of Jesus.
3. I shall be divinely connected to Helper of destiny today.
4. Pray for our leaders, that their decisions will conform to God's purpose for our nation.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Judges 13-15

THURSDAY, 24 MARCH, 2022

SEEK AND FIND GOD

HEART-TO-HEART

“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near.” —Isaiah 55:6 (ESV)

It isn't only those who are yet to enter into a relationship with God who needs to seek him; those who know him should seek him as well. One thing God wants from his creation, especially humanity, which he created in his image, is for us to seek him. Today's passage from Isaiah is one verse from a beautiful chapter where the prophet calls the entire world to faith.

The chapter begins, “Come, everyone who thirsts.” That thirst is the something I mentioned above. It applies to every person, because we all long for that which will quench our thirst. Jesus told the Samaritan woman at the well that he himself was the source of the water that quenched thirst forever (John 4:14), and later he made a similar statement in a very public place (John 7:37). But it isn't only those who have yet to enter into a relationship with God who needs to seek him; those who know him should seek him as well. I'm reminded of the classic signs that graced the fronts of small town churches back in the day. One of the favorites was, and still is, “If you're not close to God, who moved?”

So there is a seeking God you need to find in the first place, and there is a seeking God you need to know more intimately. Both are reasons why we are here, and that makes all of us seekers. And if you aren't sure how to seek, join a small group or one of our House Fellowship Centres.

Prayer Points

1. Lord, let me find the grace to let your face shine on me.
2. In all my endeavours I shall not be ashamed in Jesus' name.
3. Pray for your distant family members for God's protection upon them.
4. Lord by the assurance of your word, I receive confidence anew.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Judges 16-18

FRIDAY, 25 MARCH, 2022

THE WORD IN THE HEART

HEART-TO-HEART

"I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you."
— Psalm 119:11 (NRSV)

One of our spiritual struggles is to avoid sin and, instead, live a life in a way that is pleasing to God. The psalmist offers us a helpful tip to avoid sinning against God. He advises us to "treasure" God's word in our hearts (other translations use the phrase "hide his word"). Whatever the translation, we are instructed to store up in our hearts God's holy word so that we might not sin against him. That's a tall order! How do we store up this treasure in our heart? Memorizing the Scripture is vital for equipping us for spiritual battles to come. Memorizing Scripture passages is one technique that we can utilize. James Montgomery Boice, a noted theologian, suggested that "memorizing is precisely what is called for, since it is only when the word of God is readily available in our minds that we are able to recall it in moments of need and profit by it." In his book *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*, Donald S. Whitney likens Scripture memorization to the "sword of the Spirit" when he writes: "When the Holy Spirit brings a definite verse to mind...it's an illustration of what Ephesians 6:17 can mean when it refers to 'the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.'"

As we fight our daily spiritual battles, a particular verse that we have stored up in our heart can make the difference between winning and losing that battle. By having immediate access to these "swords of the Spirit" because we have committed them to memory, we will be more likely to prevail in these battles. Take some time this week to pick one of your favorite verses and commit it to memory. Next week, do the same. After a few weeks, you'll realize how easy the process is and you'll be building your arsenal for spiritual battle.

Prayer Points

1. Lord, make my life a testimony for the glory of your name.
2. Empower my hand to prevail over the enemies O Lord.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Judges 19-21

SATURDAY, 26 MARCH, 2022

WONDERFULLY MADE

HEART-TO-HEART

"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

—Psalm 139:14, NIV

We can only imagine the concentrated thoughts that occupied the divine Mind and the gentle, skillful touch of the divine Hand that first shaped man from the dust. Where did the Creator begin? Did He start with a skeletal frame? Did He then cover it with an outside layer of skin, which at no place is thicker than three-sixteenths of an inch, is packed with nerve endings to enable man to feel the outside world, and is virtually waterproof?

Into the skin stretched over the frame did He next place the heart that pumps seventy-two times a minute, forty million times a year? When did He hang the lungs in their sealed compartments so that the rivers of blood necessary for life can deposit the carbon dioxide and pick up oxygen to be carried to every single one of the more than twenty-six trillion cells in the body? When did He place the brain inside the bony skull and program it to send messages that travel faster than three hundred miles an hour along the nervous system to the entire body?

Truly, we are fearfully and wonderfully and lovingly and personally created by an awe-inspiring, loving Creator! Take some of your time to praise Him (God) and have it in mind that you are not just anybody for you are fearfully made.

Prayer Points

1. Thank you Lord because of your finger at work in my life.
2. Father Lord, may your purpose over my life be established
3. I am favoured today and will attract help in the name of Jesus.
4. Evil plans over me and my household are scattered in the name of Jesus.
5. I humble myself before You Lord; reveal more of Yourself to me today in Jesus name.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Ruth 1-4

SUNDAY, 27 MARCH, 2022

HOME WITH FRUITS

HEART-TO-HEART

“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.”

—Galatians 5:22 (CEB)

The New Testament describes the characteristics of Christ that are to be revealed in our lives as spiritual “fruit.” Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control are the fruit of the Spirit that ought to be bountifully present in our homes. What kind of “fruit” are manifesting within your home? Does their “diet” consist of nagging, complaining, anger, bickering, gossip, impatience, meanness, selfishness, and rudeness? What type of fruits are you bearing for your children to eat from? Or are they learning to love when someone is not lovable, to have joy when life is not fun, to have peace in the midst of pressure, to be kind when treated roughly, to be unselfish when they don't get their way, to forgive when they are wronged? How easy do you make it for your children to eat healthy spiritually? Fruit of the Spirit doesn't grow overnight. Every Born-Again Believer has the seed planted in their heart by the Holy Spirit. It has to be planted, weeded and cultivated. It has to be watered, weeded and fertilized.

Manifesting the fruit of the Spirit is accomplished as we read the Word of God, as we fellowship, and as we yield to the leading of the Holy Spirit. As we begin to grow in the knowledge of the Lord, the fruit in us begins to grow. Our homes should be places of rich, bountiful, moral, and spiritual teaching for our children. But that is only possible if we ourselves are moral and spiritual people, fulfilling God's purpose for our lives.

Prayer Points

1. Let every seed and fruits that are not of God be uprooted.
2. Give my life sweetness by your grace. I shall not know bitterness again in the name of Jesus.
3. Send me vision helpers for my next level in Jesus' name.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: 1 Samuel 1-3

MONDAY, 28 MARCH, 2022

ORDER MY STEP

HEART-TO-HEART

“The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, and He delights in his way.” —Psalm 37:23 NKJV

Before the Flood, God had said, “Come into the ark” (Gen. 7:1, NKJV). The clear implication was that God was already inside, inviting Noah to join Him there. After the Flood, when God said, “Come out of the ark” (Gen. 8:16, NIV), the implication is that He had left and was asking Noah to follow. Noah was one who believed and who responded to God's Word spoken to him. In that respect Noah was a believer and a forerunner of all believers who follow in his wake. Noah was one who put his hope in what God set before him. He staked his life and his reputation and really his all on the plan which God called upon him to carry out. He is for us an exemplary Old Testament man of God. Also, the great God of the Exodus Who led His people out of bondage to slavery in Egypt, parting the Red Sea to allow them to pass on dry ground and so escape the armies of Pharaoh. That same great God led Noah, his wife, his sons, his sons' wives, and all the animals out of the ark! God's power has not been diluted in any way over the years. He is just as great today as He has been in the past. So why do you think He cannot lead you out of trouble? Why would you think He cannot lead your entire life so that you find peace and fulfillment? Why do you think He is unable to lead your children in the right direction that will be pleasing to Him and good for them? God is great! Trust in His leading for you, your children, business and all that concerns you.

Prayer Points

1. Lord, I appreciate your blessings over my life.
2. Today and beyond, keep my feet on the right track.
3. My finance shall not go down in the name of Jesus.
4. I paralyze the hand of evil over my life in the name of Jesus.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: 1 Samuel 4-8

TUESDAY, 29 MARCH, 2022

BAPTIZED BY ONE SPIRIT 1

HEART-TO-HEART

“We were all baptized by one Spirit into one body . . . and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.” —1 Corinthians 12:13 (NIV)

When you and I received the Holy Spirit into our lives, we became members of the larger body of Christ that includes other believers. Perhaps without realizing it, at the moment of conversion, we became part of the family of God; Jesus is the Head, and other believers are our brothers and sisters. But the new privilege of belonging to God's family brings with it new responsibilities to care for and build up the other family members. For that purpose, the Holy Spirit gives us each gifts that enable us to be contributing family members. These gifts are not natural talents although they can enhance what we have developed ourselves. These gifts are supernatural and only come from the Spirit at His discretion. (1 Cor. 12:11)

The word for spiritual gifts in the Greek is *charisma*, which means gift of grace. Obviously spiritual gifts are due to the grace of God, expressing His love through us. When our gift is properly exercised, it perfects and builds up the Body of Christ. It is equally true that if we fail to exercise our gift, the Body of Christ is weaker. Spiritual gifts are given to believers to express God's love to others and so every Christian can experience the joy and fulfillment of God working through us. They are also given to help us accomplish God's will. (Phil. 2:13). Every believer is given a spiritual gift upon their conversion. As we interact with others it becomes visible. At special times the Holy Spirit may impart a gift for the need of the moment. The more we concentrate on being God's instrument among people, the more the Holy Spirit will be free to work through our spiritual gift to meet those needs.

Prayer Points

1. Holy Spirit Fire, fall afresh on me in the name of Jesus.
2. Let the gift of the Holy Spirit in me be activated.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: 1 Samuel 9-12

WEDNESDAY, 30 MARCH, 2022

BAPTIZED BY ONE SPIRIT 2

HEART-TO-HEART

"We were all baptized by one Spirit into one body . . . and we were all given the one Spirit to drink." —1 Corinthians 12:13 (NIV)

Reading 1 Cor. 12:4-6 we found that there are three categories of spiritual gifts: Basic gifts, ministry gifts and manifestation gifts. A lot of attention is given to the manifestation gifts because of their visible and miraculous nature. Sadly, confusion and division has resulted in seeking the manifestation gifts apart from our basic and ministry gifts. We can alleviate this if we seek not after the manifestations, but concentrate on our basic gift and the most effective ministry of expressing it, and let the Holy Spirit take care of how He uses manifestations for the benefit of those we minister unto. Our goal is to willingly serve using our gift so that we can free others to serve in the area of their giftedness.

FACTS ABOUT SPIRITUAL GIFTS

1. What are the purposes of the gifts of the Spirit? They are meant to empower us to share God's love with others in a powerful way; to build up the body of Christ. (Eph. 4:11-13)
2. Are spiritual gifts chosen by the new believer? No, Spiritual gifts are gifts given by God, distributed by the Holy Spirit; therefore the gifts belong to God and are given for the believer to use for the glory of God. (1 Cor. 12:11)
3. Are natural abilities spiritual gifts? No, natural abilities are not listed in any of the passages where spiritual gifts are named.
4. Can we get a spiritual gift by someone laying their hands upon us and giving us a gift? Of course yes. This did happen in the New Testament by the Apostles, and there people having apostolic roles today.

Prayer Points

1. Let the fresh fire of the Holy Ghost fall upon me today.
2. Anything in my life, troubling my destiny be uprooted.
3. Make me a vessel for your glory in Jesus' name.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: 1 Samuel 13-14

THURSDAY, 31 MARCH, 2022

GOD IS ACTIVE IN BIG WAYS

HEART-TO-HEART

"He counts the number of the stars; He calls them by name."
—Psalm 147:4 (NKJV)

Astronomers estimate there are more than 100 billion galaxies. And each galaxy has more than 100 billion stars! And each of those hundreds of billions of stars was personally hung in space by the Creator Who has not only numbered them all but knows each of them by name! What a Big God! Active in a Big Way!

The very first words of Genesis tell us, "In the beginning, God created the heavens. . . ." I can't conceive of any activity much bigger than that! No not at all. How possible can you fathom the wisdom that upholds the earth. The creatures are all indications that He (God) is active in a big way.

By His power, he parted the sea, rained manna in the wilderness for His people. What can he not do? Absolutely nothing!

What big things are you facing?

- A big decision about a career change or a child's schooling or a marriage proposal?
- A big commitment like buying a new house or beginning a new job or becoming a new parent?
- A big responsibility such as caring for elderly parents or supervising an office staff or being the sole provider for your family?

God is active in big ways! He will come big for you today in the mighty name of Jesus.

Prayer Points

1. Lord, demonstrate your power over my life's situation.
2. By your mighty power, I take my due blessings in the name of Jesus.
3. Open my spiritual eyes and tune my hearing to divine frequency in the name of Jesus.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: 1 Samuel 15-17

FRIDAY, 1 APRIL, 2022

DIVINE APPOINTMENT

HEART-TO-HEART

*"Truly my soul silently waits for God; from Him comes my salvation."
—Psalm 62:1 (NKJV)*

We all look forward to appointment just because we know something is in there for us. We pursue appointment to connect, to meet someone, for job etc. I needed to visit a Governor of one of the States here in Nigeria with a friend. It was a day I was so much interested in. The visit would do a lot for me as you know you don't visit a King and go back empty. I was sure the appointment would open up some privileges so I prepared well. Have you ever considered that you have a divine appointment when you get up early for your quiet time of prayer and meditation on His Word? . . . That Jesus is patiently, personally waiting to meet with you there? What are your expectations?

Have you ever thought of going to church as a divine appointment? . . . That Jesus is patiently, personally waiting to meet with you there? Have you ever thought of the Bible study you belong to as a divine appointment? . . . That Jesus is patiently, personally waiting to meet with you there?

What a difference it would make in our attitude of expectancy and our habit of consistency if we truly wrapped our hearts around the knowledge that each is a divine appointment, which Jesus Himself is waiting to meet with us. Do not just seek God. Count it a divine appointment or encounter that can bring about an impact on your life.

Prayer Points

1. Thank You Lord for the beginning of this new month.
2. Help me O Lord to be sensitive to your presence always.
3. Make your presence go with me all through this new month.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: 1 Samuel 18-20

SATURDAY, 2 APRIL, 2022

THE GREAT CITY 1

HEART-TO-HEART

“The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.”

— Revelation 21:23 (NIV)

Most of us have heard that heaven is a place where the streets are paved with gold, the gates are made of pearl, and the walls made of precious jewels. Those images come from Revelation 21-22, which offers us the most extended picture of heaven in the entire Bible. If you ask me if I believe those things are literally true, the answer is yes and no. Yes, they are literally true but no, heaven won't be anything like we imagine. It will be much greater than we can imagine.

Our heavenly home will glow and radiate with light from within – the light of God Himself and the glorious radiance of His presence.

I have been in some of the great cities of the world at night beholding their wonderful sight. But even in those great cities with their millions of lights, there are still pockets of darkness. In our heavenly home, there will be no darkness at all. Heaven is a real place filled with real people. The Bible pictures it as a great city filled with all of God's people.

What would such a city look like? It would be a city with ...

- No pollution for the skies would always be crystal clear.
- No crime or violence for no criminals would ever enter.
- No greedy politicians, no drug pushers, no child molesters.

Now tell me what on earth is attractive enough to keep you from making it to heaven at the close of ages? Nothing!

Prayer Points

1. I bless You Lord for saving my life and the hope of eternity.
2. Count me worthy of your kingdom O Lord.
3. Today, I and my household are blessed in the name of Jesus.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: 1 Samuel 21-24

SUNDAY, 3 APRIL, 2022

THE GREAT CITY 2

HEART-TO-HEART

"The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp."

— Revelation 21:23 (NIV)

The gates would be made of pearl, the walls of jasper, and the streets of gold. Precious stones would lie on the ground like emeralds, rubies, and diamonds galore. It would be filled with abundant parks, rivers, rolling meadows, and flowing streams. Lining the streets would be flowers in constant bloom, fruit trees of every kind, every species of plant life growing free from pestilence and disease. On every hand there would be children laughing, bright conversation, and music floating from every direction. In the city that God builds, there are no tears, there is no sorrow ... no regret ... no remorse. Bitterness gone forever, failure left far behind, suffering redeemed and rewarded. There are no eyeglasses, no braces, no wheelchairs, no false teeth, no bald heads, no hearing aids, and no crutches. There are no more hospitals, no more nursing homes, no paramedics, no CPR. In heaven no one grows old and feeble.

There is one other thing you won't find in heaven. There are no cemeteries in the city God builds. Why? There are no funerals ... for in that glad city no one ever dies. If you make it to that city, you live forever, never to die again. Either you believe in heaven or you don't. It's either a real place or it isn't. This is heaven—where all our best dreams finally come true. Make sure you live right to be there.

Prayer Points

1. O Lord, whatever can derail me from making heaven let it be removed completely from my life now in Jesus name.
2. Commit today's service into the hand of the Lord.
3. As I worship in your presence today, I shall be richly blessed.
4. Single me out for a miracle today in the name of Jesus.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: 1 Samuel 25-27

MONDAY, 4 APRIL, 2022

GOD IS FAITHFUL

HEART-TO-HEART

"His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness."—Lamentations 3:22-23 (NKJV)

Three hundred and seventy-one days after the Flood began, "God said to Noah, 'Come out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and their wives'" (Gen. 8:15, NIV). We can almost hear the "Hallelujah Chorus" playing in the background! What a day of rejoicing that must have been! God had been faithful to see him through! God has not changed. If He was faithful to watch over Noah and all those within the ark, bringing them safely through the storm, He will do the same for you. Just as He was faithful to preserve Joseph through thirteen years of slavery in Potiphar's house and Pharaoh's prison, just as He was faithful to preserve the little baby Moses floating on the Nile . . . God will be faithful to you. Why? Because God is faithful! He cannot be less than Himself!

Keep your focus on God's faithfulness and on God's greatness! God is faithful in His character, in His Word and to His people. God shows His faithfulness in many practical ways in our lives. He will come through for you always. We want to change to be like Him. We are to be faithful, as He is faithful. God does not change, not even for a moment. He can be trusted completely because He is faithful. He does not fail, forget, falter, change, or disappoint. He does not compromise, He does not contradict. He is immutable. Because God is faithful, therefore He will come through for you always. Regardless of how bad your situation is, God remains committed to you and will therefore see you through.

Prayer Points

1. This week shall deliver God's great blessings for me.
2. Connect my path with people of wisdom needed for my life.
3. O Lord, let your glory rise upon me and my household in Jesus' name.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: 1 Samuel 28-31

TUESDAY, 5 APRIL, 2022

WALKING WITH GOD

HEART-TO-HEART

"...Cause me to know the way in which I should walk, for I lift up my soul to You." — Psalm 143:8 (NKJV)

Have you ever been intentional to getting to know someone better? I mean if he or she is someone you like, you'll probably want to hang out more with that person to get to know them better. It's the same in our relationship with God. Intimacy with God must be built intentionally. You need to make an effort to know God. If you have a direction to go or a place to visit with a friend, it is necessary to walk the same pace and go the same direction. These two steps get both to their destination. If they go different direction, they can't reach their destination at all. The same two rules apply when walking with God. Walking at this pace means that we are living our lives in step-by-step obedience to His Word. To walk in the same direction means that we surrender the direction of our lives to Him. The only way we can know His pace and direction is to prayerfully read His Word.

What adjustments do you need to make so you can walk with God?

- Adjustments in your daily and weekly schedule?
- Adjustments in your attitude and ambition?
- Adjustments in your personal habits of prayer and Bible reading?

Make sure you are not too busy for daily prayer and Bible reading or you will get out of step and lose your sense of direction.

Prayer Points

1. Lord I praise You for you deserve my praises at all times.
2. Lord, bring down your glory over my life, family and business.
3. Help me to walk with You intimately in the name of Jesus.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: II Samuel 1-4

WEDNESDAY 6 APRIL, 2022

DO YOU KNOW HIM?

HEART-TO-HEART

*"Who measured the oceans in the palm of his hand? Who used his hand to measure the sky? Who used a bowl to measure all the dust of the earth? Who used scales to measure the mountains and hills?"
—Isaiah 40: 12 (ERV)*

The God we serve is awesome and great. His person cannot be comprehended with man's wisdom. His knowledge is past finding by the wisdom of man. The God Who called Abraham out of Ur of the Chaldeans, promising to fully bless him if he would follow Him in a life of faith is the same Jehovah Who today calls us out of the world and promises to bless us if we follow Him in a life of faith. The One Who delivered His children from bondage to slavery in Egypt with a titanic display of power is the same Person Who was crucified, then rose from the dead to deliver His children today from the bondage of sin. The One Who halted the entire invasion of Canaan by the Israelites while He extended His grace to one Canaanite prostitute is the same Person today Who stops to care for and extend His grace to sinners. The One Who answered Elijah's prayer and sent down the fire to consume the sacrifice on Mount Carmel and then sent down the rain to end the three-year drought in Israel is the same Person today Who hears and answers prayer. Do you know Him? If you know Him, You will —

1. Reference Him
2. Serve Him
3. Tell the world about Him and
4. Live a life worthy of His glory

Prayer Points

1. O Lord. God of Elijah, let your name be praised in my life, family and business.
2. Help me Lord to serve you with all my heart, soul and spirit.
3. I know that my Redeemer liveth and He will save me to the uttermost end.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: II Samuel 5-7

THURSDAY 7 APRIL, 2022

KEEP ON THE GUARD

HEART-TO-HEART

"After this there was again war with the Philistines at Gob. Then Sibbecai the Hushathite struck down Saph, who was one of the descendants of the giants." 2 Samuel 21:18 (ESV)

David emerged as a hero when he killed the giant Goliath. As a result, he was asked to lead the army of Israel. Under his command, Israel experienced many victories. Yet Israel never was freed completely from threats. Even after the death of Goliath, there were more giants in the land. David and his men learned to stay vigilant. They had to be prepared to face these giants as well as other foes. They would have ongoing battles and always needed to be alert and ready to fight.

This is a picture of the spiritual warfare we face each day! We may feel relieved after winning a victory, but we cannot let down our guard. In David's time, they learned there were many kinds of giants. In similar ways, today we face many adversaries. Our enemy, the devil and his demons never stop attacking or looking for weaknesses to exploit.

In Jesus' name and through the power of the Holy Spirit, you have authority over all the power of the enemy (Luke 10:19). But you still can be attacked. You still need to be prepared.

Make sure you are on guard and alert all the time. Remember that our adversary "prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour" (1 Peter 5:8). Stay vigilant, armed, and ready for battle. You are protected by the armor of God and the shield of faith. Therefore, stand firm (Ephesians 6:10-18).

Prayer Points

1. When my enemies shall come as a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall rise against them in Jesus' name.
2. Every Goliath, fighting my life, die by fire in the name of Jesus.
3. Let the weapon of the enemies fighting my life, melt by fire.
4. My day is blessed in the name of Jesus.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: II Samuel 8-10

FRIDAY 8 APRIL, 2022

SKILLED

HEART-TO-HEART

"He was a widow's son from the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, an artisan in bronze; and he was filled with wisdom, skill, and knowledge for doing any work in bronze."

— 1 Kings 7:13-14 (NASB)

The materials for the temple had been organized. The plans had been drawn. David declared that it was to "be exceedingly magnificent, famous, and glorious throughout all lands" (1 Chronicles 22:5). Although David made the preparations, Solomon was given the responsibility to build the temple. This was a complex project with countless details. The blueprint was perfect. Costly stones had been collected, and each had to fit perfectly. Every beam had to be cut to precise measurements. Solomon found the man he needed with the knowledge, skill, and experience to oversee this complex work in faraway Tyre. Hiram was uniquely prepared for this assignment. "Filled with wisdom, skill, and knowledge," he was a master builder.

The Bible used the same word that described Bezalel, the man God selected to build the tabernacle of Moses. Both men had been uniquely trained and equipped (Exodus 31:2-6). The example of these men helps us see how God calls people to accomplish specific tasks. He gives unique gifts and talents to each of us. But we have the opportunity and responsibility to develop those gifts and then put them to use for His glory. Remember, God has a unique calling for you. He has given you special gifts, skill, talents, and resources. Be a good steward. Don't hide your talents but invest them. Realize that you have been blessed, so you can bless others and do great things for God's glory. Your skill must be developed for God's use and the benefit of mankind.

Prayer Points

1. Father Lord, give me men whose light will shine on my path.
2. Connect me to men of wisdom willing to add value to me.
3. Wherever I turn to I shall receive help and favour today.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: 11 Samuel 11-12

SATURDAY 9 APRIL, 2022

DIMENSION OF WISDOM

HEART-TO-HEART

"God gave Solomon wisdom and very great discernment and breadth of mind ... Solomon's wisdom surpassed the wisdom of all the people of the east and all the wisdom of Egypt."

– 1 Kings 4:29-30 (NASB)

People throughout the ancient world were dazzled by what they learned about Solomon, a man with astonishing insights. He mastered an amazing variety of subjects – history, nature, agriculture, politics, economics, practical problems, and much more. Yet few people understood how Solomon gained this wisdom. It wasn't because of a superior education, a high IQ, or hard work. What's the source? It was sovereignly given to him by God. It means being blessed by God. Equipped with this wisdom, Solomon had a different dimension of understanding. He possessed supernatural insight along with "very great discernment."

Amazingly, God didn't reserve this just for a king like Solomon. He can give His wisdom to anyone. The Bible says that this wisdom is available to anyone who asks in faith (James 1:5). It's available to you! God will give you wisdom for anything you need – for any topic. He can give you discernment about people and the problems you face. He can help you make decisions and give you prophetic insights about the world.

Do you need wisdom? Humble yourself before God. Ask Him for the wisdom you need. Seek Him with faith. Seek to live in a way that is pleasing to Him. Fill your mind with Scriptures. Apply the principles found in His Word. Receive wisdom to excel in your endeavours in the name of Jesus.

Prayer Points

1. In the name of Jesus, I receive wisdom for a meaningful life.
2. O Lord, frustrate the counsels of evil over my life.
3. Bless me, bless my home and my endeavours O Lord.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: 11 Samuel 13-15

SUNDAY 10 APRIL, 2022

GATEWAY TO FINANCIAL BREAKTHROUGH

HEART-TO-HEART

“But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth,..” –Deuteronomy 8:18 (KJV)

Gate gives access to a place. If the gate of your building is locked, no one gets in. Joshua 6:1 – “Now the gates of Jericho were securely barred because of the Israelites. No one went out and no one came in.” The scripture above says it all. To access any good thing in life, the gate must be opened spiritually. There are financial gates that give you access to making money or prosperity. If your financial gate is locked, your finance is in trouble. Making money becomes difficult and life becomes miserable. We recognize from scriptures that financial dominion is our heritage in Christ. That means, every child of God is a candidate for wealth and by redemption, has an inheritance of financial fortune in Christ.

As it is written – “For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.” 2 Corinthians 8:9

This establishes that redemption is our gateway to financial fortune. May your financial gate be opened in the name of Jesus.

Keys to open your financial gate include:

1. Tithing: Malachi 3:8-10,
2. Worship offerings: Deuteronomy 16:16-17
3. Kingdom investment: Haggai 1:8-11
4. Sacrificial giving: Psalms 126:1-6
5. Giving to parents (spiritual and biological), to the needy. (Prov. 28:27, Ephesians. 6:1-2)

Prayer Points

1. I receive wisdom to make money in the name of Jesus.
2. Battles over my hands, stopping my making money, come to an end in the name of Jesus.
3. Holy Ghost, take over our services today in the name of Jesus.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: II Samuel 16-18

MONDAY 11 APRIL, 2022

WHOLESONE WORDS FOR YOUR CHILD 1

HEART-TO-HEART

“Gentle words are a tree of life; a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit.”—Proverbs 15:4 (NLT)

Spoken words are powerful. But the reality is that simple human observation can uncover this important truth. For example, you can undoubtedly remember certain words that were directed at you that impacted your life, for good or for bad. Consider the child who struggled in school and was best known for his fistfights in the classroom with fellow students. When his teacher declared in frustration, “Tommy, you’re going to end up in prison just like your father, if you don’t change your ways...” All that the child would hear and remember is, “...You’re going to end up in prison...” Spoken words from authority figures are powerful.

I have observed many people speak negatively with the hope of getting a positive result. This is common among parents who are trying to “motivate” their children to change their behavior. A mother was trying to convince her child to leave a place but the child refused. Then the mother resorted to saying, “Alright, then I am just going to leave you here,” and stormed off in the hope that walking away would change the child’s behavior. Instead of getting the result she wanted, the mother induced fear of abandonment in the young child, who burst into sobs at the idea of being left behind. The mother returned, picked the child up and carried her to the car. Had the mother done that after the first refusal to obey, she never would have needed to resort to the threat of abandonment. We must be very wise about how we speak to our children (especially in moments of frustration) because our words can do emotional and long-term relational damage!

Prayer Points

1. Let this day deliver my blessings in the name of Jesus.
2. Let any evil hand upon my children be cut off forever.
3. Speak blessings upon them as you mention their names.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: II Samuel 19-21

TUESDAY 12 APRIL, 2022

WHOLESOME WORDS FOR YOUR CHILD 2

HEART-TO-HEART

“Gentle words are a tree of life; a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit.” –Proverbs 15:4 (NLT)

The Bible teaches that words can be used to speak life or to speak death, to bless or to curse. Deuteronomy 30:19 exhorts us to choose the wiser option.... “I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live...” Deuteronomy 30:19 (NKJV)

The implied truth in this verse is that there is a direct relationship between our words and the quality of our lives and the lives of our children. If we choose to speak life and blessing, we ourselves and our descendants will “live.” We need to learn how to speak a blessing over ourselves and our children. Maybe you have never had anyone speak blessing over your life and therefore don't know how to do so with your own children. This is true of many people who were raised in homes where the parents were not believers. Others may have been raised by Christian parents who did not understand the power of this profound truth. Don't be discouraged, you and your children can receive the blessing God intended for you by simply believing the Word of God.

There is a specific passage of scripture that gives us the exact words of blessing that God Himself wants you to speak and to experience. It is found in Numbers 6:22-26. “And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: “Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, 'This is the way you shall bless the children of Israel.’ Say these words over your children today and henceforth. So as a spiritual heir of Abraham - this powerful promise of blessing found in the sixth chapter of Numbers belongs to you! And we are also part of the “royal priesthood” - 1 Peter 2:9

Prayer Points

1. My Children shall grow in the fullness of God's wisdom.
2. Powers waiting to swallow my children swallow yourselves.

Year Bible Reading Plan: II Samuel 22-24

WEDNESDAY 13 APRIL, 2022

WHOLESOME WORDS FOR YOUR CHILD 3

HEART-TO-HEART

“Gentle words are a tree of life; a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit.”—Proverbs 15:4 (NLT)

As part of this “royal priesthood” you have the right to pronounce the “priestly blessing” over your family. I strongly encourage you to take the words of Numbers 6:24-26 and declare them over your children each night. Imagine how powerful it would be for a father to tuck his children in each night and speak the words, “The Lord bless you and keep you, and the Lord make His face shine upon you...” What an impact there would be on hearts and minds if those blessings were the last words heard by your children each night. It would change everything! This passage of scripture Numbers 6:24-26 is often referred to as the “Priestly Blessing” because God had his High Priest, Aaron, speak these words over the children of Israel. Now take a look at this powerful blessing from Numbers chapter 6 as it is written in the Amplified Bible and observe the rich meaning of this blessing:

“The LORD bless you, and keep you [protect you, sustain you, and guard you]; The LORD make His face shine upon you [with favor], And be gracious to you [surrounding you with lovingkindness]; The LORD lift up His countenance (face) upon you [with divine approval], And give you peace [a tranquil heart and life].”

Can you see the comprehensive coverage this blessing provides? It speaks of supernatural protection, provision, favor, mercy, grace, lovingkindness, divine approval and peace (freedom from fear and anxiety). I encourage you to take this powerful blessing and speak it over yourself, your spouse and your children. This is the way God commanded us in the position of a royal priest to bless our children. And since God wrote it – you can be assured that it will come to pass!

Prayer Points

1. Thank the Lord because of His blessing coming over you.
2. Lay your hands on your children and bless them.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: 1 Kings 1-3

THURSDAY 14 APRIL, 2022

YOUR LIFE IS NOT YOUR OWN 1

HEART-TO-HEART

*“Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?”
—1 Cor. 6:19 (NASB)*

Two classes of people in the world come to mind when I meditate on the phrase, 'Your life is not your own' – military personnel and slaves. A soldier must go where he is ordered to go by the military authority over him and cannot object, refuse, or negotiate the order given. If the conditions on the battlefield are difficult, complaining to the commander is not an option. Similarly, a slave is one whose work is dictated by the slave master and can exercise no personal choice in any matter concerning his life. The New Testament writers liken a Christian believer to both the soldier and the slave. The apostle Paul wrote to his disciple Timothy, “Suffer hardship with me as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.” (2 Timothy 2:3) In two other epistles Paul referred to a co-laborer in the ministry as a “fellow soldier.” (Philippians 2:25 & Philemon 1:2) The analogy of a Christ follower being a slave of the Lord is even more pervasive in the Epistles. The apostles Paul, Peter, James, Jude, and John each introduce themselves at the beginning of their letters as “a bond-servant of the Lord Jesus Christ.”

The word translated “bond servant” in our English Bibles is from the Greek word “doulos” which simply means a slave. In the opening of the Book of Revelation the Apostle John writes that the revelation was given by God “to show His bond-servants the things which must soon take place...” This refers to all believers and places them in the same category as the apostles, bond-servants of the Lord; meaning your life is not yours.

Prayer Points

1. Let my life with all that concerns me show forth your glory.
2. I receive my portion of blessing according to your purpose.
3. Evil counsel concerning me shall not stand in Jesus' name.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: 1 Kings 4-6

FRIDAY 15 APRIL, 2022

YOUR LIFE IS NOT YOUR OWN 2

HEART-TO-HEART

*“Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?”
—1 Cor. 6:19*

I have wondered how many people who claim the identity of “Christian” actually live as if their life was truly “not their own.” Living for self-fulfillment and the pursuit of personal happiness and comfort is as accepted inside the church as it is in the world. And many Christians would claim it as a Biblical concept. But Christ did not die to secure people's happiness or comfort levels. Christ died “...so that He may bring us to God.” (1 Peter 3:18) What would it look like if a believer genuinely wanted to live as a bond-servant of the Lord? To understand the implications of such a pursuit, we must examine the lifestyle of a slave and contrast it with that of a “free” person. First and foremost, freedom of movement is restricted in the life of a slave. A free person can move about at will. Freedom of choice in work is not allowed in the life of a slave. Instead, a slave is expected to follow the commands of the slave master in directing his work. Freedom of choice in companions is restricted in a slave's life. A slave-master may prohibit his slave from cultivating relationships whereas a free person can engage in any relationship he desires. A free person determines how he will use his time while a slave's time is controlled by the slave master. If you consider the Lord Jesus Christ to be your Master and yourself to be His servant, how well does your current lifestyle reflect that reality?

Prayer Points

1. Let my life be a display of your glory O Lord.
2. Anything programmed to drag my integrity in the mud, be scattered by fire.
3. Lord, I go in your power and might today in the name of Jesus.
4. Let heaven and earth combine to work in my favour today.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: 1 Kings 7-9

SATURDAY 16 APRIL, 2022

AT GETHSAMANE

HEART-TO-HEART

“Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine be done.” Luke 22:42

Jesus here had a decision to make that would ultimately affect the entire world and determine what becomes of mankind. The prayer of Jesus in Gethsamane was that the Father's will would be done (Luke 22:42), and His prayer was answered. In His earthly sojourn and ministry, Jesus Christ maintained unusual intimacy with His Father and He never prayed amiss. We still have a lot to learn from His prayer style and discipline. On this occasion, He had the burden to pray and moved a little distance away from His disciples and began to communicate with His Father.

As a human being, Jesus understood the significance of His mission on earth and the fact that the time for its fulfillment was ripe. His flesh was contending with the yieldedness of His spirit. He needed the help of His Father. Hence, His request that the Father remove the cup from Him, if it was His Father's will. Jesus knew the agony and heavy burden He was about to carry. His Spirit was willing but His flesh was resisting.

Yet, the Saviour also knew that the fate of the entire humanity depended on His decision. He also realised that the best thing was to let the Father have His way. Therefore, He said, “Nevertheless, not my will, but thine be done.” Beloved, Jesus was caught between a great temptation or dilemma: to do His own will or the will of His Father. He chose to do the will of His Father. His prayer is therefore a prayer of submission. It takes a life that is surrendered to God to submit and obey Him. No matter the issue at hand, temptation, conflict and pressure involved, learn from Jesus and willingly tell God to let His will be done.

Prayer Points

1. My Father, let your perfect will be done in my life.
2. I will fulfill my mission and purpose in life by God's grace.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: 1 Kings 10-11

SUNDAY 17 APRIL, 2022

THE TOMB WAS EMPTY!

HEART-TO-HEART

“That you may know . . . the exceeding greatness of His power . . . which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead.”

—Ephesians 1:18-20, NKJV

God the Father demonstrated the greatness of His power when Jesus was made to rise from the dead; giving us eternal hope of reigning with him after our sojourn here on earth. Jesus was raised from the dead without our sin into eternal life. Early Sunday morning, before dawn, soldiers stood guard over Christ's tomb. Knowing that to go to sleep on duty was an offense punishable by death, the highly trained unit remained alert. Some may have been rolling dice or stoking the fire to keep warm, but there was no question that all were awake and on duty. Their lives depended on it. Suddenly, “there was a violent earthquake.” If, by chance, the soldiers had been distracted in their night watch, God now had their undivided attention! Almost simultaneously, the predawn darkness was split by a light so brilliant it looked like a laser of lightning! The “lightning” took the shape of an angel who seemed to reach from heaven to earth. Against the inky blackness of the night the terrifyingly awesome being fearlessly descended, walked over to the stone that blocked the tomb's entrance, flicked it away as though it were dust, and then sat on it! And the gaping hole where the stone had been, revealed there was nothing inside the tomb! The tomb was empty! Our Lord Jesus is alive; meaning we have an eternal hope of reigning with Him. The tomb is empty. He has gone to make ready an eternal home for us. Are you ready!

Prayer Points

1. Thank You Father for your plan of redemption of my soul.
2. As my Lord Jesus rose, today I rise into newness of life and higher realm of glory in the name of Jesus.
3. Let the stronghold of sin holding me down be shattered.
4. Every dead gift and talent in my life resurrect now in Jesus name.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: 1 Kings 12-14

MONDAY 18 APRIL, 2022

HEARING FROM HEAVEN 1

HEART-TO-HEART

"Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, 'This is the way, walk in it.'—Isaiah 30:21 (NASB)

I have heard many people say in frustration, "God never speaks to me!" And yet they long to hear God's voice. Let's see how:

1. Begin with a heart of expectation – Be confident that God wants to speak to you and that He has equipped you to hear Him. Don't allow doubt or unbelief to hinder you by believing the lie that only "specially gifted" people can hear from God. You must make a conscious choice to believe God's word which clearly teaches that God speaks to His people. In John 10:27, Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice."

2. Set time aside to listen for God's voice. It is true that you can pray anytime and anywhere and that God can in turn speak to you anytime, anywhere. But if your heart's desire is to develop sensitivity for the voice of God, it will require a dedication on your part to set time aside to pursue God's voice. Hebrews 11:6b tells us that God is a rewarder of the diligent seeker. God wants your undivided attention. So, if you want to hear from heaven, make sure you set aside some undivided time to hear God's voice.

3. To the best of your ability - remove all distractions. A first step is to remove all external distractions to the best of your ability including shutting off those electronic distractors! If you live in a busy household, finding a quiet time and place to wait upon the Lord will help you as you seek to quiet your own mind and heart to listen for the Lord's voice.

Prayer Points

1. Let my spiritual ears open to the voice of the Lord.
2. As I call unto you O Lord, let heaven be opened unto me.
3. Let the blessings of those that call on you be released to me.
4. Agenda of evil over me and all that are mine shall not prevail.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: 1 Kings 15-16

TUESDAY 19 APRIL, 2022

HEARING FROM HEAVEN 2

HEART-TO-HEART

“Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, ‘This is the way, walk in it,’—Isaiah 30:21 (NASB)

4. Surrender your heart and have no will of your own when you seek to hear God's voice. This idea of seeking to “want what God wants” implies a surrender of your own will in favor of His will. Jesus modeled this for us in Luke 22:42 when He prayed to the Father in the Garden of Gethsemane, “Not my will but Yours be done.”

5. Take authority in the name of Jesus to silence the enemy from speaking to your mind. To hear God, command the enemy of your soul to remain silent as you wait before the Lord in prayer. We know that Satan uses suggestions to your mind as a way of attack, (as demonstrated in Luke 4 when Jesus was in the wilderness in prayer and fasting) but we have authority over him in the mighty name of Jesus.

6. Invite the Lord to speak to you and tell Him... “Your servant is listening.” When Samuel the prophet was just a child and learning to hear the Lord's voice, the priest Eli, instructed him to say to the Lord, “Speak Lord, for your servant is listening.” (1 Samuel 3:9) This is a simple prayer and yet it positions you to be both humble before the Lord and receptive to hear His voice.

7. Be willing to wait patiently on the Lord with a pen and paper nearby. Waiting on the Lord is a spiritual discipline. God does not move or even speak to us on our timetable. Yet the Bible is full of promises of blessing to the person who is willing to “wait upon God.”

Prayer Points

1. Father, help me to pay greater attention to Your Word.
2. Every trap set for me today, I shall escape.
3. Let my spiritual antenna be receptive to divine secrets.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: 1 Kings 17-19

WEDNESDAY 20 APRIL, 2022

WAIT ON HIM

HEART-TO-HEART

“Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles.” – Isaiah 40:31 (NKJV)

To wait for the Lord means to depend upon Him, to trust Him, to look unto Him. It means to count on Him and long for Him.

Waiting on the Lord may be one of the most difficult aspects of the Christian life. When Jesus promised that he would return, he instructed his followers to wait. No one likes to wait. But we wait in traffic, in car pool lines, in holding patterns, in grocery stores, for the doctor, for a spouse, for a baby, for retirement, for sermons to get over, or for Jesus to return. Waiting is the process of becoming what God wants us to be. What God does in us while we wait is as important as what it is we are waiting for. When Jesus told his disciples to wait in Jerusalem, he was telling them that this was a means of experiencing his peace, his prosperity, and his power. In waiting they would catch the wind of God's Spirit.

In waiting they would see God move. Joshua had to wait seven days as he obediently marched around Jericho before God rewarded his patience and brought the walls down. Israel waited for the Messiah to come. Mary waited nine months for Jesus' birth. Jesus waited for the woman of Samaria to come to the well, Mary and Martha waited for Jesus to come to Bethany, and Jesus Himself waited three days in the tomb for the resurrection. A person who lives in submissive obedience to Christ is a person who is often called to wait. As believers, our empowerment lies in our ability to be able to wait on Him. There are traps and dangers out there. So, learn to wait on God always.

Prayer Points

1. As I wait on you O Lord, I will not be put to shame.
2. I break the chain of collective captivity holding me down.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: 1 Kings 20-22

THURSDAY 21 APRIL, 2022

WHILE YOU WAIT!

HEART-TO-HEART

"I waited patiently for the LORD; and He inclined to me, and heard my cry."—Psalm 40:1-4 (NKJV)

Here are some of the benefits of waiting patiently for the Lord.

1) You will not be put to shame. According to Isaiah 49:23, God will not allow you to be put to shame if you wait patiently for Him.

2) You will be blessed. Isaiah 30:18 says, "... For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for Him" (NKJV). Not waiting for God is full of risks which may lead to curses. Wouldn't you rather prefer waiting for the Lord and be blessed to running impatiently and wearying yourself? Wouldn't you rather wait for God to prove His word in your life than for you to settle for self-help which will later lead to regret?

3) You will experience the Lord's goodness. Lamentation 3:25 says, "The LORD is wonderfully good to those who wait for him and seek him" (NLT). Wonderfully good things from the Lord will come to those who wait for the Lord and seek him.

4) You will receive heaven's answer to your prayers. God answers the prayers of those who wait for him. He does not close His ears to their prayers.

5) You will obtain your promised blessings. Only those who have learnt to wait for God have been able to experience the blessings promised them by God. Those in a hurry and cannot wait will not only frustrate themselves but also receive nothing from the Lord.

Prayer Points

1. Let the blessing packaged for today locate me.
2. Today and beyond I shall experience your goodness.
3. I receive my delayed blessing expressly today in the name of Jesus.

FRIDAY, 22 APRIL, 2022

NO MORE FRUITLESS TOIL

HEART-TO-HEART

“But Simon answered and said to Him, ‘Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing.’ –Luke 5:5 (NKJV)

After a fruitless toil all night, Peter partnered with Jesus, when he released his boat for Him to use to preach to people, which led to a turnaround for him. That day, two boats were standing by the Lake of Gennesaret and the fishermen who had gone from them were washing their nets when Jesus got there. Neither Peter's boat nor the second boat that belonged to his partners caught any fish. But mercy chose the boat of Peter that day. God says He will have mercy on whom He will have mercy, and He will have compassion on whom He will have compassion (Romans 9:15). By the mercy of God, you will experience a divine visitation. Peter was an experienced fisherman but it takes more than experience to make it in life. Peter's experience didn't help him at the time.

Some situations of life defy experience resulting to fruitless toil that only causes weariness. They drain people's strength and other resources. To avoid this, you need the power of God, a Word from Him, the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and you need the grace of God. “Unless the LORD builds a house, the work of the builders is useless. It is useless for you to work so hard from early morning until late at night, anxiously working for food to eat; for God gives rest to his loved ones.” Psalm 127:1-2 (NLT)

Jesus told Peter to launch out into the deep for a catch. That didn't make sense to Peter because he had tried everything all night when it was the best time for fishing but without success. Nevertheless, Peter acted on the words of Jesus, and he got a net breaking testimony. That will be your portion today.

Prayer Points

1. My Father, turn my toiling to abundant blessing.
2. Order my steps aright today in the name of Jesus.
3. My business shall thrive, my hand shall handle money.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: II Kings 5-8

SATURDAY, 23 APRIL, 2022

WHEN GOD LEADS 1

HEART-TO-HEART

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go..."

—Psalm 32:8 (NIV)

I have learned this truth in walking with God or walking in the way he wants us to go - God protects, guides and provides for those who are willing to walk down the road He directs. That does not mean there are no dangers to be faced or hardships to overcome along that road. Jesus told His disciples, "In the world you will have tribulation..." but He also told them that through Him they were overcomers.

Paul the apostle wrote in 2 Timothy 3:12 – "... all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution." Paul experienced more hardships and persecution during his ministry than most can imagine – imprisonment, false accusations, hunger, shipwreck, and physical assaults for preaching the Gospel. But his relationship with God was so deep and trusting that he could write, "...none of these things move me." (Acts 20:24) God wants us to WALK DOWN THIS ROAD with that same confident faith-filled attitude.

When God leads you on a particular road or step temptations will materialize enticing you to take a detour or simply turn back. This is a strategic assault of the enemy of your soul – Satan – to discourage you from walking down God's road for your life. This onslaught will take various forms and will insert itself at different points along the road. It is vital that you recognize that these experiences are not random but instead are cleverly designed demonic strategies intended to halt your forward progress. We shall examine the five ploys of the enemy in the next page and see if you have experienced any of these in your life.

Prayer Points

1. By your grace I shall not miss my path in destiny.
2. In all my ways, may your Spirit be my guide and guard.
3. Let fresh grace come upon all our Pastors and Ministers in HCC Worldwide.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: II Kings 9-11

SUNDAY, 24 APRIL, 2022

WHEN GOD LEADS 2

HEART-TO-HEART

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go..."

—Psalm 32:8 (NIV)

1. Voices of other people will discourage you from walking down God's road – calling you foolish, misguided, or unwise. When a person has received a call or direction from God for his/her life, the first obstacle that must be overcome is the pull of other people including those closest and most loved. This is a test of obedience to God and is (emotionally) one of the hardest to walk through.

2. You will encounter difficulties and discomfort which will cause you to question whether you took the right road. A false assumption common among Christians is that once you have heard from God and have begun to walk down His road for your life, everything will fall into place and run smoothly. This thought pattern can lead you to wonder if you missed God's will when circumstances become challenging. Everyone on this earth faces adversity, but Romans 8:37 promises "...We are more than conquerors through Him who loved us." There is no circumstance in life that cannot be overcome by faith in the power of God. For every child of God defeats will this evil world and can achieve this victory through our faith. (1 John 5:4 NLT)

3. Alternative roads will suddenly appear – which look easier and more attractive than the road you are on. Such will appear to be equivalent to the road you are on and promises to deliver the same (or greater) results. But the detour is a trap, and it will not accomplish the will of God. As attractive and logical as this alternate route may appear, you must reject it. Walk down the road God has given you and don't take ANY detours!

Prayer Points

1. As I apply my faith against all adversity I shall overcome.
2. Make me a carrier of your presence in the name of Jesus.
3. Strange hand troubling my life, I cut you off right now.
4. I enter into the realm of glory, no more shame for me.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: II Kings 12-14

MONDAY, 25 APRIL, 2022

WHEN GOD LEADS 3

HEART-TO-HEART

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go..."
—Psalm 32:8 (NIV)

4. Thoughts will assail your mind suggesting you didn't hear God and urging you to turn around before it is too late. When you are first learning to hear the voice of God, the devil works overtime to inject doubt about whether you are truly hearing from God, or just listening to your own thoughts. As you mature in this area of hearing God's voice, the enemy does not give up. Then when you take a step of faith and obedience to walk down the road of God's leading, Satan will increase the attack on your mind by insisting you are making a big mistake. He will accuse you of not hearing God but following your own fleshly desires. Then he will insist you turn back before disaster occurs. Those are the times you must go back to the word the Lord spoke to you and HOLD FAST to it, regardless of the assault on your mind. In our church we pray over printed slips of scriptures and pick it on first Sunday of the month and many times people come back to give testimonies.

5. You will run into brick walls that appear immovable and will sorely tempt you to give up. When you have been faithfully following God's road and making some measure of progress, the enemy will increase pressure upon you to give up. Suddenly, roadblocks which look like immovable brick walls will block your way forward. The temptation to give up and turn back will be great. Those times will require you to press into the Lord for both His grace to carry on and His wisdom to know the next step to take - when it looks like there are no steps that can be taken! Your ability to endure to the end is a guarantee to your success.

Prayer Points

1. Father, I look up unto you, be quick to help me today.
2. Walls of impossibilities around me, crumble by fire.
3. This week, I am secured and I shall be favoured.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: II Kings 15-17

TUESDAY, 26 APRIL, 2022

STEPS TO CHANGE

HEART-TO-HEART

“Let us throw off everything that hinders...” Hebrews 12:1 (NIV)

For a footballer, he needs constant practice to get better on the pitch. We can come up with a million excuses why we don't have time to do the needful in order to get better. We have to start somewhere, and the first thing we have to decide is that it is worth the effort to put in the work to get better. This is true about our lives as believers in Jesus. There are many entanglements and hindrances that prevent us from doing those things that would make us stronger in our daily life in Christ. We want to get up in the morning for a time of quiet study with God, but it seems like something else always gets in the way. We would like to do more in the way of service, but there seems to be something else that is more pressing to do. We would like to be more dedicated to our friends and family, but it seems they must take a backseat to greater matters like our work or career. Any job that seems overwhelming and impossible to complete has to be attacked not with the attitude of getting done but with the idea that you just start and keep on working.

How do we break out of this entanglement and step out in faith to run the race of our life in a way that pleases God? We first must decide that it is essential in order to live our best life. It must become a priority for us. It must become a first-things-first attitude. Once we have made that decision, we can begin to throw off those hindrances. We won't get it done in one day. It will take many small steps in the right direction, and we will have to overcome hindrances on a daily basis.

Prayer Points

1. Pray for the grace not to give up on your vision.
2. Family and environmental powers shall not stop me.
3. Teach me to do your perfect will in the name of Jesus.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: II Kings 18-19

THURSDAY 27 APRIL, 2022

THE MYSTERY

HEART-TO-HEART

“Clouds and thick darkness surround Him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne.” – Psalm 97:2 (NASB)

The psalmist realized that God rules Heaven and earth. While this was a cause for rejoicing, he was aware that he didn't always understand God's ways because “clouds and thick darkness surround Him.” His actions often were covered in mystery. How can we know His ways when there is so much mystery?

To know His ways, we start with a dedication to know His Word and deepen our personal relationship with Him. The more intimately we know Him, the more he unravels the mystery of His person, the more we realize His commitment to righteousness and doing what is right. As the psalmist declared, “Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne ... The heavens declare His righteousness” (v. 2, 6). We see God's purity through the fire, which “goes before Him” (v. 3). We also get a glimpse of His power through lightning, earthquakes, and other displays of nature as even “the mountains melted like wax” at His presence. All of these are achieved when we dedicate ourselves to him and His words. When we do these, we can rejoice, we can trust Him, knowing that He watches over us. We can be confident that He guides us, for “light is sown like seed for the righteous.” We can know that He provides “gladness for the upright in heart” (v. 11). Are there things about God you don't understand? Fill your mind with His Word. Develop a more intimate relationship with Him. Like the psalmist, worship and serve Him more. Dedicate yourself to purity, doing what is right, and hating evil. And seek to bring praise to His name.

Prayer Points

1. O Lord, let your ways be made known unto me so I can serve you better.
2. Help me Lord to experience joy round about today.
3. Today, I connect the right kind of people that will move my life forward in the name of Jesus.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: II Kings 20-22

FRIDAY 28 APRIL, 2022

CYCLES OF LIFE

HEART-TO-HEART

“One generation passes away, and another generation comes; but the earth abides forever. The sun also rises, and the sun goes down, and hastens to the place where it arose.” –Ecclesiastes 1:4-5 (NKJV)

Life is not constant. Ecclesiastes helps us think about life as part of an endless flow, a cycle of coming and going. Some people are driven to amass wealth and power. But the Bible reminds us that life is like “a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away” (James 4:14). Trying to develop the right perspective, we see that our lives are temporary, that we all are part of the passing of time. Generations come and go, yet “the earth abides forever.” The sun rises and sets. Winds whip from the south, then turn around to the north. “All the rivers run into the sea, yet the sea is not full.” (v. 7)

We realize that life is filled with constant change. After completing one project, more projects arise. We end one day, only to face new challenges the next. We reach goals, but then make new goals. We get a paycheck, but soon must earn more. We cook a meal, but then must cook another. It can be easy to react to these cycles with pessimism. Nevertheless, the Bible encourages us to realize that God wants us to have the right perspective and to realize that He gives meaning to life and promises eternal life. In your life, remember that God has made “everything beautiful in its time.” There is a season for everything and “a time for every purpose under heaven” Whatever season, you are, keep trusting the Lord. Even when you are crushed, He’s there to straighten you, when you are wounded, He will heal you. At every cycle of life, God is right there.

Prayer Points

1. Father, help me to have Your perspective on life.
2. Thank You for I know You will not put me to shame.
3. Let my Spirit to align with your Spirit in the name of Jesus.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: II Kings 23-25

FRIDAY 29 APRIL, 2022

THE I AM IS EVERYTHING

HEART-TO-HEART

"If I ... tell them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' they will ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what should I tell them? God replied to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM.'" –Exodus 3:13-14 (NLT)

How often we think in terms of needs and situations, problems and challenges that stand before us. These are practical concerns. But this focus actually can point us in the wrong direction. We can start thinking about what God can do for us. Just the help He can provide, right now! In many ways we need a different focus. Instead of thinking about what God can do, we need to think about God Himself. The fact is that He is the answer to every question. In His presence, we have maximum security. There, we are safe and blessed. There, we grow in confidence of His sovereignty. There, He teaches us and provides His wisdom. There, every enemy is defeated and every need met. There, we have His peace and fullness of joy (Psalm 16:11). David realized this when he described the Lord as his rock, fortress, shield, "the power that saves me," his "place of safety" (Psalm 18:2). God's message to the children of Israel was that He was "I AM." He was everything! All they needed. The Bible is filled with promises for those who focus on God. "All who seek the Lord will praise him, their hearts will rejoice with everlasting joy" (Psalm 22:26). David realized that his highest priority should be seeking the Lord. The one thing he desired? The one thing he sought? "That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple" (Psalm 27:4, NKJV). Today, concentrate on God the great I Am. Lay aside immediate concerns and worries, and spend time with Him.

Prayer Points

1. My Father, give me a deeper understanding of your Word so I can stand firm in your will.
2. Prove yourself as the 'I Am' in my life, home and business.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: 1 Chronicles 1-2

SATURDAY 30 APRIL, 2022

SEEKING GOD EARLY

HEART-TO-HEART

“O God, You are my God; early will I seek You; my soul thirsts for You; my flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water.”—Psalm 63:1 (NKJV)

Looking for answers, David realized that God was his only hope. He also realized that he had choices. Did he really want to hear from God? David realized how easily we can take God for granted. Was he serious about seeking God? Yes he was! David responded by making God his focus and highest priority. He cried out for His wisdom, and would not allow himself to be distracted or to be dominated by other interests. He determined to seek God early and often. The reality is that God is with us, all the time. His Word always is true. His promises apply to every situation. But in spite of these truths, we can continue to trust in ourselves. We may think we trust God while really depending on ourselves. We may think we are standing on His Word and following His Spirit while leaning on our own understanding. We may think we are seeking His guidance when, in fact, we are not diligent in prayer. There are many things that can occupy our time and attention.

- The pressures of daily schedules.
- Taking care of family and personal issues.
- Our work and family relationships.
- Hobbies and entertainment.

If we are not careful, we can find ourselves drifting away from God, forgetting His Word or filling our minds with thoughts of this world. Today, and throughout this year, remember your part in your relationship with God. Make God your highest priority. Devote meaningful time to seek Him. Soak yourself in His Word faithfully. Pray and make Him the priority of your life.

Prayer Points

1. Lord I thank You because in You I have the victory.
2. Let your grace see me through today and cause your face to shine on me.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: 1 Chronicles 3-5

SUNDAY 1 MAY, 2022

GOD'S FAVOUR

HEART-TO-HEART

"Joseph found favor in his sight... The Lord was with Joseph and extended kindness to him, and gave him favor."

—Genesis 39:4, 21 (NASB)

Joseph faced a series of seemingly hopeless situations. A foreigner in Egypt, with no family or friends, he had no money or possessions. As a slave, he effectively managed the household of his master until he was falsely accused and jailed. In prison he continued to show remarkable organizational skills. But even there he seemed forgotten. Though he could have, he didn't give in to hopelessness. Miraculously, he went directly from being a prisoner to becoming a ruler of Egypt, prosperous and "a successful man."

What were the keys to Joseph's success? How did he prosper in seemingly hopeless circumstances? "The Lord was with him." In fact, the Bible says, "Whatever he did, the Lord made to prosper." God "gave him favor." His blessing was on everything Joseph touched, and everyone in whose life he was involved. Joseph demonstrated the impact of having God's favor. His favor opens the doors that seem to be shut. His favor can lead to blessings, even when blessing doesn't seem possible. His favor makes miraculous things possible. The Bible provides other examples of God's favor. When the world was filled with violence, "Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord" (Genesis 6:8). At a time when the Israelites were slaves in Egypt, God promised to grant them favor (Exodus 3:21). The boy Samuel experienced God's favor (1 Samuel 2:26). Jesus Himself increased "in favor with God and men" (Luke 2:52). In your life, remember the importance of seeking God's favor in every situation.

Prayer Points

1. O finger of God, arise and ravage the camp of my enemies.
2. Lord, show me favour in all areas of my life in Jesus' name.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: 1 Chronicles 6-7

MONDAY 2 MAY, 2022

HE IS AHEAD

HEART-TO-HEART

*"By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light."
—Exodus 13:21 (NIV)*

The task seemed impossible: thousands of Israelites traveling through a wilderness for the first time. They were constantly in need of water and food, protection and shelter. Moving toward the Promised Land, even though they had no maps to be sure they were on the right path. Facing these endless needs, God promised to guide them. But what was unique was that He guided them in different ways at different times. He knew that they would face different kinds of circumstances and that each situation required its unique solution. He specifically provided two general means of guidance designed to direct them no matter where they were, or what conditions they faced. During the daytime, He provided a pillar of cloud. But at night, they needed something more appropriate for nighttime conditions. So, He provided a pillar of fire. Because God provided these tools, "they could travel whether it was day or night."

In every situation, they always could know what God wanted them to do and where He wanted them to go. In the same way, God has provision to see us through any circumstance. He may lead us one way when we are new Christians, and in others ways as we mature in our faith. Sometimes He may speak to us decisively, while other times He may seem silent or just speak with a "gentle whisper" (1 Kings 19:12). Sometimes He may answer us quickly and immediately, while other times we need to wait. But in every situation, we must have confidence that He will lead us. He will show us the way by any specific way He chooses.

Prayer Points

1. Go ahead of me this new month O Lord.
2. Let every secret of the enemies over me and my household be exposed and destroyed in the name of Jesus.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: 1 Chronicles 8-10

TUESDAY 3 MAY, 2022

COMPLAINING

HEART-TO-HEART

“He hears your grumbings against the Lord; and what are we, that you grumble against us?”—Exodus 16:7-8 (NASB)

God had delivered the Israelites from bondage in Egypt. Overwhelmed by problems, they doubted Him at first. But through a series of miracles, He kept His promises. As they were departing, many reacted with fear when they were pursued by the Egyptian army. But, again, God delivered them. As they began their journey toward the Promised Land, they realized they needed food. Forgetting God's promises, they concluded that Moses had “brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.” They were so discouraged that they wished they would have stayed in Egypt. They grumbled to Moses and Aaron, but Moses recognized that neither was the target. They really were complaining “against the Lord.” They again had to learn that God kept His Word. That He could meet their needs even when this seemed impossible. They also had to learn that they paid a price for complaining. How many of us have been in similar situations. We may be upset about our work or finances, our relationships or families. These are times when we may complain about other people. But God knows that, in reality, we are grumbling against Him. That, in spite of His promises we really don't trust Him. We may be frustrated or angry, bitter or worried. Looking back, we can see how God has provided for us. We can know His promises. Yet in spite of the evidence, we still can react like the Israelites. We must learn not to complain but always to trust in God, no matter how things might appear. Complaint will do no good but harm. Trust Him always and keep serving Him. He is God over all situations

Prayer Point

1. Help me to believe your word and trust you always O Lord.
2. O Lord, give me grace to know you and serve you better.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: 1 Chronicles 11-12

WEDNESDAY 4 MAY, 2022

THE ACT OF GOD... MIRACLE 1

HEART-TO-HEART

".....I will even make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." – Isaiah 43:19 (KJV)

Miracle is a divine intervention that defiles all human imagination. It generates questionable doubts. Miracles make you ask yourself series of questions such as 'is it real'? Did it happen? Can I believe this? This God is a miracle working God and He is interested in miracle. That's why my popular slogan is – GOD IS REAL!

Our God is a miracle working God, He has done it before and He is still doing it. He is in the business of doing miracles. He never changes. (Hebrews 13:8, 2 Corinthians 5:19, Malachi 3:6, Numbers 23:19, Isaiah 55:10-11) All Miracles begin with God and He doesn't need a special setting. You must be open to God's unlimited possibilities! He desires that we experience miracles always.

Every day, God watches out for an opportunity to do a great thing for you when your heart is perfect towards him. Anyone who claims that he does not need a miracle must be somebody without goals in life. We are all in need of miracles and thank God, we have the God of miracles. God works His miracle for several reasons and He does not have to consult anybody before doing it. He may do it just to teach a lesson, to enable men to declare the gospel properly, to silence false prophets, to reveal the devil as a destroyer, or to reveal His goodness or to reveal only Begotten Son, Jesus, the resurrection and life.

Prayer Points

1. Lord, I thank You because You are a miracle working God.
2. This month and this day, give me a miracle over my present challenges (mention them).
3. Heavenly Father, put the devil to shame over my matter in the name of Jesus.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: 1 Chronicles 13-16

THURSDAY 5 MAY, 2022

THE ACT OF GOD... MIRACLE 2

HEART-TO-HEART

".....I will even make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." –Isaiah 43:19 (KJV)

If miracles work contrary to human logic then you expect the unusual or the unexpected to happen whenever you are praying for a miracle. If you were going to be looking at what your biology or sciences say, you would be far from miracles. When you come to God, know that what you considered to be logical would be illogical to Him. What you think is completely illogical may be the right thing to God. The Bible makes us to understand that God still works miracles. Unfortunately, these days, many people do not agree that the human brain has its own limit. Anything such people cannot understand with their brain, they just conclude it cannot happen. What a shallow way of looking at things.

Once the brain perceives certain things as impossible, the human mind accepts it quickly and sometimes, when we accept it like that, our faith would not go beyond what we have accepted. Then, we end up insulting God. It is an insult to limit God. God often looks at us when we limit Him and He would be saying: "This people cannot realise that I created these things and I can readjust and rearranged them." When God is in operation, He specializes on things that people say is impossible. Those who are close to God, obedient to Him, and have faith in Him will always experience His miracle working power.

Prayer Points

1. Today let my hanging testimonies become a reality.
2. I receive wisdom and the connection to be relevant and preferred in the name of Jesus.
3. Every trap set for my feet, shall not locate me in the name of Jesus.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: 1 Chronicles 17-19

FRIDAY 6 MAY, 2022

PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT

HEART-TO-HEART

'For we know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the Spirit himself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.' – Romans 8:26 (KJV)

Praying in the Spirit is experiencing the Holy Spirit breathing life into your prayers. Sometimes praying in the Spirit will not feel electrifying at all. It will feel like groaning. Praying in the Spirit means that the Holy Spirit empowers the prayer and carries it to the Father in the name of Jesus. Praying in the Spirit is altogether a divine activity that one appropriates through faith in Jesus Christ and in His finished work on the cross. When you are praying in submission to the Lord God and His Christ, the Holy Spirit within you will testify to Himself in His Word, in your prayers, and even in those other believers praying with you. These things and so much more are ignited by the dynamite of praying in the Spirit.

John Knox, a preacher with an all-consuming soul-concern for his country, prayed, “Give me Scotland, or I die!” His earnest travail was rewarded with a spiritual rebirth in his land. This is what is termed “praying in the Spirit.” It is the manifestation of a deep spiritual concern for others, and it is instilled by the Spirit of God. This kind of prayer can leap over oceans, speed across burning deserts, spring over mountains, bound through jungles, and carry the healing, helping power of the Gospel to the object of prayer. That “the Spirit Himself makes intercession” indicates that it is actually God pleading, praying, and mourning through us. Thus we become co-laborers with God, actual partners with Him; our lives are lifted from the low plane of selfishness to the high plane of creativeness with God. John Knox travailed, and the Church in Scotland broke into new life. Today, submit yourself to the Spirit. Take time out to pray in the Spirit and see the outcome..

Prayer Points

1. Holy Spirit, let my heart – cry, produce results for me.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: 1 Chronicles 20-22

SATURDAY 7 MAY, 2022

OBSERVE AND LEARN

HEART-TO-HEART

"Go to the ant, O sluggard, observe her ways and be wise, ..."

– Proverbs 6:6-8 (NASB)

God in His divine wisdom has put in our environments things to learn from. Such is the ant as read from the above scripture. What is the best way to be ready for the future? Solomon found inspiration in an unlikely source: by observing ants. Some people become satisfied with short-term pleasures, interests of the moment, instant gratification, and to satisfy their appetites. But these tiny creatures are different. After a harvest, they gather their provisions, preparing for the future. They plan ahead, knowing that they need to be prepared. Further, ants are not wasteful but prudent and hard working. In contrast, some people are "sluggards." They don't act unless forced to do so. They lack discernment and self-control. Some crave many things but get nothing because of laziness (Proverbs 13:4). They simply "refuse to work" (Proverbs 21:25), yet still have a huge appetite. Because they don't sow, they don't reap. In fact, they beg during the harvest (Proverbs 20:4). As a result of their choices, they often are filled with fear and worry and cannot see past their immediate circumstances. Yet they also are proud and critical of others. If we are wise, we won't be sluggards but will learn from ants. We will show initiative, and not wait for a crisis to act. We will not be wasteful or spend our resources on short term pleasures but will sow seeds into our future. We will be prudent and prepare, and think ahead. We will pray and seek God's direction. So it can be well with us and we will become pillars of attraction to the ungodly.

Prayer Points

1. O Lord, help me to be a good steward of your resources and a good planner.
2. Let me be remembered for good this new month.
3. I shall not beg in time of harvest but have in abundance and be a blessing to all.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: 1 Chronicles 23-25

SUNDAY 8 MAY, 2022

MOTHERS ARE GOLD

HEART-TO-HEART

“And the woman conceived, and bare a son: and when she saw him that he [was a] goodly [child], she hid him three months. (KJV)” – Exodus 1:22 (NKJV)

In ancient Egypt, male children were killed but Moses was spared and he became the deliverer of God's chosen people, but his important role would not have been possible if it had not been for the courage and commitment of his mother. She was determined to protect him, even though Pharaoh had ordered every newborn Israelite boy in Egypt to be drowned. Many mothers throughout history have demonstrated this kind of selfless commitment. Women bathed, nurtured, and cared for their children when they were helpless. Many mothers sacrificed so that their children could have food and clothing. Women worked two jobs so that their children could be educated.

Many men and women have recognized how much they owe to their mothers. Yet, sadly, many have neglected to have an attitude of thankfulness and gratitude. How many mothers have been taken for granted! Make it a day to honor mothers and grandmothers and to show gratitude to them. Acknowledge the people that have been used in your life, particularly your mother or grandmothers. Pray for God's blessings on them. If you are a husband, realize all that your wife means to you and shower her with love and gratitude. Encourage your children to do the same. If your mother and grandmother are still alive, show how much you appreciate all that they did for you. Demonstrate gratefulness toward all the people God has brought into your life today.

Prayer Points

1. Thank the Lord for mothers all over the world.
2. Pray that God will make every mother to eat the fruit of their labour in the name of Jesus.
3. Almighty God, may your blessing be released upon us as we worship in your presence today.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: 1 Chronicles 26-29

MONDAY 9 MAY, 2022

ACCEPTABLE SERVICE

HEART-TO-HEART

“And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men. —Colossians 3:23 (KJV)

A believer's service to God should be a heartfelt expression of love. To really serve God, we **MUST FOLLOW** God. We can't serve Him and be following our own plans. If we are following Him, we will serve Him; If we serve Him, we will follow Him! If you are following Jesus, it must be evident in your service.

INDICES OF ACCEPTABLE SERVICE

• Serve willingly. I Chron. 28:9 “And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind.” Yield yourselves unto the Lord. Never ever allow God to notice reluctance in your kingdom activity. With God, actions are weighed. Never require external motivation/supervision to do what is right for God. You don't need anybody's encouragement to be on fire for God. Never serve God expecting a 'thank you' from Him. God is watching the way and manner you do His work. To grumble over your service to God is wasting it.

• Serve sacrificially. I Chron. 21:24 “And king David said to Ornan, Nay; but I will verily buy it for the full price: for I will not take that which is thine for the Lord, nor offer burnt offerings without cost.” Any service unto God that does not cost you something is not acceptable. Serve God sacrificially. Go out of your way and do things that place demand on your time, energy and resources for God. Let your service for God affect your regular schedule. Be willing to give up certain rights and privileges, comforts, pleasure in the course of serving God.

Let us come to the point where God will see that we are not working because it is comfortable, but serving because we love and believe Him.

Prayer Points

1. Lord let my service be acceptable in your sight.
2. This week, I receive divine intervention in my family.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: II Chronicles 1-3

TUESDAY 10 MAY 2022

THE LAW OF THE LORD

HEART-TO-HEART

“The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.”

—Psalms 19:7 (NIV)

When God declares something to be true, it stays true forever. His rules are trustworthy; no matter how many ways we try to dispute them they will remain the same. It's not hard to imagine how beautiful the world would be if everyone followed God's law. We cannot change God's mind about his law because we misunderstand or disagree with it. If we follow him, we can trust that what he tells us to do in any given situation will be the perfect application of his law to that situation. There is real comfort in knowing that there is an actual standard that can be applied to how we live. It does not change with our mood or circumstance. God's law and statutes point us in the right direction of how we should live. We were made in his image and his law and statutes are guidelines that will help us achieve the true potential we were designed to have. We cannot, in our own strength, live up to the law of God. He empowers us through the presence of the Holy Spirit who enables us to both understand and obey. We can choose to disobey God's law, but we do so at our own peril. Instead of living in freedom, we become enslaved to whatever our disobedience brings. The outcome of disobedience always ends up costing us the very thing we seek—our freedom to become what we were designed to be. To be truly free we must learn to trust and obey the law of God. It is perfect and unchanging, suitable for all circumstances. Nothing in life could be more stable or bring us more peace

Prayer Points

1. Father Lord, make me a Kingdom tool in your hands.
2. Give me a heart of obedience unto your laws and statutes.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: II Chronicles 4-5

WEDNESDAY 11 MAY 2022

TIMING IS EVERYTHING

HEART-TO-HEART

"He hath made everything beautiful in his time." Eccl. 3:11 (KJV)

Timing is everything in life. We may think we know the path we are headed down, but God often has other plans for us because His timing is different from ours. Repeatedly, we see God is faithful but at the most unexpected time. Think of Sarah and Abraham. Sarah was 90 years old when she gave birth to Isaac, and Abraham was 100. In Genesis 18:14 we read, "Is anything too hard for the LORD?" God proved no time is too late for Him. Think of Joseph, who was sold into slavery at age 17 by his brothers and then at age 30 was released from prison and brought in to be second in command of Egypt. He famously said to his brothers, "You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good..." (Genesis 50:20). Think of Moses, who at 40 years old killed an Egyptian and, when he was called out by a fellow Hebrew about it, fled to Midian for another 40 years! Then at age 80, God called Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. After doing this, he spent his last 40 years wandering in the wilderness. Think of Elizabeth, who was advanced in years and had never had kids, then gave birth to John the Baptist, the forerunner for Christ. She had gone through the anguish of infertility at a time when not having children meant not having God's favor and being isolated from society. In a moment, her life changed, and she became a mother to the greatest among men. None of the above were accidents. They were all predestined before the foundations of the world to come to pass by the one whose timing is always perfect: the Lord. Wait! Your time will come if you faint not.

Prayer Points

1. I shall not miss my season of celebration in Jesus' name.
2. Let the Blood of Jesus speak better things into my life today.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: II Chronicles 6-8

THURSDAY 12 MAY 2022

READY FOR AN ENCOUNTER

HEART-TO-HEART

"The heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God ... the word of the Lord came to Ezekiel ... the hand of the Lord was upon him." – Ezekiel 1:1, 3 (ESV)

It was an ordinary day. Nothing special was anticipated. Ezekiel was being himself, just going through life. There is no indication that he was seeking God in any unusual way. He was not expecting any unusual visitors or experiencing any unusual burdens. Then, suddenly the heavens “opened” and he “saw visions of God” and “the word of the Lord” came to him. At that moment, his life changed forever.

Ezekiel did not orchestrate these events. Everything happened according to God's timetable. His Spirit moved. God acted sovereignly, fulfilling His plans. Ezekiel just had to be ready, for God had chosen him to be His messenger.

The Bible reminds us that God has a unique plan for each of our lives. And each of us has been given unique resources. As Jesus taught, we are called to be good stewards of those resources. We are to follow His leading and be sensitive to His voice. We are to be ready for those moments when He calls and when He might open the windows of Heaven in new ways.

Remember that God has given you special gifts and talents and has a special calling for you. Make sure to be a good steward today, faithfully investing the resources you have been given.

Prayer Points

1. O Lord, empower me for my life assignment in Jesus' name.
2. Arrows fired at me through any means, melt by fire.
3. Any evil in my body, be uprooted by fire in the name of Jesus.
4. Today and beyond, I am victorious in the name of Jesus.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: II Chronicles 9-11

FRIDAY 13 MAY 2022

YOUR TASK

HEART-TO-HEART

"When I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' and you give him no warning ... his blood I will require at your hand. Yet, if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness ... you have delivered your soul." – Ezekiel 3:18-19 (NKJV)

God gave Ezekiel a vision that overwhelmed him so much that he sat stunned for seven days.

He was not sure what to do until God told him the secret that would change his life: He was not responsible for understanding everything; His assignment was to obey God and focus on the assignments that he was given. If Ezekiel obeyed and was faithful, the outcome was in God's hands. He only needed to worry if he failed to obey. Then, he would bear the responsibility. Suddenly everything became simpler. Every day, he just needed to obey God and be faithful with the resources, assignments, and opportunities he had been given. He needed to warn those whom God told him to warn.

How easy it can be to fail to have this kind of focus and to become distracted. But everything changes when we understand what God has called us to do – our personal mission, our personal assignment. We find fulfillment, peace, and blessings when we serve Him faithfully with what He has given us.

You need to know your divine assignment and life task. Today, ask God to clarify His calling for your life. Dedicate your time and resources to accomplish this calling. Do not become sidetracked, give in to pressures, or conform to the things of this world.

Prayer Points

- 1) Help me by your Spirit to be a good steward O Lord.
- 2) Give me clarification for my task in life in the name of Jesus.
- 3) Everything I lay my hands upon shall prosper in Jesus' name.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: II Chronicles 12-14

SATURDAY 14 MAY 2022

CHRIST IN YOU

HEART-TO-HEART

"... *Christ in you, the hope of glory.*" *Colossians 1:27-28 (NKJV)*

The Colossians might have expected Paul just to focus on practical Christian living. But he wanted them to understand that the Gospel was far more than a philosophy or a set of beliefs. In fact, there were deep things about God and His kingdom. There was a "mystery," but it was a mystery God can reveal to us. What is this mystery? "Christ in you, the hope of glory." This is something amazing! Supernatural!

The revelation is that Christ can live within each one of us. We are changed not by being better people but through His presence living in and through us. We cannot achieve perfection in our flesh. We cannot be good enough. We need Jesus. Pray to "walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work" (v. 10). Yes, it is important to live according to Biblical principles, to mature as believers, to walk by faith, to be good stewards, and to have a consistent testimony.

Paul reminds us that nothing is more important than our relationship with Jesus. We are to live for Him and let His words fill our hearts. He can give us spiritual riches and pour His power, wisdom, and love into us.

Right now, quiet your heart. Focus on Jesus. In this stillness, allow His presence to become real to you. Fill your mind with His Word. Then go into this day, surrendered to Him.

Prayer Point

1. Help me Lord to be a vessel of Your love and power.
2. Let the power of God reverse any evil done against my life.
3. Let the heavens be opened over my life and situations.
4. God Almighty, scatter evil plans of the enemy set against my life and children in the name of Jesus.

One Year Bible Reading: II Chronicles 15-17

SUNDAY 15 MAY 2022

MARKS OF INTEGRITY 1

HEART-TO-HEART

"A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold."—Proverbs 22:1 (NIV)

A wealthy businessman lay on his deathbed. His pastor came to visit and talked about God's healing power and prayed for his parishioner. When the pastor was done, the businessman said, "Preacher, if God heals me, I'll give the church a million dollars." Miraculously, the businessman got better and within a few short weeks was out of the hospital. Several months later, the pastor bumped into this businessman on the sidewalk and said, "You know, when you were in the hospital dying, you promised to give the church a million dollars if you got well. We have not received it as of yet." The businessman replied, "Did I say that? I guess that goes to show how sick I really was!" That is not how to maintain a good name. That is the absence of integrity and that is not Christianity. Integrity is sticking to the truth: Whatever you do, tell the truth, even if it hurts you. Remember, you can always get your money back, but you can't get your integrity back. You can't. Once that is gone, you can never really get it back again. Integrity means that you are an honest person, that what you say is the truth of what actually is.

Integrity is keeping a promise: When you sign a contract, you are making a promise. When you sign up to do something, you are making a promise. When you say you are going to join something, you are making a promise. When you set an appointment, you are making a promise. When you say you are going to teach a class, you are making a promise. When you say you will be there, you are making a promise. And the man of integrity keeps his promises even when he would rather not.

Prayer Points

1. Pray for all our children in HCC worldwide.
2. Make me a light to the ungodly in the name of Jesus.
3. Make my life a blessing to my church and community.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: II Chronicles 18-20

MONDAY 16 MAY 2022

MARKS OF INTEGRITY 2

HEART-TO-HEART

"A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold." –Proverbs 22:1 (NIV)

Integrity means correcting the problem: Sometimes being a man or woman of integrity means that you don't walk away from a problem. It means you see a problem and you hit it head on, when it would be easier and more convenient and pleasant to just walk away. Norman Schwarzkopf, the great general of the Persian Gulf War, gave this response when asked what was his secret of leadership? "I never walk past a problem. I never see something going wrong and forget about it. I always stop and confront it right there." Integrity means that you see a problem and you deal with it when it comes up. The reason that we don't want to get involved in solving problems that we see around us is that we think that if we just wait, they will solve themselves. Integrity means that you see a problem and you deal with it when it comes up. Problems never get better when you ignore them. You may think you love someone too much to say anything. No, if you really love them, you would speak the truth. You would speak it in love, but you will speak the truth they need to hear. Integrity does not ignore the problems of life. Integrity means forgiving when you'd rather hold a grudge: Some of us live with some bitterness over things that have happened in the past. Maybe as you look at the holiday season, you feel that you have been mistreated.

First, you are to forgive because God has already forgiven you. Second, you are to forgive because you promised God you would forgive. Every time you pray the Lord's Prayer you are promising to forgive. "Forgive us our debts as we have forgiven our debtors."

Prayer Points

- 1) My glory shall not be tampered with in Jesus' name.
- 2) Fill my cup O Lord with the abundance of your grace.
- 3) Satisfy me early with your goodness today O Lord.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: II Chronicles 21-23

TUESDAY 17 MAY 2022

RELATING TO PEOPLE YOU NEVER MET

HEART-TO-HEART

"I want you to know how much I have agonized for you and for the church at Laodicea, and for many other believers who have never met me personally." – Colossians 2:1 (NLT)

Paul's missionary journeys brought him face-to-face with people throughout the Mediterranean region. He often became very involved in their lives, investing much time and effort. He got to know them personally and taught them personally. But he also recognized that there always would be people he could never meet. This was one reason he spent so much energy writing letters in an era when there was no Facebook, Instagram etc.

But when thinking about the believers in Colossae and nearby Laodicea, Paul demonstrated a deep level of compassion. In fact, he admitted that he "agonized" for them. Paul demonstrated this concern in multiple ways. He wrote letters filled with insights and instructions. He also spent time praying for these people, and focusing on the "many other believers who have never met me personally." Think about Paul's example. Don't just focus on the people you know. Your impact must also be felt by people who are far away from you. People you have not met before also need your prayer and support. Allow God to give you burdens for people you may never have met. Think of people in other countries, people you hear about in the news. Pray for both believers and nonbelievers. Pray for politicians and business leaders, orphans and widows, and those who may be struggling or lonely. Pray concerning salvation for the lost and healing for the sick. That was Jesus' assignment when he was on the earth. Be open to how God may want you to respond; pray or give from the resources He has given you.

Prayer Points

1. Pray for nations that are going through troubles of whatever forms.
2. Father Lord, give them salvation, healing, and provision in Jesus' name.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: II Chronicles 24-26

WEDNESDAY 18 MAY 2022

JESUS IS ENOUGH

HEART-TO-HEART

“For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.” – 1 Corinthians 3:11 (NIV)

It is important for us as believers to understand the foundation on which all other aspects of our faith are based. To be a follower of Jesus requires just that. We need to follow him in every area of our life. He is the cornerstone and without his death and resurrection we would have no foundation. To base our life on anything else will result in a flawed faith that will not work when it is put to the test. If we believe nothing else but the truth of Jesus' death and resurrection and the fact that he was the Son of God, then we have everything we need to enter the kingdom of God. That is the basic truth we must hold on to if we would enter into all that God has for us. Jesus' teachings are paradoxical to the way of the world and our lives will be too if we truly follow what he taught. In a world where people run and shove to be the first, Jesus tells us the first will be last and the last will be first. The world tells us to defend our rights no matter what, while Jesus says to turn the other cheek and walk the second mile. To say that Jesus is our foundation is to recognize that anything we do follows on what he has already done. Our salvation follows his sacrifice. Everything starts for us when we trust in Jesus. But be warned! This means change. Jesus wants to change us from selfish and cruel human beings into loving and selfless individuals who in turn change the world. The rest of our life will be a journey of ever-increasing knowledge of who he is and what he has in store for us. Trusting him gives us everything we will ever need to make it to the end of our race. Then we will see him face to face and know that he was always enough!

Prayer Points

1. You mean everything to me Lord Jesus; be glorified in my life.
2. This day, I will be favoured in the name of Jesus.
3. Today, no weapon formed against me shall prosper.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: II Chronicles 27-29

THURSDAY 19 MAY 2022

DON'T GIVE UP

HEART-TO-HEART

"He himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he prayed that he might die, and said, 'It is enough! Now, LORD, take my life, for I am no better than my fathers!'" – 1 King 19:4 (NIV)

Elijah had defied King Ahab, survived a ruthless manhunt, and prevailed over the prophets of Baal. During a severe drought, he had been fed by ravens. Yet, when threatened by Queen Jezebel, he fled for his life. He seemed overwhelmed and ready to give up. Perhaps he felt that he had failed God by fleeing. Perhaps he was emotionally and spiritually exhausted. Elijah needed to realize that he was not invincible but merely human and prone to fail and fall short, just like the rest of us. Through a time in the desert, he reestablished his relationship with God and learned more about Him. Most of all, he learned that God was the key to his success.

You may have similar experiences. No matter what you have done for God's kingdom, you, too, might find yourself falling short. You may be aware of your human weaknesses or do something that might not have pleased God. Or you may just feel tired and weak.

The Bible reminds us that in every situation we face, "the excellence of the power" we experience is of God and not of us (2 Corinthians 4:7). Do not give up or become depressed or discouraged, but remember that God is with you. Think about His promises and all He has done for you. Praise His name and thank Him because there are victories waiting for you. There are kingdoms you are taking over. There are treasures just meant for you. You can't give up. Keep striving! For His grace is sufficient for you.

Prayer Points

1. Help me Lord to get to my Promised land.
2. I break the force of limitation fighting my advancement in the name of Jesus.
3. Let there be a turn-around in my situation in Jesus' name.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: II Chronicles 30-32

FRIDAY 20 MAY 2022

SING A NEW SONG

HEART-TO-HEART

"Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!"
— Psalm 96:1-4 ESV

The exhortation to praise is repeated throughout the Bible. We are urged, even commanded, to “sing to the Lord.” This was the response when the Israelites were delivered from Pharaoh (Exodus 15:1) and when the Ark was placed in the tabernacle (1 Chronicles 16:23). It was the response at times when God's people were overwhelmed with gratitude (Isaiah 42:10).

We can sing to the Lord with classic hymns or familiar choruses. But we might feel compelled to sing something new or spontaneous. Our hearts simply burst with fresh gratitude at times. The psalmist was inspired as He observed God's acts of creation. He “made the heavens” and a sanctuary full of beauty (v. 5). Compelled to respond, the psalmist encouraged others to join in. He hoped that the whole earth would sing to the Lord. He wanted everyone to bless His name and testify about His salvation. His people should share His glory and all the marvelous things He has done.

Before our great God, how can we be silent? We must give Him “the glory due his name” (v. 8). Not taking Him for granted, we should “tremble before him” and declare that He reigns (v. 9-10)! Rejoice that He is the righteous judge.

Everything and everyone in Heaven and earth should be glad and rejoice. All of creation should sing for joy. Don't be silent. Sing to the Lord! Don't hesitate to sing out of your heart.

Prayer Points

1. My soul, praise the name of the Lord for Who He is.
2. I trust in you O Lord, I shall not be ashamed in the name of Jesus.
3. As I praise you, raise me into a new glory in Jesus name.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: II Chronicles 33-36

SATURDAY 21 MAY 2022

CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST

HEART-TO-HEART

“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

– Galatians 2:20 (NIV)

Anyone can talk about being created by God. Many also speak openly of being children of God, even if they are hesitant to declare who God is. But when you speak of being crucified with Christ, you move into different territory. To be crucified is to be put to death. You just don't do this unless you're willing to be fully committed to Jesus. There's no halfway in crucifixion. The Romans adopted a method of execution that worked every time.

Jesus suffered this death—not as a criminal, but as a way to our justification and redemption. He became the “kernel that falls to the ground and dies” so life might emerge from it.

Everyone has a past. We have lived without Jesus, either ignorant of our sin, or dismissing it, or whitewashing it. We have confessed, perhaps, but not repented (turned to God). But crucifixion is the ultimate repentance. It says, “My old life is dead. I cannot return to it.” This is what it means to be crucified with Christ. Paul wrote to the Galatians that he had been crucified with Christ, because he had turned violently from the idea and efforts that tried to justify himself before God. In his new life, the old was gone. His identity had been changed. Has yours been changed?

Prayer Points

1. Thank You Lord for the end of the week.
2. Let every thirst for carnality and sin die in me.
3. By your power, I take my portion of blessings today.
4. My Father in heaven, bless the work of my hands.
5. Satisfy my needs O Lord by your divine providence in the name of Jesus.
6. I subdue contrary powers under my feet in Jesus' name.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Ezra 1-3

SUNDAY 22 MAY 2022

GALATIANS PRIORITY

HEART-TO-HEART

"Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth...!"

—Galatians 3:1 (NKJV)

When Paul wrote to the Galatians and called them foolish, he did so because they were violating something that was very important to him. They were going about their religion the wrong way, the old way. They disciplined themselves to impress others, especially the religious ones, and thought that they were impressing God. Paul rebuked them and reminded them that every bit of life had been given to them through the work of Christ, not through their own work. They could not earn their salvation; they could not purchase abundant, eternal life. No, they had to come to Christ to receive these things. And if they were going about it in some other way, they were no less than fools. Paul's example is vital to us for two reasons.

1. First, it demonstrates that there are things we really should care about. If we elevate the wrong spiritual values to the top shelf in our hearts and minds, we threaten our eternal destiny. You have likely heard it expressed that it does no good to climb the ladder if the ladder is leaning against the wrong wall. By returning to a form of religion devoid of the true God, the Galatians had put their ladder against the wrong wall.

2. Second, Paul's calling out of the Galatians shows that our care for what matters should be coupled with our care for others. Don't challenge brothers and sisters over the color of the carpet in the fellowship hall. It is non essential. Speak strongly of the greatest truths: Christ, his gospel, and the way to eternity with a firm tone, if you must. Show that you care and speak of what you care about. But be sure it is what God cares about, too.

Prayer Points

1. Help me Lord to discover who I am in Christ Jesus.
2. Make my life to conform to your total will in Jesus' name.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Ezra 4-6

MONDAY 23 MAY 2022

SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

HEART-TO-HEART

“Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: “Go; gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me.” – Esther 4:15-16 (NIV)

If you are into physical or sport activities, somewhere someone is practicing harder than you. Practice is what makes people better—you're happy with what you've got when you work at it. We don't get better by accident. We work at it. The same purpose arises in our walk with Jesus. The more we practice spiritual things, the better we get at it. Indeed, we cannot earn the saving favor of God by the things we do, no matter how good or devout they may be. And yet God and his Scriptures often commended people for their humble heart and righteous acts. There must then be a purpose to well-doing. When Mordecai famously challenged his cousin Esther the Jewish queen of Persia to speak in defense of her people, he employed these words; “And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?”

We often stop reading right there. We start considering God's positioning and calling in our own life. That's excellent. We need to seek what he has for each of us in our own times and places. Yet when we do keep reading, we find that Esther's positive response came with a request for engagement. “Fast,” she told Mordecai. “Get the people to fast. I will fast. My maids will fast.” That is, they would turn their attention to God. The righteousness of believers in God is not done to gain favor but to gain ground spiritually. How do we draw closer to Jesus? By what we practice: we fast, pray, study, meditate and serve. And we unite with other brothers and sisters in these endeavors. Such honour to God ignites his attentions, and he draws near to us (James 4:8). So practice more and get better in the things of God and in your relationship with Him.

Prayer Points

1. O Lord, empower me to get better spiritually in Jesus' name.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Ezra 7-10

TUESDAY 24 MAY 2022

GOD IS IN CONTROL

HEART-TO-HEART

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it."—Psalm 24:1 (NIV)

When fear and despair come for us, we can give in to them, or we can look beyond ourselves to the hope we have in our relationship to God. Any thoughts we have had in the past about controlling our own destiny should be replaced by the truth that we can control nothing. That realization should rightly point us to the one who controls everything. When things are going just fine, it is easy to fall back on our own abilities. Times like these force us to think deeper about who we are and what we are supposed to be doing with our lives. God is still in charge of the universe and of me and you individually. He is God over all things. God calls on us to depend on him for everything including the next breath we take. He holds us in his hands. We trust in God, the Father from whom all things came and for whom we live. He is the reason we live at all. Any life we have is because he wills it, and when it is over, we will be forever with him if we trust in Jesus Christ through whom all things came and through whom we live. God is still in charge of the universe and of me and you individually. He is God over all things. He is also God over the details of our life. It is a binary choice. We can try to figure out what to do next to save our lives, our fortunes and our future, or we can trust God to take care of all of it. Crisis teaches us even as believers where our faith really lies. I hope by the time you are reading this that things have improved, but if not don't live in fear. God has a plan and He can be trusted. We know that by what our God has already done for us.

Prayer Points

1. Father, let the troubles of my life come to an end today.
2. Holy Spirit, fight for me and give total victory. Mention the areas you want His intervention.
3. God's power will uphold all workers in HCC worldwide.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Nehemiah 1-4

WEDNESDAY 25 MAY 2022

RUNNING FROM GOD?

HEART-TO-HEART

“But Jonah ran away from the LORD... He went down to Joppa...”
—Jonah 1:3 (NIV)

In the account of Jonah the prophet, it was Jonah's intention to escape the call of God. Jonah's full story is told in four brief chapters. We can read it in a matter of minutes. And it's not uncommon to come to the end laughing at the man who tried to run from the call of God as though God couldn't see him.

The trouble is that nearly all of us have made the same painful error at least once in our lives. Like Jonah, we'd prefer to set our own schedules, listen to our preferred opinion makers, and “pitch in” when we feel like it. Like Jonah, we dare to tell God, “I've got a better idea for this situation, Lord.” And we jump in our cars and drive down to our Joppa. We'll come back to God later. I won't tell you outright that when you go your own way like this, you can expect to meet up with a whale one day soon. That would sound ridiculous. But let me put it this way: if you're funny enough to act as though God can't see you (or hear you or know what you're thinking), you're going to get swallowed up in the unintended consequences of your own attempt. It's better to head to the mean streets of Nineveh in the company of God than to cruise the “safe shores” of Joppa without him.

Stop what you are doing or turn from that way you are going as if God can't see you. His eyes are over you and everywhere. In the deepest cave, He is there. Check your life and turn to Him. Hand over your all unto Him and yield His call to obey, serve and do His will. So it shall be well with you.

Prayer Points

1. I shall live to the glory of your name O Lord.
2. I receive deliverance from powers distracting me from the path of destiny in the name of Jesus.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Nehemiah 5-7

THURSDAY 26 MAY 2022

A CITIZEN OF HEAVEN

HEART-TO-HEART

"But our citizenship is in heaven." Philippians 3:20 (NIV)

It's hard to choose the most famous of all triangles. It could be the isosceles, which is fun to say even if we can't remember that it's the one with two sides of equal length. Then there is the Bermuda, that triangle into which ships and planes have disappeared without certain explanation. But more famous than these may be the triangle that illustrates. It's likely the most memorable remnant from your college psychology class.

Abraham Maslow's hierarchy of needs suggested that humans have needs beginning with the physiological—food, warmth, rest—and moving upwards through the hierarchy to self-actualization, or the achievement of one's full potential. Generally, the best place of belonging we will ever find is in the arms of Jesus. Our place of citizenship is the place where we legally belong, but far greater than this, it is home!

Paul took up this same theme when he told the Philippians that our citizenship as believers is in heaven. Our place of citizenship is the place where we legally belong, but far greater than this, it is home! The but at the beginning of Philippians 3:20 denotes a contrast to what has come before. In the preceding verses, Paul wrote of the tragic condition of those whose minds were fixed on earthly things. "Their destiny," he wrote, "is their destruction." What a tragedy, for they will have no place to belong. Let us rejoice today in the eternal glory we will share with Christ. It gives us the belonging of citizens now and forever. Our lowly bodies will be made glorious, a fresh identity we can all embrace as we take our place in heaven!

Prayer Points

1. Thank You Lord for the gift of life given freely.
2. By your grace I will have a place in your kingdom.
3. Evil cobweb standing in front of me, catch fire.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Nehemiah 8-10

FRIDAY 27 MAY 2022

GOD'S FRIEND

HEART-TO-HEART

"I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you." –John 15:15 (NIV)

Jesus is Immanuel, God with us. To be friends with Jesus is to be friends with God. He is the Creator of the universe, the Holy One of Israel, the One True God, and through Christ he is your friend. Isaiah 41:8 "But you, O Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, you descendants of Abraham my friend." (NIV) Yes, God called Abraham His friend.

When Jesus told the disciples that they were his friends, he began by telling them they were no longer slaves. Slaves (or servants, depending on the translation you read) served a master. But in no way were masters obligated to their servants in terms of letting them inside on their thoughts and plans. The master gave directions, and the servants obeyed. No chance to ask why.

But Jesus was clear that the disciples' relationship with him was not like this. They were so much nearer, because Jesus had passed on to them all that the Father had shown him. With such closeness, they were friends. What a stunning turn of events! As servants, we should be escorted out of the building. On the whole, this is what we deserve. It is absolutely amazing that God would need a friend. We need a friend. We need companionship. We need advice and counsel and correction. We need to be cheered and comforted. We often feel lonely. We often despond. But God? Never! To be a friend of God we must be a channel of his blessing. You enjoy favour as God's friend. God is not partial when he gives special favour to his friend. After all, what are friends for?

Prayer Points

1. Lord, thank You for making me Your friend.
2. Lord, I thank you for the Grace to know you.
3. Evil spoken to fight me, I cancel by the blood of Jesus.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Nehemiah 11-13

SATURDAY 28 MAY 2022

YOU WILL OVERCOME THE OBSTACLES

HEART-TO-HEART

“Let us exult and triumph in our troubles and rejoice in our sufferings...” – Romans 5:3 (AMPC)

Obstacles are things that block one's way or prevent or hinder progress. We all face obstacles from time to time. God doesn't remove every obstacle that stands in our way because we are often made stronger as we learn to overcome obstacles. If God allowed us to go through all of life without any obstacles, it would harm us. Many times, our obstacles are what God uses to give us the strength to succeed, as long as we refuse to quit when there seems to be no way to go on. You can face your hindrances and overcome them, and when you do, you'll often find they gave you the strength you needed for the next situation that comes.

There is a story told of ancient times. Once upon a time, a king had a boulder placed on a roadway. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock. Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many loudly blamed the king for not keeping the roads clear, but no one did anything about getting the big stone out of the way. Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. On approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded. As the peasant picked up his load of vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the king indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway. The peasant learned what many others never understand. Every obstacle presents an opportunity to improve one's condition. Spiritual obstacles are in fact an opportunity to excel in faith.

Prayer Points

1. Lord Jesus, show up in my weakness and give me victory.
2. By your grace, I will overcome all my obstacles.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Esther 1-5

SUNDAY 29 MAY 2022

YOU WILL OVERCOME THE OBSTACLES

HEART-TO-HEART

“Let us exult and triumph in our troubles and rejoice in our sufferings...” – Romans 5:3 (AMPC)

In the book of Joshua chapter 6, the Israelites were confronted with the obstacle of the wall of Jericho. Look at God's instructions here. They seemed presumptuous. God said, “I have delivered Jericho into your hands.” Oh really? How come we don't have it yet, then, if you've already done it? Why do we need to do anything, if you've already done it? They seemed silly. I mean, whoever heard of conquering a city just by walking around it and yelling? The nation of Israel was faced with this obstacle. They had just crossed the Jordan River, a huge obstacle in itself. But now they were faced with a new thing. A great walled city called Jericho. Archaeology tells us that this city actually had two walls. Thick and high. Both walls were about 13ft high. This was a real obstacle. They had an instruction. Get the army just to march for a week. Bring in the priests. Use the ark. Isn't there a more logical way to do this? Sometimes God's commands to us feel the same. Sometimes God's commands feel like a waste of time or resources. We could be off doing great things, and God wants us here. Or, we could be here doing great things, and God wants us somewhere else. Sometimes God doesn't make sense. I guess that's why Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 1, “For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.” And I'll tell you, if you wait for God to make sense when you are facing your obstacles, you could be waiting a long time. If you wait until you figure out what God is doing before you move, you may never move.

Prayer Points

1. Father, I delight in You! Help me to accomplish my dream.
2. In the name of Jesus, my heart desires shall be established.
3. All obstacles facing my spiritual life, family and business, be scattered in the name of Jesus.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Esther 6-10

MONDAY 30 MAY 2022

QUESTIONING GOD

HEART-TO-HEART

"For we know in part and we prophesy in part." 1 Cor. 13:9 (NIV)

In his pain and despair, Job asked a lot of legitimate questions: "Why let people go on living in misery? Why give light to those in grief" (Job 3:20 GNT). This question is in human nature, and we all ask too. We have this misconception that if we understand the reason behind our pain, then it will make the pain easier. Here's the truth. You don't need an explanation; you need strength. You don't need an explanation; you need a Savior. You don't need an explanation; you need comfort and support. But we always want an explanation.

We ask questions: Why did that person walk out of my life? Why did he make a promise to me and then break it? Why did he hurt me? Why did I lose my job? Why did she die? Why did I get sick? Friends, I've been studying the "why" question for years, and here's my educated answer: I don't know. And I'm never going to know because I'm not God. And neither are you! We're just never going to understand some things until we get to heaven. Then it's all going to become clear. Only God knows the answer to your "why."

God doesn't owe you an explanation for anything. God doesn't have to check in with you before he does something. God doesn't have to get your permission before he allows things to happen in life. God is God, and you're not always going to understand why some things happen. One thing is sure, whatever pain of difficult time you are going through, God knows about it and there is a reason. But surely, He won't leave you nor abandon you.

Prayer Points

1. Thank You Father for a new week. Your goodness I do appreciate.
2. I submit to your total will for my life in the name of Jesus.
3. Let your goodness and mercy go with me this week in the name of Jesus.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Job 1-5

TUESDAY 31 MAY 2022

OVERCOMING OFFENSES WITH LOVE

HEART-TO-HEART

"And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter; so he made it again into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to make." –Jeremiah 18:4 (NKJV)

The Scripture says that God is the potter and we are the clay. The potter takes a lump of clay and spins it on his wheel. The clay could say, "I'm tired of going in circles. Let me off this wheel." The clay doesn't realize that while it's spinning, the potter is molding it. It's rising up from a lump of clay into a beautiful vase. The best of men sometimes become discouraged. In the text we look in on one of the prophets of old -- Jeremiah. He has been called the "weeping prophet" simply because his heart broke as he looked upon the sins of Israel with no repentance. He did the best he could, night and day, pleading for Israel to give up her sin and return to God. But it seemed that all his efforts were in vain - - for the people went on in their sin -- forgetting God. God wanted to teach Jeremiah a lesson that was why He sent him down to the potter's house. Jeremiah went in and watched the potter at his work. That artist took a lump of clay in his hands, then placed it upon the wheel. Then as he turned the wheel his skillful hands molded the vessel into shape. In a moment, the vessel was finished and Jeremiah must have said, "What a beautiful vessel!" But the potter frowned and said, "No, there is a flaw in it." So he crushed the vessel in his hands, put the clay back on the wheel and made a vessel that satisfied him. God Has the ability to make the best out your life situation. All you need do is to surrender to Him. Now here is the primary application and the lesson that Jeremiah learned. Israel had been chosen of God to be a useful vessel. But because of her sin she had failed God. God has the power to break her or make her over again, even as the potter broke the vessel. He can do the same with you today.

Prayer Points

1. Father Lord, mould me into your original design for my life.
2. As I go in your might and power today, I shall be victorious.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Job 6-9

WEDNESDAY 1 JUNE 2022

OVERCOMING ANXIETY 1

HEART-TO-HEART

"Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

- 1 Pet.5:7 (KJV)

Anxiety is Satan's weapon of unrest. Anxiety and worry are both rooted in unhealthy fear. Anxiety will drain a person's physical, mental, emotional and spiritual energy if it's not checkmated. It may end in bodily sickness, mental and emotional disorder, and it disconnects you from God spiritually. Why should you allow the accuser of the brethren, the enemy of our soul, Satan, to steal your peace and joy, and leave you to wallow in distress while there are lots of divine promises for you? Remember, Satan has "come to steal, to kill and to destroy, but Jesus has come to give us abundant life" (John 10:10b).

When fear comes in, faith jumps out. Those who heard the word of God but were too fearful or doubtful to believe could not enter into the rest of God according to Heb. 4: 1-3. What a calamity! May God give you rest from every problem that puts you under pressure, in Jesus' name. There are many promises laid out in the scriptures to attend to your worries and anxieties. All that is required of you is to get back to God's word. Read and meditate upon those words, believe them and you are liberated. However, if you are not born again, the enemy has a legal right to torment you with fear, worry and anxiety as well as their terrible consequences. You can stop the enemy's activities in your life and overcome him by giving your life to Jesus Christ. Once you do that, the Holy Spirit will begin to indwell and help you. By reading, meditating and obeying God's word daily, your faith will grow and worry as well as anxiety will fizzle out of your life.

Prayer Points

1. Thank You Father for the grace to see the sixth month.
2. You spirit of fear lose your grip over my life today.
3. I shall be divinely visited and blessed today in Jesus name.
2. Pray for the Senior Pastor and all the other Pastors for grace to be multiplied upon them.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Job 10-13

THURSDAY 2 JUNE 2022

OVERCOMING ANXIETY 2

HEART-TO-HEART

"But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you." —1 Pet. 5:10 (KJV)

Anxiety, though subtle, often serves as a fertile ground for other misfortunes in a man's life. People get anxious for various reasons, minor or major. However, the consequences can be disastrous. Traumatic events such as losses, accidents, deaths, heartbreaks, marital and economic distress, bankruptcy, debts, fears, and so on are the root causes of anxiety. Spiritually, victims of anxiety suffer from loneliness and separation from God. Whatever the cause of your anxieties, remember, God did not promise us a trouble-free life as Christians. Rather, He promised to be with us in the midst of it and also deliver us from it (John 16:33b; Ps. 34:17, 19).

Jesus is calling for every weary and troubled person to come to Him. He promised them rest from their troubles (Matt. 11:28-30). In John 14:1, He expressly declared that we should not let our hearts be troubled, rather we should believe in Him. Being anxious therefore implies that you don't believe in God to take care of your problems. Throughout the Scriptures, God gave promises of taking care of His children. He will give you beauty for ashes, garment of praise in place of spirit of heaviness. What a wonderful divine exchange! Paul wrote from his prison room in high spirit and could write to the brethren, giving them words of encouragement; "Rejoice, and again I say rejoice." "Be anxious for nothing. ...!" He exhorted us to take our anxieties to God in prayer with thanksgiving (Phil. 4:6-7). And the peace of God shall envelop our lives. This is a total divine package and the best way to overcome anxiety.

Prayer Points

1. Let your fire dissolve my anxiety in Jesus' name.
2. Give me peace and comfort me on every side.
3. Let arrows of sickness in my body be melted by fire.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Job 14-16

FRIDAY 3 JUNE 2022

YOUR DREAM LIFE 1

HEART-TO-HEART

"For God speaks again and again, though people do not recognize it. He speaks in dreams, in visions of the night when deep sleep falls on people as they lie in their beds." —Job 33:14 (KJV)

Dreaming is a natural way in which the spirit world breaks out into our lives. Dreams can be described as the dark speech of the spirit. They can be keys to unlocking the door to the inner world. Dreams can be a way for God to get through to us, and they can literally change and re-direct our lives. Dreams have been referred to as the speech of the spirit. They are means of revelation. Unfortunately, modern men and women have chosen to either ignore dreams altogether or to fear that an interest in them is lack of civilization. The fact is that if we would listen, dreams can help us find increased spiritual victory and help. Once we have the revelation that dreams can be a key to unlocking the door to the spirit world, we can take some vital steps. First, we can specifically pray inviting God to inform us through our dreams. Second, we should declare war when dreams are negative or used against us and thirdly, we should learn how to interpret dreams. The best way to discover the meaning of dreams is to ask the Holy Spirit.

It is worthy of note that God promised that He would speak to His people by dreams in the last days. Acts 2:17 says: "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams." Therefore, our dreams need to be studied and analyzed with a view to decoding their messages.

Prayer Points

1. Every satanic bondage from evil dreams, scatter in the name of Jesus.
2. Every evil dream of the past affecting my life now, die.
3. Evil seed planted in my life through dream, be uprooted.
4. Limiting forces holding me down release me by fire.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Job 17-20

SATURDAY 4 JUNE 2022

YOUR DREAM LIFE 2

HEART-TO-HEART

"But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed."

—Matt. 13:25 (KJV)

It is worthy to note that every dream has a message. If you are not spiritually sound there are two dangers that could face your dream life. One, a lot of people never remember what they dreamt about when they wake up. This is the twin danger; when somebody dreams and forgets everything, he stands the danger of missing an important message or ministration from God if He was the One speaking through the dream. Two, if the enemy is carrying out an evil activity and you forget the dream; you also face the danger of remaining under bondage. If you are fond of forgetting dreams on a regular basis, you have a very serious spiritual problem.

Sources of Dreams

Dreams can come from God, from man and can also come from the enemy. When the dream is from God, the dreamer is left normal, calm, quiet, and reasonable, with open and clear mind after that dream. Also, if it is God that is passing a message to you in the dream, He will give you: assurance, encouragement, comfort, directions, instruction, guidance, exhortation, correction, revelation of the future, revelation of His plans and purposes to you. On the other hand, if it is from your enemy or Satan, the dream will be mysterious, absurd, sometimes empty, sometimes foolish, and sometimes leaving the person confused and dazed. The dream would be so unreasonable, sometimes it is so mysterious that you wonder what kind of dream it is. At such an instance, you need to handle it immediately with prayer. That is why you must be strong in the Spirit so that when an attack happens in your dream, you have the power to fight back.

Prayer Points

1. I take back every good thing taken from me in the dream.
2. Every dream prison, break, in the name of Jesus.
3. I shall manifest every good dream you have given me,

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Job 21-23

SUNDAY 5 JUNE 2022

DOUBLE PORTION BLESSINGS

HEART-TO-HEART

"... And Elisha said, "Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me." – 2 Kings 2:9 (NASB)

God told Elijah to anoint Elisha "as prophet in your place" (1 Kings 19:16). So, he threw his mantle on Elisha. And, just before Elijah was taken up into Heaven, he asked Elisha if there was anything else he wanted. Elisha requested a "hard thing" (v. 10). He didn't just want a few blessings or a little power. He asked for a "double portion" of the spirit that was upon Elijah. As Elisha saw the chariot carrying Elijah departing into Heaven, he realized that his request was going to be granted. As he approached the Jordan River, Elisha decided to see if he had been given this "double portion." So, he struck the water with the mantle he had been given. When he did, the waters were divided, and he walked across. Elisha knew that God had answered his prayers.

Elisha tapped into a timeless spiritual principle: God rewards those who have faith and believe that "nothing is impossible" with God (Luke 1:37). God blesses those who believe "all things are possible to him who believes" (Mark 9:23). This blessing can come in the spiritual realm, our finances, health, and other areas. How strong is your faith to receive more than you can ever imagine?

Are you asking God for big things or just small ones? Are you expecting Him to answer your prayers? As you pray, remember that God is not limited. He can do more than you can ever imagine. He has asked us to be bold. Don't limit Him. Ask and believe Him for miracles today.

Prayer Points

1. I bless your Holy name for Who you are O Lord.
2. My heart desires today and this week shall be established.
3. Pray for all your children for God's blessings. Mention their names.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Job 24-28

MONDAY 6 JUNE 2022

LIMITLESS GOD

HEART-TO-HEART

"Their gods are gods of the mountains; for that reason they were stronger than we. But let us fight against them in the plain, and we will certainly be stronger than they." – 1 Kings 20:23 (NASB)

Facing the army of Israel, the leaders of Aram pondered their strategies. As they thought about the God of Israel, they assumed He had limits and could act only in certain places. And they assumed they could do whatever they wanted and outsmart Him.

What they did not know is that He is God everywhere! He is God of the hills and mountains, valleys and rivers, city and country, inside and outside, day and night. Arameans also depended upon their human resources. They believed that success depended upon their skills and abilities. They did not understand God's power or know "If God is for us, who can be against us" (Romans 8:31). Many people today are just like those Arameans. They think they are smarter than God. They think they can escape His presence or ignore His laws.

Many others fail to understand that He is the God of the universe, the Creator of all things. But if we trust in Him, He promises that He will be with us and that He will bring us victory. Remember, God is with you right now. He is with you wherever you go and whatever you do. He is ready to protect and guide you, meet your needs, and answer your prayers. His promises are true, and He loves you! You can depend on Him. You must be confident that because your God is unlimited, you also fit into the unlimited space of God. If you believe, you remain unconquerable. You cannot be defeated because greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world.

Prayer Points

1. Father, envelope me in your unlimited power.
2. Expose and frustrate the enemies around my life in the name of Jesus.
3. This week, let your peace reign over my life and home.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Job 29-31

TUESDAY 7 JUNE 2022

PRIORITIES

HEART-TO-HEART

"I acquired male and female servants ... I had greater possessions of herds and flocks than all who were in Jerusalem before me."

– Ecclesiastes 2:7-8 (NKJV)

Ecclesiastes describes what seems like the ideal life. The writer, Solomon "the Preacher," lived in leisure, as servants took care of his every need. It was a life of abundance with great possessions, silver, gold, and treasures. There was glorious music, and many luxuries and comforts for him. The Preacher held nothing back, yielding to his desires and experiencing any possible pleasure: "Whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I did not withhold my heart from any pleasure." Having worked hard, he felt this was his "reward" for all he had done. But after he accumulated these things, he realized that it all was "vanity and grasping for the wind."

There were temporary pleasures, but no lasting satisfaction. How many people have engaged in a similar pursuit? How many kinds of "delights" do men and women seek in an effort to get the most out of life, and find pleasure and fulfillment? Are you one of such people? The Bible gives us a different perspective on the "things" of life. They may not give you the lasting joy and peace you desire if God is not involved. The Bible reminds us that God "delights" to bless us and meet every need. The abundance He provides results when we have the right priorities, that priorities is when we seek first His Kingdom (Matthew 6:33), and when we are confident He will provide all we need, and give us the ability to enjoy these blessings (Ecclesiastes 5:19). Remember to focus on serving God. Seek first His Kingdom, impact lives positively around you and have the faith that He will bless you abundantly, as you seek to serve and please Him.

Prayer Points

1. Holy Spirit, rule in the fullness of your power over my life.
2. I establish your rulership over my life, business and ministry.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Job 32-34

WEDNESDAY 8 JUNE 2022

CASTING YOUR BREAD

HEART-TO-HEART

“Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days.” – Ecclesiastes 11:1 (ESV)

The Bible reminds us that the principles in agriculture apply to every aspect of life. Farmers only reap a harvest if they sow the right seeds into the right soil at the right time. Beautiful gardens develop only as we sow the right seeds into the right soil at the right time. But similar patterns can be found in finances and health, in our relationships and mental development, and we see these patterns in our spiritual lives. One way the Bible expresses this principle is encouraging us to “cast our bread on the waters.” Normally, we might feel compelled to hold on to that bread – to store it up. Instead, the Bible encourages us to cast this bread; to let it go, to invest it.

Amazing things can happen when we apply these principles in the spiritual dimension. The Bible reminds us that real blessings come as we give. As Jesus taught, “Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your bosom.” The Bible also reminds us that it can take time for seeds to grow. We don't sow seeds one day and reap the next. Similarly, we reap a harvest in the right season, “after many days.” In your life, ask God to show you how you can cast your bread into water. There is a blessing in that action if you can just cast your bread. Your bread is anything of value that can be used to add value to things and people around you especially things that pertain to the Kingdom. Don't hold on to the resources you have been given, but step out in faith and be bold.

Prayer Points

1. Lord, let the gate of blessings be opened unto me as I cast my bread upon the waters
2. Pray for Nigeria that the light of God will shine upon on her.
3. Pray that your business will be preferred and recommended where it matters in the name of Jesus.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Job 35-37

THURSDAY 9 JUNE 2022

SAMSON'S WRONG CHOICES

HEART-TO-HEART

"Afterward it happened that he loved a woman in the Valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah." – Judges 16:4 (NKJV)

A man of unusual physical strength, Samson didn't realize that, in many ways, he was weak and vulnerable. Confident in himself, he allowed himself to indulge in a night of pleasure with a harlot in Gaza. Then, he fell in love with Delilah, who enticed him to reveal the secret of his strength. His story reminds us that, no matter our characteristics or experience, all of us need God. In ourselves, we are vulnerable. If we need help, we can draw on His strength. But like Samson, we might suffer the consequences if we let down our guard and go our own way.

God still loves us if we fall, but we will reap what we sow. And we all have weaknesses that make us vulnerable. Every day, we face opportunities to look to God for wisdom. Receive His discernment about the people and situations we face. What are the choices you make in life? You must always learn to weigh your choice on the scale of God's word. You must never be influenced by people, friends or situations around you. A choice wrongly made can affect your life, family or business just like Samson. Samson made a wrong choice contrary to God's will, he died with his enemies. Saul made a choice of disobeying God and he lost the Kingship.

Pray and read His Word. We need to be alert and commit every situation to God. Seek to obey Him and be sensitive to His Spirit. If we don't, we may ignore Him, go our own way, and fail to realize the traps all around us. Ask Him for wisdom to make the right choices. Let Him guide so you can fulfill your life's purpose.

Prayer Points

1. This day shall be good for me in the name of Jesus.
2. My choices and steps today shall be divinely guided.
3. Helpers of destiny assigned for my life, I connect you today.
4. I enter into a new testimony today in the name of Jesus.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Job 38-39

FRIDAY 10 JUNE 2022

BENEFITS OF ATTENDING A CHURCH 1

HEART-TO-HEART

"...Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another..."

—Hebrews 10:25 (NKJV)

Research shows that people who regularly attend church report stronger social support networks and less depression. Church is literally good for your health. This means that if you haven't been in a while, this might be a great time to start going back.

Church connects us with God: There is something reverent about simply being inside a church. It gives us a physical space to connect and draw closer to God and to realize that there is something out there bigger than ourselves. We're instantly elevated to a state where we're opening ourselves to God and trying to understand his message. The simple act of walking in the door brings you closer. Ultimately, that connection with God is strengthened and reinforced by church attendance. We're making time for God and physically allowing him into our lives by attending a place of worship.

Church gives us a chance to reflect on gratitude: By practicing gratitude, we can reframe negative or frustrating situations into learning opportunities. Gratitude helps us to realize how blessed we are and how much we truly have. Even when things seem dire and awful (say, your husband lost his job, your child is sick, or a loved one passes away), church helps us change our outlook and stop dwelling on empty questions like, "Why is this happening to me?" Even if it's hard to see the blessings at the moment, attending church can help us open our hearts and eyes to see the things we have in God so it strengthens our heart of gratitude.

Prayer Points

1. Help me to know you better and serve you more.
2. Let every crisis manifesting in my life come to an end.
3. I receive wisdom to triumph in all areas of my life.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Job 40-42

SATURDAY 11 JUNE 2022

BENEFITS OF ATTENDING A CHURCH 2

HEART-TO-HEART

"...Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another..."

—Hebrews 10:25 (NKJV)

Church connects us socially: A more peripheral benefit of church attendance is the way it connects us socially. Most churches have a variety of small groups, social events and, and connection opportunities available. If you're struggling to meet people or to make friends, the church is the place to do it!

Church helps us connect better with our spouse: Not everyone is on the same page as his or her spouse when it comes to faith. However, couples who attend church together report higher levels of happiness and satisfaction within their marriage. Why is that? Church reconnects us to our shared beliefs. It reinforces the higher philosophy and purpose behind marriage and family and it allows us a safe space to connect with God and our spouse together.

Church provides plenty of opportunities to give back: Most Christian churches offer some type of charity work and assistance for their communities. Church offers an opportunity to donate our time and money to causes we believe in. We can also help out through organizations who share the same values and want to share God's Grace and love with those in need.

Church helps us "Find the Lesson" in our trials: Sermon or message applied so directly to our situation that it feels like the pastor was talking directly to us. Church helps us "get it," whether we are ready for it or not.

Prayer Points

1. Holy Spirit, comfort every troubled soul around me.
2. Power drawing me away from your presence to put me in trouble, catch fire and be destroyed in Jesus' name.
3. I decree, my needs are met and my heart desires are fulfilled.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Psalms 1-7

SUNDAY 12 JUNE 2022

DON'T BE A BALAAM 1

HEART-TO-HEART

"Therefore please come at once, curse this people for me, for they are too mighty for me..." Numbers 22:6 (NKJV)

God uses different situations and people for His purpose. Balaam had apparently achieved international fame for his ability to carry out such activity, and thus Balak could commend him...saying 'I know that those you bless are blessed and those you curse are cursed.' God will use anything and everything to bring glory to Himself. It is the theological principle that God can, and does, make use of His creation, animate and inanimate, rational and irrational, as bearers of His Word of salvation to men. God uses the godly, but we see in the text that He also uses the ungodly. Balaam told King Balak how to get the Israelites to commit sin by enticing them with sexual immorality and food sacrificed to idols. The Israelites fell into transgression due to these traps and God sent a deadly plague to them as a result.

We also see in Balaam, a man who allowed temptation to get the better of him by asking the second group to spend the night. Just like Joseph in Genesis, people should run from temptation. In the midst of temptation, confusion, and possible suffering, God's children should be faithful to His call on their lives. When the Lord has clearly revealed his will to us, our role is to accept and follow it, not...asking for a second opinion like Balaam did. If we rebel, God will orchestrate events to bring us back into His will; some of which could be painful. We also see in Balaam that deliberate sin which can blind us to spiritual realities and can be harmful to those around us.

Prayer Points

1. Every hired evil personality assigned over my life, die.
2. I break every curse holding my destiny hostage in the name of Jesus.
3. Let your hand of power do wonders amidst us today.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Psalms 8-13

MONDAY 13 JUNE 2022

DON'T BE A BALAAM 2

HEART-TO-HEART

"Therefore please come at once, curse this people for me, for they are too mighty for me..." Numbers 22:6 (NKJV)

Christians should seek God's will to be done and seek how we can be a part of God's glorious plan. We also need to understand that God uses the godly and the ungodly, just as He used Balaam. That's why we should continually pray for those in positions of government or power; that God would give them wisdom and that they would be used of God – willingly or not, knowingly or not. Christians should look at sin the way God does and understand its effect on their relationship with God and how they see themselves. Sin blinds and destroys; it causes a separation between us and God. We should all pray for strength and strive to run from temptation.

God knows our heart, just like he knew Balaam's heart. God also allows us to go our own way and follow our will, but He will thwart our plan or correct us at the right time and in a way which shows His will for our lives. When God moves in this manner, He uses each situation as a teachable moment. Just like He did with Balaam, God will direct and guide us in different ways. Sometimes He makes us walk narrow paths that could be harmful to our body. Sometimes God blocks the path to the point where the only thing to do is simply lie down before Him, seek His face, and wait. In every case, God wants us to assume the lowly position of a donkey, so that we will be receptive to Him and be able to see His hand.

Prayer Points

1. Show me mercy and bring me out of the pool of trouble of my father's house in the name of Jesus.
2. I blindfold evil eye monitoring my life in Jesus' name.
3. Cause my path to cross with my helpers of destiny today.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Psalms 14-18

TUESDAY 14 JUNE 2022

KEYS TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH 1

HEART-TO-HEART

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." —2 Peter 3:18 (NKJV)

At the point of salvation, the Holy Spirit opens our hearts and minds to God's thoughts, teaches, guides and convicts us of God's doctrines and the knowledge of our future. Following the leadership of the Holy Spirit is one of the keys to spiritual maturity.

Hunger and thirst after righteousness: Matthew 5:6 "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." After salvation, the desire to grow in love and knowledge of the Lord is extremely strong. We want to know Him, His character, His promises, what He desires from us and how He wants us to live. The very best way to do that is to immerse yourself in the Word of God. The Holy Bible is one of the critical keys to spiritual growth because it's our guidebook for living. What is really cool about the Bible is that you can learn something new every time you open it up through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Be sure to set time aside every day for prayer and Bible study. Making quiet time with the Lord a priority is a great key for spiritual growth.

Pray without ceasing: One of the steps to spiritual growth is learning to pray. There's no perfect way to pray. My idea of praying without ceasing is to keep the conversation with the Lord going all day long. You don't need to hit your knees every single time. But if we're walking with God, then we're talking to Him like He's right there with you all the time. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18: "Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

Prayer Points

1. I scatter evil gang up against my life in the name of Jesus.
2. Keep me strong in faith; let me not fall out of your grace.
3. I escape every evil programmed for today in the name of Jesus.

One Year Bible Reading: Psalms 19-23

WEDNESDAY 15 JUNE 2022

KEYS TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH 2

HEART-TO-HEART

“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”—2 Peter 3:18 (NKJV)

Live by the fruit of the spirit: When the Holy Spirit fills us up, we produce works that show evidence that we're followers of Christ. Remember, we're not saved by works. We work because we're saved. Galatians 5:22-23 “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.”

Walk not after the ways of the world: We live in an evil, sin-cursed world, which is a hindrance to spiritual growth. We are to fellowship with the Holy Spirit in prayer. Choosing to not love the world means you make a conscious effort to choose things that give honor and glory to God.

Make Christian fellowship a priority: A major key to spiritual growth is Christian fellowship. Christian fellowship should not just happen in church service on Sundays. But your closest friendships should be with Christians who love Jesus and believe the same things you do. Unfortunately, for many of us, the people we spend the most time with, either at work or play don't have the same Christian beliefs as we do, which can be a hindrance to our spiritual growth. Hebrews 10:25 “Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”

Membership in a local church: Attend a Bible believing and Holyghost filled church where you will have the closest fellowship with your Christian friends. These people will nurture and guide you in your walk with the Lord, so keep them close.

Prayer Points

1. Let me grow in grace and in the knowledge of your will.
2. Let your will be done over my life in the name of Jesus.
3. Pray for God's sure protection over your life and loved ones.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Psalms 24-29

THURSDAY 16 JUNE 2022

HINDRANCES TO PRAYER 1

HEART-TO-HEART

"... That if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us."
— 1 John 5:14 (NKJV)

How soon! The second half of the year will be commencing. I want us to examine our prayer life. We all know that prayer is a communion between man and God. It can be a request for something or thanking God for something. Prayer can also be seeking God's face to know more of Him. Prayer is an act so it can be done in so many forms. Prayer can be done through sowing towards a project or sacrificial giving. There is no special place to pray. Prayer can be done anywhere as long as the spirit is connected with God. Have you prayed on any issue or some issues and yet to receive an answer? Let us see some hindrances to prayer.

Sinful Living: Sin separates us from God. James 3:12 says "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers." God can never answer the prayers of a sinner except he or she is asking for forgiveness. The Lord cannot behold iniquity. Sin does nothing but exposes people to the attack of the enemies and shut the heaven's door.

Lack of the Knowledge of God's Words: Hosea 4:6a says "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." Lack of knowledge of the word of God will make one to pray without direction. For your prayers not to remain unanswered you must cultivate the habits of praying with the words of God. Search the scripture and know what exactly the word of God is saying as regards your request. If we can pray and hold Him by His words, our prayers will receive heaven's attention.

Prayer Points

1. Confess any known sin that has dominated your life. Ask for power to overcome.
2. O Lord, restore my prayer power that has been tampered with.
3. My pursuit today shall yield results in the name of Jesus.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Psalms 30-33

FRIDAY 17 JUNE 2022

HINDRANCES TO PRAYER 2

HEART-TO-HEART

"... That if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us."
—1 John 5:14 (NKJV)

Faithlessness: Faith is a complete trust or confidence in God. Mathew 17:20 says "And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, 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 unto you." If one prays without faith that God has heard the prayers, the prayers will remain unanswered, Because He sees our heart and He honors whatever we say or conceives in our heart, this is to show that whatever comes from the heart is what God honors the most not just what we say from our lips without faith. (Read Hebrews 11:6)

Praying Amiss: The purpose of prayers is not to compel God to do our wills but for His will to be done. When we don't pray according to the will of God, the prayers will remain unanswered. We must pray in the spirit and not according to our flesh. An example is someone trying to pray to God that he wants to relocate, meanwhile he knows God's plan for him was to stay where he is and start up a business, we can see that this person already knows the will of God for himself but he is trying to lure God into what He did not plan for his life. This is why we must be sensitive and know when we are praying amiss so as not just to be wasting time in the place of prayers. James 4:3 "When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures."

Prayer Points

1. Father, help my little faith in the name of Jesus.
2. Touch my tongue with the coal of fire from your presence.
3. Grant me deliverance and give me peace round about me in the name of Jesus.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Psalms 34-36

SATURDAY 18 JUNE 2022

HINDERANCES TO PRAYER 3

HEART-TO-HEART

"... That if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us."

—1 John 5:14 (NKJV)

Unforgiveness: Unsettled grudges against someone in your heart can be a barricade to prayers. If someone has offended you and you keep to yourself, holding bitterness against such without settling it; it's a sure way to have prayers unanswered. We must clear and do a thorough check of ourselves before going to God in prayers, we have to be sure we are not holding anyone in our heart, we have to be sure we have forgiven all that have offended or hurt in one way or the other.

Praying Without Works: Praying that is not backed with action is dead. James 2:14 "What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him?"

There are steps that must be taken to see one's prayers getting answered; if no step is taken nothing will happen. It doesn't matter how many hours you've spent praying, nothing will happen. Imagine someone that is looking for a job, if the person keeps praying and does not go out to look for opportunities or problems to solve nothing happens. Until you make extra effort to add works to your faith in prayer, nothing happens. Such becomes a futile effort.

Insensitivity to the Holy Spirit: God is saying something at every time a believer engages in prayer. One's prayer can remain unanswered if one is deaf to what the Holy Spirit is saying. Your signal to the voice of the Holy Spirit must be very strong at all times. We can only get answer to our prayers when we are sensitive enough to know what He is saying to us. This could be in form of an instruction or direction.

Prayer Points

1. O God of Elijah, fight for me today with your fire.
2. By your consuming fire cause troubles for my enemies.
3. God of Elijah, make way for me and let my testimony manifest.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Psalms 37-39

SUNDAY 19 JUNE 2022

FREEDOM FROM NEGATIVE PATTERN

HEART-TO-HEART

"Therefore if the Son shall set you free, you shall be free indeed."
—John 8:36 (KJV)

Have you ever noticed the same pattern of lifestyle which may be negative in the same family? It could be delay in marriage, child bearing, going to college or higher institution, financial limitation, etc. In some family no one has ever built a house, travel abroad, own a business. It could even be a pattern of ailment. This is called negative pattern.

Negative family patterns are repeated evil traits seen in members of the same blood called family. The fact that families are connected by the cord of blood; this makes it easier for them to experience common negative occurrences. Whatever you have noticed as negative trait in your life which is also the experience of your parents, siblings or other family members, has become a negative pattern. Many times they are as a result of foundational errors or mistakes.

Abram got to a city called Gera, they tried taking his wife. So also Isaac got to that same city many years after Abram's death, they tried taking his wife too. Abram lied concerning his wife, Isaac the son of Abram also lied in the same circumstance at different time. Abram's wife was barren; he needed to intercede for his wife before she conceived. Isaac's wife was also barren he had to intercede for her to conceive. Are these coincidental? Negative family patterns are mostly responsible for delays, degradation, denial, dejections, and most times rejections. I command that pattern to break in the name of Jesus.

Prayer Point

1. Every negative household covenant affecting the destinies of people in my family line break by fire.
2. Every evil family altar speaking against my life, be destroyed.
3. I receive freedom from all evil powers fighting my lineage.
4. Repeated attacks in my family, I escape from you today.
5. I shall not pray amiss again henceforth.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Psalms 40-44

MONDAY 20 JUNE 2022

THE LANGUAGE OF PROSPERITY

HEART-TO-HEART

".....And let them say continually, 'Let the Lord be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.'"

—Psalm 35:27 (KJV)

God wants you to prosper and scriptures validate this fact:

3 John 2 "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."

Psalm 35:27 "Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favor my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, 'Let the Lord be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.'"

Prosperity is not only having a fat bank account it also involves doing well in all other aspects of life which include marriage, career, health, family business etc, (3 John 2).

To prosper, you must learn to engage covenant practices which include tithing, seed sowing etc. You must also learn to command prosperity into your life. Never say I am poor; rather say I am rich and work towards it. Never say I am sick; rather say I am strong. You must also be prudent in what you do.

As you declare these words and also engage in Kingdom practices, you begin to manifest it. I decree all round prosperity upon you in the name of Jesus.

Prayer Points

1. Lord I thank You because of your provision for my prosperity.
2. Wisdom and power to have riches and enter into prosperity come upon me in the name of Jesus.
3. Let fire fall and consume altars fighting my prosperity in the name of Jesus.
4. Wherever I have suffered defeat in my life before; I turn it to victory now.
5. Any power blocking my financial blessing from reaching me, die by fire.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Psalms 45-49

TUESDAY 21 JUNE 2022

WHEN GOD REMEMBERS

HEART-TO-HEART

“For he remembered his holy promise! And Abraham his servant.”
—Psalm 105:42 (NIV)

When God remembers us, he simply pays special attention to us. When He remembers us He visits us. He delivers and rescues us from trouble. He answers our prayers at that special moment when he pays attention to us. He grants us salvation like the robber who was crucified. He lifts us up from our circumstance. He brings us to the limelight when he remembers us.

In the Bible God remembered Noah (Genesis 8:1). He remembered Abraham (Genesis 19:29; Psalm 105:42). Sarah was remembered by God (Gen. 21:1). When Rachel was remembered her womb was opened by God (Genesis 30:22-24). Joseph was thrown into a ditch by his brothers. He was later sold to the Midianites. From there he found himself in Potiphar's house and later in jail. In all these afflictions God remembered him. Hannah was remembered by God when she vowed to dedicate her male child to God if given one (1 Samuel 1:19, 29). He remembered Samson when he was in affliction and cried for help (Judges 16:28). He remembered the children of Israel in captivity (Exodus 2:22-24).

Today, God is remembering you. Though, it seems like the problem is persisting and looks like it's not going to end, you have prayed, yet the enemy keeps hitting hard. When God remembers someone, He visits the person. When God remembers us he sends help and deliverance to us. When God remembers, he performs his covenant. That will be your experience after this prayer in the precious name of Jesus.

Prayer Points

1. Remember me Lord, whatever I need to have or wherever I need to be to fulfill my purpose, work it out for me.
2. By the anointing that brings remembrance, I will overcome.
4. By divine remembrance, I will wear a new garment of praise.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Psalms 50-54

WEDNESDAY 22 JUNE 2022

GOD THE PROVIDER

HEART-TO-HEART

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

—Psalm 23 1-2 (KJV)

We as children of the LORD shall not want, because not only does He provide our every need, He is also all we need. "I shall not want" also means I shall not lack the expert care and management of my Master. God is the giver of all good gifts and he is our provider. David understood this hence he made the pronouncement - I shall not want. It's a statement of trust in the Lord. As Christians, we struggle with economic and financial issues as we must learn to depend on God for our supply just as the sheep are left to trust the shepherd. We are often driven by anxious thoughts in these troubled times, asking, "How are we going to survive?" Jesus speaks directly into these worries when he says, "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added to you." (Matthew 6:31-33).

God knows that we have physical and financial needs, but he wants us to get the emphasis right. He wants us to reintroduce into our thinking and understanding an unshakeable confidence that the Lord is God and He is our provider so we shall not lack.

Prayer Points

1. Thank you God because there is nothing you cannot do.
2. Father, because you are my shepherd therefore I shall not lack blessing.
2. Lord, come forth in my life and in my all my situations and prove yourself in the name of Jesus.
3. Where ever that man or woman is who is assigned to help me – send them to me!

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Psalms 55-59

THURSDAY 23 JUNE 2022

TAKE OVER YOUR TERRITORY 1

HEART-TO-HEART

“Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses.” –Joshua 1:3 (KJV)

Territory means an area of land under the control of strong men and spiritual powers. They are usually under the control of Territorial powers. These powers are silent killers and for you to take over territories, you must be able to conquer the territorial power first. You must possess the power of God to take over territories. Territorial powers are stubborn power that resides in the house, street and where you are currently living. Sometimes we can call them enemy of progress. No matter how good you behave to them, they will turn it against you. They sit on your case without your knowledge. This territorial power knows your spiritual capacity, that's why you need God to show you and give you power to fight and dethrone them so that you can take over to take what belongs to you.

“Taking New Territories” means Breaking into New Frontiers; taking your environment for Christ; growing spiritually; advancing from one level to another level; promotion; taking new business initiatives and developing new business opportunities. It is time to challenge status quo and take new territories. In life, there will always be constant demand on us from God, our family members, friends, the Church, peer group, association/group we belong to, etc. To be able to meet up with these demands, there is need to expand your capacity, influence, finances, etc., because your present status may not be able to cater for the demands placed on you.

Prayer Points

1. I break every limitation brought on my destiny by the influence of satanic altars in the name of Jesus.
2. Let fire consume every evil priest ministering on evil altar against my progress.
3. I take my allocation of blessings in all areas (mention them).

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Psalms 60-65

FRIDAY 24 JUNE 2022

TAKE OVER YOUR TERRITORY 2

HEART-TO-HEART

“Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses.” –Joshua 1:3 (KJV)

In 2 Kings 6:1-2, the Trainees realised the need to expand the size of their school, so as to be able to accommodate the teeming population at the School of Prophets. This generation needs “Proof” beyond religion. You must establish the Kingdom of God on earth through the grace and gifts God has given to you. There are souls perishing and you must go win them for Christ. Your place is victory, while you are still living in defeat. It is a natural desire inherent in man to expand in his career, business, ministry, profession and whatever he does. A business owner's joy and gladness would be evident when he's taking frontiers in the business world or sphere of his or her business. A pastor of a church would love to see his Church grow in all dimensions. The hard truth here is that you cannot achieve all these things without prayer. You cannot take any city, until you have cast down principalities in charge of that territory. You break forth and take charge of a city through violent prayers. Jabez understood this principle of prayer, when he asked God to give him new territories. He knew absolutely that he couldn't expand his influence without prayer. When he did pray, the Bible said, God granted his request. In the presence of God, you breathe in and go out to breathe out. No prayer – no success; little prayer – little success and much prayer – much success. God is faithful to His words, and He answers prayers.

Prayer Points

1. Every Marine power frustrating my efforts catch fire.
2. I stop every evil directive from satanic forces over my life, family and ministry in the name of Jesus.
3. Every blood covenant in operation against my (place of work, offices, house, land etc.) break.
4. Spiritual environmental laws affecting me, be suspended in the name of Jesus.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Psalms 66-68

SATURDAY 25 JUNE 2022

CHANGING LEVEL

HEART-TO-HEART

"And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great." — Genesis 26:13 (KJV)

To change level is to move from a good position to a better one. It is moving from better to the best and standing out ultimately. Life is designed to change level just like a child's growth is an indication of changing level. As a covenant child, if you don't change level, you are not exhibiting the power of God our heavenly Father. The Lord commanded the Israelites in Deuteronomy 1:6 "The LORD our God spake unto us in Horeb, saying, Ye have dwelt long enough in this mount." The same was repeated in chapter 2 verse 3. This implies that God is interested in our progress in all aspects of life. If you are connected and associated with God, you are not permitted to be stagnated in life. We are designed for continuous change in levels. In the plan of God, a better yesterday is not permitted. In the design of God, old days may be good, but the current days should and must be better. Mordecai had an experience of change of level. He was at the gate, but because he connected a power, his level was changed. He got to the top. Joseph too was enthroned because he encountered the power that changes level. I command a change of level for you in all ramification of life in the name of Jesus. Moving or making progress in life requires a dimension of the Supernatural because we are spirit beings. The Head knowledge is not enough to move you to the next level, the Supernatural is needed. God wants to move us all to another level in our lives. The purpose of each level is to help us grow and to become more that God intends for us to be.

Prayer Points

1. Power that turns life around and change ones level to a better one, rest upon me.
2. Father, I receive the grace to know the next approach. Open my eyes, ears and understanding.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Psalms 69-72

SUNDAY 26 JUNE 2022

DRY BONE - HEAR THE VOICE OF THE LORD

HEART-TO-HEART

"Again he said unto me, Prophecy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the Lord."

— Ezekiel 37:4 (KJV)

The valley of dry bones is a story of hope. It's a story of promise. It's a story about a people who have a future. Dry human bones symbolize a human body that has been dead for an extended period of time. They were without any hope until God told Ezekiel to prophesy to them. It is impossible for anyone in the right frame of mind to contemplate any means by which such bones will come back to life again. This was the situation in the valley of dry bones when God asked Ezekiel, "Son of man, can these bones live?" knowing well that it was impossible by any human means for those bones to live, but also being conscious of the fact that he was standing before the one that created the universe by the power of His word, Ezekiel tactically answered by saying "O Lord God, thou knowest." Then the Lord asked the prophet to prophesy to the bones, and in Ezekiel 37:7, as soon as he prophesied life came into them, flesh came upon them and they came back to life. God might be waiting for you to do same today. Dry bone stands for any hopeless situation you are currently passing through. Son of Man prophesy to that situation! Health shall be restored, breakthrough shall manifest, there shall be restoration, and doors shall open. Just PROPHECY!

Identify the area you are experiencing dryness in your life and ignite your faith to come alive. Engage in serious spiritual warfare while you begin to speak positive things (Prophecy) to that situation always. Then believe those confessions and doubt not. You will carry your testimony very soon.

Prayer Points

1. I command life into every dead situation the enemies have kept me.
2. O God that troubled Pharaoh, trouble my troublemakers in the name of Jesus.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Psalms 73-77

MONDAY 27 JUNE 2022

LIVE POSITIVELY TO BECOME BETTER 1

HEART-TO-HEART

"I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well."

—Psalm 139:14 (NKJV)

1. Always Compliment Yourself: Take control of the day from the very early hour. Every morning before you go on with your daily routine, take a couple of minutes to give yourself a compliment. Whether you compliment your outfit, haircut, or how you recently completed a task using your unique skill sets, give yourself a little emotional boost that will make you happy and help you live positively. And, when you're happy with yourself, that emotion can be contagious to those around you. Inspirational speaker Tony Robbins has a mantra he says aloud to himself most days to put him in a peak performance state.

2. Always Let Go of Anger: While anger is a perfectly normal emotion, you can't let it hold you down. When this happens, you may make unwise decisions, and more important, it may affect your health. Research suggests accumulated anger can cause digestive problems, difficulty sleeping, and even heart disease. To help you let go of anger, pray or meditate, and begin to manage your thoughts. Ensure you settle every rift.

3. Don't Make Excuses: We make mistakes or do some things wrongly as human. When this happens, blaming your spouse, colleague, boss, or clients is fruitless and won't get you very far. Instead of pointing fingers and making excuses about why you aren't happy or successful in your personal or professional life, own up your mistakes and learn from them. When you do this, you will become a better person.

Prayer Points

1. Blessed be your Holy name for Who you are, O Lord.
2. By your power make me a light and salt to the world.
3. This week, I command all evil schemes against my life to be frustrated in the name of Jesus.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Psalms 78-80

TUESDAY 28 JUNE 2022

LIVE POSITIVELY TO BECOME BETTER 2

HEART-TO-HEART

"I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well."

—Psalm 139:14 (NKJV)

4. **Embrace Honesty:** How would you feel if a loved one or business partner lied to you? Chances are you would see that as a violation of your trust. If you want to be a better person in either your personal or professional life, you should always tell the truth and state as clearly as possible what you are trying to convey. Learn to articulate your thoughts, feelings, and ideas in an open and honest manner.

5. **Be Helpful:** Whether giving up your seat to an elderly person on the bus, assisting a co-worker on a project, or helping out in the kitchen or garden work not minding that it's meant for a particular sex (male or female), being helpful is one of the easiest and most effective ways to practice becoming a better person. I find that the more I help others, the better I feel about myself and everyone around me.

6. **Listen to Others:** As Jeet Banerjee notes on Lifehack, "listening to people and giving everyone a voice is one of the greatest things you can do." He adds that he "got to meet some of the most amazing people, close some of the biggest deals, and develop connections that will last me a lifetime all because I took time to listen to people." Being a good listener can change your life in a positive manner."

7. **Always Be Polite:** How much effort does it take to say, "Thank you," or to be the first to greet? Not much at all. However, these acts of kindness can make someone's day. Your act of politeness can go a long way to influence someone who is rude or act negatively towards you.

Prayer Points

1. Help me to deal with negative attitudes in my life.
2. I will triumph and excel by your grace in the name of Jesus.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Psalms 81-84

WEDNESDAY 29 JUNE 2022

SUPERNATURAL HELP

HEART-TO-HEART

"For I, the Lord your God, will hold your right hand, saying to you, 'Fear not, I will help you.'" — Isaiah 41:13 KJV

Help is simply an external force that combines with your inadequate effort to achieve a desired goal. You might have used your strength; but it cannot achieve much; you need that supernatural force, you need God's help. You might have been crying but no solution; you need that force to wipe your tears; you need the rain of help.

A lot of people have tried a lot, using their intellect, skills and strength to achieve something great; but little or no success has resulted from this. The fastest and easiest way to success is to ask for help from the Ancient of days that has never failed and can never fail. Supernatural help is a help from above. It is God carrying you on his shoulder. It is God giving you a push into your destiny and purpose. A Life that is void of help is a life in hell. Every vision, dream and your earthly given assignments speak at the command of HELP... Vision becomes realities whenever help shows up. Supernatural help is needed when all human efforts produce no tangible result. When the force of Supernatural Help comes to play in your life, Men and women will not spare any expense in helping you. The Bible talks about God's strange works and strange acts in Isaiah 28: 21. God will perform such works in your life in Jesus' name. Today's world is shrinking because help is hard to find. There is no help again in businesses and ministries and that is why crises and battles and troubles are common place. But YOU will find help in Jesus' name because God will send you SUPERNATURAL HELP in the name of Jesus.

Prayer Points

1. Ask for God's mercy to speak for you and your family.
2. By your Supernatural Help, I will celebrate this year.
3. Every repeated dream of impossibility over my life end now in the name of Jesus.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Psalms 85-89

THURSDAY 30 JUNE 2022

THE ANOINTING

HEART-TO-HEART

“How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power.”—Acts 10:38 (KJV)

The anointing is the operation of the Holy Spirit within man. Where the anointing is, there is life. As long as one has the anointing and the life, everything is right and according to God's desire. The anointing makes the difference in the church, in government, in business, in our schools, and in our homes. The anointing isn't just for ministers—it's for everyone. The anointing makes the difference in the church, in government, in business, in our schools, and in our homes. The anointing isn't just for ministers—it's for everyone.

The anointing is a yoke breaker. It is a supernatural tool for deliverance and an arsenal against the devil's attack. The anointing is what gives us a sense of purpose in life. It enables us to fulfill God's calling over our lives. The more we obey and the more we seek His presence, the more He covers us and consumes us. But if we turn to disobedient ways and reject His presence, the anointing over us for God's call begins to dissipate. After King Saul was anointed king, Scripture says that the Spirit of the Lord came upon him and enabled him to rally the army of Israel and deliver their people from their enemies. For a time, he won great battles and did a great job as king over Israel. But gradually fear, disobedience, and pride began to take over him. God eventually rejected Saul as king and sent the prophet Samuel to anoint David and set him apart to take up where Saul had fallen. Amazingly David never lost a battle after he was anointed. You too will excel by the anointing in Jesus name.

Prayer Points

1. Fresh anointing of the Holyghost, fall upon me in the name of Jesus.
2. By the anointing, let every yoke in my life be broken.
3. Pray for the release of revival fire upon the Body of Christ.

One Year Bible Reading Plan: Psalms 90-94

Accepting Jesus Today!

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my name to the book of life.
I hand over my life to you, take over and show me
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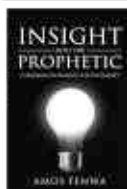
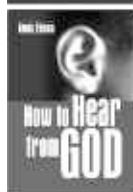
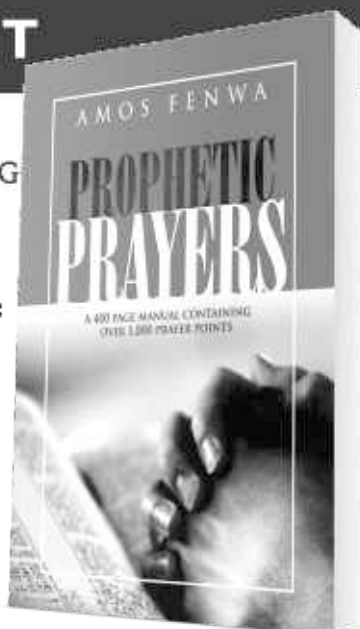
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