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Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

We are so blessed to be able to study God's Word. I am so blessed to be able to provide these devotions to help you be in His Word every day. The more you are in His Word the better you will do.

God bless you as you study God's wonderful Word this month.

Gladly in His Service,

*Dr. Jason*

Dr. Jason B. Brittain





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**Thursday February 1**

**Scripture Reading: Exodus 27-28**

**Matthew 21:23-46**

Praise the Lord! Luke 2:9-12 say, **“An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”** I am well aware that what the angel spoke here was referring to Jesus being born in Bethlehem about 2,000 years ago. He was telling them that there wasn't anything they should be afraid of because Jesus had come. That was surely good news.

All that was true for them and I want you to know that we can receive good news from this as well. Let me put it this way. Has Jesus come into your life? If the answer to that is, “Yes” then I have some good news for you. There isn't anything you need to be fearful about because Jesus has come. Isn't that good news?

Look at what Jesus spoke to us in John 14:27, **“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”** Jesus has come into your life and that makes all the difference. He brings peace and we are told, **Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.** Deuteronomy 31:6 says, **“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you.”** Jesus has come and He is with you.

*Prayer: Lord, I am so thankful that You have come into my life. I know that You will never leave me and I know that You will never forsake me. I believe. I know that You have always taken care of me and I know that You always will. Help me to remember these things. I also thank You for the peace that You give me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Friday February 2**

### **Scripture Reading: Exodus 29-30 Matthew 22:1-22**

Praise the Lord! Let me show you some very interesting verses. Acts 16:6-7 say, **“Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the Word in the province of Asia. When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to.”** Do you see what I meant when I said these were interesting Scriptures? Paul was traveling around and preaching the Gospel wherever he went. Paul wanted to go into Asia but he was *kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching there*. Doesn't that seem kind of interesting. Then Paul wanted to enter into Bithynia, *but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to go there*.

If these verses raise some questions in your thinking it is alright. Just know that God can answer our questions. Look at the next verses. Acts 16:7-10 say, **“So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.”**

God had called them to preach the gospel there. This is what God wanted and this is where God wanted them to go. If they had gone to those other places they would not have been able to go where God wanted them to go. I am going to show you some more on this tomorrow, but for today know that Paul needed to find what God wanted him to do and then he needed to do that.

*Prayer: Lord, I want to be led by the Holy Spirit all the time. If You, Holy Spirit, tell me not to do something or if You tell me not to go somewhere, I want know that You have something else for me to do. I don't ever want to miss out on what You want. I trust that You are always right. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Saturday February 3**

**Scripture Reading: Exodus 31-33**

**Matthew 22:23-46**

Praise the Lord! Yesterday, we looked at some interesting verses where Paul was told “No” and then he was told “Yes”. Take a look at 2 Corinthians 5:14 from the NIV version and then from the KJV version. NIV “**For Christ’s love *compels* us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.**” Now look at this same verse in the KJV. “**For the love of Christ *constrains* us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead.**”

One version says that the love of God *compels* us and the other version says the love of God *constrains* us. Would you like to know which one is right? They are both right. The Greek word that is used here can mean both things.

Now, before you get confused here, let me ask you a couple of questions. 1. Have there been times when the love of God *compelled* you and wanted you to do something? I am sure you have felt the love of God *compelling* you to do some good things. Here’s my next question. 2. Have there been times when the love of God *constrained* and stopped you from doing something you wanted to do? I am sure you have felt the love of God *constraining* you from doing some bad things.

When we are going about our lives and doing things there are times when the Holy Spirit will say, “Yes, do that”. And there will be times when the Holy Spirit will say, “No don’t do that”. We need to let the Holy Spirit guide us and direct us in all things. When we live like that we will be living like we should live. Look at what Jesus said in John 5:19, “**Jesus gave them this answer: “Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by Himself; He can do only what He sees His Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.”**

*Prayer: Lord, I want to be led in all things. I want to accept Your guidance when You say, “Yes” and I want to accept Your guidance when You say, “No”. I want to live like You want all the time. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.*





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**Sunday February 4**

**Scripture Reading: Exodus 34-36**

**Matthew 23:1-22**

Praise the Lord! Ephesians 2:8-9 say, **“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God not by works, so that no one can boast.”** We are saved by grace and we should be thankful. No one is saved by works. That is true because no one could be good enough. We all need grace.

Romans 1:17 says, **“For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”**” This verse says we are saved by faith and it doesn’t contradict Ephesians. God has grace for us and when we put our faith in Him then we are saved. If a person tries to be saved by works or by keeping the law they will fail. When we turn to God in faith we will find that He has grace for us that we would never earn.

Romans 3:22 says, **“This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.”** Romans 3:23-24 say, **“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.”**

We were all sinners and totally lost with no hope of ever being good enough or by doing enough good things to be saved. **“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”** God sent Jesus to pay for our sins and open salvation for us. Thank God for His love and His grace.

*Prayer: Lord, thank You so much for saving me. I know that I was totally lost without You and I know that I could never have been good enough to be saved on my own. Thank You for having grace for me and for revealing the gospel to me. I want to live fully for You and I ask You to bless my Church today. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Monday February 5**

**Scripture Reading: Exodus 37-38**

**Matthew 23:23-39**

Praise the Lord! Look at Philippians 4:6-7, **“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”** One version puts the first part of these verses this way: **“Don’t worry about anything. Instead pray about everything.”** That is great advice. Actually, it is more than just great advice. It is God’s Word for us. If you find yourself worrying about something and this verse comes to your mind, do what it says. Pray about what you are facing rather than worrying. I want to remind you that worrying doesn’t help and praying does.

These verses also tell us that when we pray God will give us peace. I don’t want to belabor what I have already said but I do want to say that worrying won’t give you peace. Anyway, pray and God promises to give you a peace that *transcends all understanding*. When God gives you peace you may not be able to understand why you have it, but it is real. You need to embrace His peace. His peace will *guard your heart and your mind in Christ Jesus*.

Here is another verse about peace. John 14:27 says, **“Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”** Jesus said that He would give us peace and then He goes on and says He will give us *His peace*. Again, you may not understand that. You don’t need to understand it. You need to believe it. Receive *His peace* and embrace *His peace*.

*Prayer: Lord, thank You for speaking to me about praying more and worrying less. I know that Your Word is always right and I know that putting Your Word into practice, in my life, is always what I need to do. Help me to pray about everything and to know that You hear and that You answer my prayers. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.*



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**Tuesday February 6**

### **Scripture Reading: Exodus 39-40 Matthew 24:1-22**

Praise the Lord! Yesterday, I showed you some verses from Philippians 4 that talked to us about praying more and worrying less. I hope you put those truths into action in your life yesterday and I hope you do them today.

Going on in Philippians 4 look at verse 8, **“Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.”**

What you think about is very important. Let me ask you a question in an interesting way to help you see my point. What mental movies are you playing in your head? Are they thoughts about defeat and despair OR are they thoughts of victory and favor?

If you are having a hard time with your thoughts let me share something with you. It takes a thought to overcome a thought. If you find yourself thinking on things that are not good and helping you, replace them with thoughts of good things. If you need help knowing what kinds of things you should be thinking on look at this list: **Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.**

Matthew 7:24, **“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.”** Thinking on good things is being a doer of the Word.

*Prayer: Lord, I want to be a doer of Your Word and not a hearer only. Help me to be aware of the things I fill my mind with. If I am having a hard time, help me to replace wrong thinking with thoughts of good things. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Wednesday February 7**

**Scripture Reading: Leviticus 1-3**

**Matthew 24:23-51**

Praise the Lord! I want to give you Philippians 4:8 again adding verse 9, **“Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.”** When Paul wrote the things that we should think on in verse 8 he was giving great advice. Actually, it was more than that. He was being inspired by the Holy Spirit to write those things. God then preserved them in the Word for us today. If there was ever a time when people need to think on good things, it is today. There are so many ways for other thoughts to come to us. These things weren't just Paul writing to us. They are God speaking to us.

So, after God said these things to us then He said that we should take what we have learned and received and we should **put them into practice**. When we do these things then, **the God of peace will be with you**. Just like the times we live in are times when we need to have God help us to think like we should we sure also need His peace. When we hear what He is speaking to us through the Word and when we do what it says, He promises to give us peace. I am sure you will agree that His peace is something we really need.

Isn't it amazing that God had these things written down for us? Of course everyone has always needed these things, but we really need them and God has spoken to us because He loves us that much.

*Prayer: Lord, I thank You for loving me. I thank You that You loved me and saved me. I also thank You for consistently speaking to me about things I need to hear. Thank You for speaking to me from Your Word. I know that You have peace for me. I want to have peace and I want to share peace with others. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*





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**Thursday February 8**

**Scripture Reading: Leviticus 4-6**

**Matthew 25:1-30**

Praise the Lord! Matthew 19:26 says, **“Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.””** What an amazing truth! I considered writing this verse out over and over for the rest of this devotion.

When all of mankind was lost because of sin, God sent Jesus to become salvation for whoever would put their trust in Him. **With man this was impossible, but with God all things are possible.**

When Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego defied the king's order to bow down and worship an idol, they were thrown into a fiery furnace. There was no way out but, **With man this was impossible, but with God all things are possible.**

When you have faced things in your past that were overwhelming and there didn't seem to be any way out, **With man this was impossible, but with God all things are possible.**

Whatever you are facing right now in you life, **With man this was impossible, but with God all things are possible.**

This is an eternal truth. That means no matter what you will ever face in your life, **With man this was impossible, but with God all things are possible.**

Think about all the times God came through for people in the Bible and in your life. Believe, **With man this was impossible, but with God all things are possible.**

*Prayer: Lord, I know that nothing is impossible for You. Help me to remember this and help me to know that You will never fail me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Friday February 9**

**Scripture Reading: Leviticus 7-9**

**Matthew 25:31-46**

Praise the Lord! 2 Thessalonians 3:16 says, **“Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.”** As I think back over the things I have written in these devotions so far this month it seems like I have written about peace quite a bit. I am believing that means God knows many, if not all, of you have been needing peace.

This verse says that God is the *God of peace*. We should be so thankful that He is. When we were separated from Him by our sins, He sent Jesus to die on the cross for our sins. He did that so we could be saved and so we could be at peace with Him. A couple of days ago I showed you Philippians 4:9, **“Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.”** God is the God of peace and He is with us.

Romans 15:33 says, **“The God of peace be with you all. Amen.”** At first glance it may seem like this verse isn't adding anything to the one I just gave you but it does add something really important. Let me make my point stand out for you. **The God of peace be with YOU ALL. Amen.** When some people read about the promises of God they believe they are true for some people but not for them. Well, the God of peace is with US ALL since you gave your life to Jesus, the God of peace is with you. Jesus paid for all your sins and for anything and everything that would stand in the way of your not being at peace with God.

**“Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace AT ALL TIMES AND IN EVERY WAY. The Lord be with all of you.”** Did you see some more there?

*Prayer: Lord, I believe that You are the God of peace and I believe You are with me. I believe You give me peace at all times and in every way. I know that You are greater than the world and things that are trying to steal my peace. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Saturday February 10**

**Scripture Reading: Leviticus 10-12**

**Matthew 26:1-19**

Praise the Lord! Proverbs 4:20 says, **“My son, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear to my Words.”** We need to pay attention to the Word. I know you are doing this because you are doing these devotions every day. You have made a wise decision. The more we know, believe and live according to God’s Word the better we will do. So, way to go. Don’t ever quit.

Jesus took three of His closest followers up on the Mount of Transfiguration. They saw Jesus in all His glory. Moses and Elijah even came and talked with Jesus. At the end of this time God spoke. Look at what He said in Matthew 17:5, **“While Jesus was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased. Listen to Him!””** Listen to Jesus and His Word.

Proverbs 4:21 goes on and says this about the Word. **“Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart.”** We need to listen to the Word and we need to hold on to it. In Luke 8, Jesus taught the parable of the sower. He finished the parable with verse 15. **“But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the Word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.”** When we hear the Word and retain it the Word will produce in our lives.

I want to get back to the verses in Proverbs 4 tomorrow, but for today let me talk to you about what the Word will produce in your life. The Word will produce whatever God promises. So hear the Word, retain it and never quit. There is a good harvest coming.

*Prayer: Lord, I am so thankful for Your Word. I want to pay attention to everything You speak to me and I am never going to quit. I want to be good soil and I want all the blessings You have for me so I will be equipped to bless others more. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Sunday February 11**

**Scripture Reading: Leviticus 13**

**Matthew 26:20-54**

Praise the Lord! Proverbs 4:22 says, **“For they are life to those who find them and health to one’s whole body.”** This is talking about the Word. The Word is life to us and the Word is healing to our bodies.

Look at Psalms 107:19-20, **“Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and He saved them from their distress. He sent out His Word and healed them; He rescued them from the grave.”** These people were in need. They cried to the Lord and He *saved them, He healed them and He rescued them from the grave.* He did all those things with His Word. Thank God for the Word. If you are ever in a mess cry out to God and listen to His Word, but you don’t have to wait until you are in a mess. Cry out to God and listen to His Word all the time.

Here’s some more Word about God healing us. 1 Peter 2:24, **“He himself bore our sins” in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by His wounds you have been healed.”**” Thank God for the Word. There have been times when I needed healing and I stood on this verse. God always confirmed His Word by healing me. He said He would heal us and He cannot lie. Numbers 23:19 says, **“God is not human, that He should lie, not a human being, that He should change His mind. Does He speak and then not act? Does He promise and not fulfill?”** When God speaks He keeps His Word. When He makes a promise He keeps it.

Our part is to know what the Word says and believe it. Then we need to hold on to the Word and never quit. That is living by faith.

*Prayer: Lord, I love You and I love Your Word. I also know that You never lie. I know that Your promises are always true. Help me to know Your Word, help me to believe It and help me to hold onto It. I want to be good soil for Your Word and I want to be an example to others about these things. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.*





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**Monday February 12**

**Scripture Reading: Leviticus 14**

**Matthew 26:55-75**

Praise the Lord! Psalms 107:20-22 say, **“He sent out His Word and healed them; He rescued them from the grave. Let them give thanks to the Lord for His unfailing love and His wonderful deeds for mankind. Let them sacrifice thank offerings and tell of His works with songs of joy.”**

The first part of these verses talks about the wonderful things God does for us. He heals us and He rescues us. The rest of these verses talk about what we should do in light of God’s goodness. We should *give thanks for His unfailing love and His wonderful deeds*. We should also *sacrifice thank offerings and tell of His works with songs of joy*.

How thankful are you when God comes through and helps you? I am sure you are very thankful and that is how it should be. Here’s my point: When God blesses us it should affect our lives.

Here’s a story that shows this. Luke 4:38-39, **“Jesus left the synagogue and went to the home of Simon. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her. So He bent over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and began to wait on them.”** Jesus healed her and she got up and waited on them. I am sure she was thankful and she did even more than that. She did what she could do for Him. When God heals us or when He helps us it should affect our lives and not just for a little while. We should be more committed to Him and we should live more fully for Him. So, by all means, thank Jesus but also let your life show how thankful you are. Think about the last time Jesus helped you. Does your life show your thankfulness as much as it did when He first helped you?

*Prayer: Lord, I am so thankful for all the healing and help You have given me. I want to praise You and I also want to live more fully for You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Tuesday February 13**

### **Scripture Reading: Leviticus 15-17 Matthew 27:1-31**

Praise the Lord! When I am writing about prayer or encouraging you to pray I often remind you that God hears your prayers and that He answers them. Look at Exodus 15:22-25, **“Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea and they went into the Desert of Shur. For three days they traveled in the desert without finding water. When they came to Marah, they could not drink its water because it was bitter. (That is why the place is called Marah.) So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, “What are we to drink?” Then Moses prayed to the Lord, and the Lord answered and showed him a piece of wood. He threw it into the water, and the water became fit to drink.”** Moses prayed and God answered.

2 Chronicles 33:13 says, **“And when he prayed to Him, the Lord was moved by his entreaty and listened to his plea; so He brought him back to Jerusalem and to His kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the Lord is God.”** Manasseh prayed and God heard him and God answered him. God hears our prayers and He answers them.

Now, with that in mind look at what Jesus said in Matthew 6:9-10, **“This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your Name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”** Jesus told us to pray for God’s Kingdom to come and for His will to be done on earth just as it is in heaven. God hears your prayers and He answers them. Do you think we need God’s Kingdom to come and do think we need His will to be done on earth just as it is in heaven? If you do, then pray and know that God hears your prayers and He answers them.

*Prayer: Lord, I pray right now for Your Kingdom to come and for Your will to be done on earth just as it is in heaven. I know that You answer prayer and I have great confidence now because I am even praying just what You told me to pray. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Wednesday February 14**

**Scripture Reading: Leviticus 18-19**

**Matthew 27:32-66**

Praise the Lord! Yesterday, I reminded you that God hears your prayers and He answers them. I showed you some people who prayed and God answered them. Then I showed you something that Jesus told us to pray for and we did pray for that. When we pray in line with God's will we can have confidence that He will hear us and that He will answer our prayers. When we pray what Jesus tells us to pray we can certainly have confidence.

Here's some verses that make that same point. 1 John 5:13-15, **"I write these things to you who believe in the Name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of Him."** When we pray *in accordance with His will, He hears us and He answers us.*

With that in mind, here is something we know is God's will because Jesus, Himself, told us to pray for it. Matthew 9:36-38, **"When Jesus saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.'"** Now, I am sure you know that I am going to have us pray what Jesus told us to pray but I also want to encourage you to pray for these things often because we certainly need more workers. I also have more on this tomorrow.

*Prayer: Lord, I ask You to send out more workers into Your harvest fields. You told me to pray for this so I know that I am praying in accordance with Your will. Help me to have faith that You hear my prayers and to know that You answer my prayers. I also ask You to me remind me to pray for this often. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Thursday February 15**

## **Scripture Reading: Leviticus 20-21 Matthew 28:1-20**

Praise the Lord! God hears your prayers and He answers them. We can have confidence that He hears and answers our prayers when we are praying in line with His will. We can always know we are praying in line with His will when we are praying what the Word says. Yesterday, we prayed for God, the Lord of the harvest, to send out more workers into field. I also encouraged you to keep praying for this because it is God's will and because we really need more workers.

Now, let me show you something from your Scripture Reading today. Matthew 28:18-20 say, **"Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."**

Jesus was now sending them out to share the gospel with people. This was Jesus answering their prayers. Jesus wants to use every one of us to share good news with people. We have prayed for that and now He wants to use us in answering our prayers.

God will help you. When He hears our prayers and answers them He will also go with us. We need to pray in faith, believe that God hears and answers our prayers, and then we need to step out in faith. We are all called to be workers. Again I have to tell you that He will help us.

*Prayer: Lord, thank You for hearing and answering my prayers. I am so thankful for those who shared good news with me and helped me to come to You and to be born-again. Help me to know that You now want to use me to share with others. I know and believe that You will be with me and helping me as I go to work. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*





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**Friday February 16**

**Scripture Reading: Leviticus 22-23**

**Mark 1:1-22**

Praise the Lord! We have been praying and we know that God is answering our prayers. We have prayed, and we continue to pray, for God to send out workers and we are also seeing that He will use us in answering these prayers.

Look at Deuteronomy 31:6, **“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you.”** God is always with us. This is a truth that we need to renew our minds to. We need to remember this when people and circumstances seem to be against us. This verse tell us to: **Be strong and courageous.** Our strength and our courage needs to come from Jesus. If a person tries to be strong and courageous in their own strength it might work for a while but it also might run out. When Jesus is the source of our strength and courage we will always have what we need.

Here's another verse that adds to what this one says. Deuteronomy 31:8, **“The Lord Himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.”** We are again told that God will always be with us and this verse adds something more. He will always be with us AND He will go before us. God is so amazing. When we go through life and encounter things we think that what we are facing is up to us to handle. This verse tells us that God *goes before us*. That means He has already been working on those things that just showed up to us. Can you see why I said that God is so amazing? He knows everything that is ahead of you and He is working on your behalf. **Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.**

*Prayer: Lord, I am so thankful that I have given my life to You. That was certainly the best decision I ever made. Help me to know and help me to remember that You are always with me. Help me to know and help me to remember that You have even gone before me. I will not be afraid and I will not be discouraged. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Saturday February 17**

**Scripture Reading: Leviticus 24-25**

**Mark 1:23-45**

Praise the Lord! Ephesians 2:8-9 say, **“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.”** We are saved by grace. That is such good news. I know some people struggle with this because it seems too good to be true. First of all, I want you to know that the message, *we are saved by grace* is in the Word and that settles it as truth. If a person doubts this or if they don't know how it can be, it does not change the fact that the Word says we are *saved by grace*. We may need to learn more about being *saved by grace* but it is still true.

Look a little further in this verse, **For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith.** We are *saved by grace - through faith*. When you heard the good news of the Gospel and turned you life over to Jesus you did it by faith, and God saved you. You didn't deserve it. It was by *grace through faith*.

This verse also tells us more. **This is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.** We are saved by *grace* not by works. We were not good enough to be saved and we could never become good enough to be saved. We are saved by *grace*. It takes *faith* to believe that.

Jesus was good enough to save you. Jesus lived a perfect holy life. When He died on the cross He was made sin for us so we could become righteous in Him. 2 Corinthians 5:21 says, **“God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.”**

*Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me by grace through faith. I believe. I know that with Your help I can settle the truths of Your Word in my life. Please help me to keep growing in You. I am never going to quit living for You and I want to represent You well to others. Help me to be willing to share good news with everyone. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Sunday February 18**

**Scripture Reading: Leviticus 26-27**

**Mark 2**

Praise the Lord! Psalms 34:7 says, **"The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, and He delivers them."** No matter what the devil comes against us with or what circumstances bring, we have a resource that is greater. God is greater! 1 John 4:4 says, **"You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the One who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world."** I want to give you Scriptures on this to help you to have faith and confidence.

Romans 8:31 says, **"What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?"** 1 John 5:4 says, **"Everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith."** Romans 8:37 says, **"In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us."** 1 John 4:16, **"And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them."** 1 Corinthians 2:12, **"What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us."**

Ephesians 6:12-13, **"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand."**

*Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me and thank You for keeping me. I know that You are the greater One and I know that You are actively protecting me all the time. I also thank You for so many Scriptures that help me to know the truth and that help me to have faith. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Monday February 19**

**Scripture Reading: Numbers 1-2**

**Mark 3:1-19**

Praise the Lord! Psalms 37:4-6 say, **“Take delight in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him and He will do this: He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun.”**

We are told to delight in the Lord and then we are told what God will do for us. He will give us the desires of our heart. What a deal. There are two applications of the promise that God will give us the desires of our hearts. First, I believe that means God will give us the right and proper desires. This is really a wonderful process. After all, if any of us were desiring things that were wrong, shouldn't we want God to give us better desires? Secondly, this means that when we have the desires God wants us to have then He will give us what we desire. Again, this sure sounds good to me. Think about the promise Jesus gave us in Matthew 6:33, **“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”** When we have good desires to seek Jesus and His ways, then He promises to help us with every part of our lives.

In Psalms 37 we are also told to commit our ways to the Lord and trust Him. Then He says our righteous reward will shine like the dawn and our vindication will be like the noonday sun.

Here's my overview of these verses. We should live fully for God and then we will be blessed. Believe.

*Prayer: Lord, I want to live fully for You and I know that Your ways are alway best. Please give me the right desires and if I have any desires that don't line up with Your best for me please replace them with the desires You have for me. I want all of Your blessings to be evident in my life so I can be an example to others. I also want to use the blessings You give me to bless others. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*





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**Tuesday February 20**

## **Scripture Reading: Numbers 3-4 Mark 3:20-35**

Praise the Lord! Look at Proverbs 14:29, **“Whoever is patient has great understanding, but one who is quick-tempered displays folly.”** Lots of verses in Proverbs have two parts. One part talks about good things that come to those who do right and the other part talks about bad things that come to those who don't do right. I will get to verse 29 but first I want to let you know that you are the one who chooses which part of verses like this you will live in. We need to choose the Godly part and then God will help us.

Ok, when we choose to have patience we will have great understanding. When others are quick-tempered they only show their folly. So, the next time you are about to be quick-tempered, remember what this verse says. Choose to be patient. If you need to stop and ask Jesus to help you to be patient, then by all means stop and ask Him to help you. He will help you.

Proverbs 14:30 says, **“A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones.”** Do you know which part of this verse is where we should want to live? Do you know which side of this verse is the best for you? Do you know which side of this verse is where God wants you to live? Well then, make your choice. When you make your choice for God, He will help you. Look at John 13:17, **“Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.”** Isn't that clear? A person would have to try to miss the point here. John 6:63 says, **“The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The Words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life.”** Believe and choose life. Those things will bring you peace.

*Prayer: Lord, I choose peace and the life it will give me rather than choosing envy that will bring rotting to my bones. I thank You for showing me this so clearly. I want to be a doer of Your Word and not a hearer only. I also ask You to help me to be patient with myself and with others. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Wednesday February 21**

**Scripture Reading: Numbers 5-6**

**Mark 4:1-20**

Praise the Lord! Proverbs 14:31 says, **“Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God.”** People on one side of this verse *show contempt for God* and those on the other side *honor God*. Let's be kind to the needy.

Proverbs 14:32 says, **“When calamity comes, the wicked are brought down, but even in death the righteous seek refuge in God.”** When wicked people face calamity where do they have to turn? When we face hard times and even when we face death we *seek refuge in God*. When a Christian dies they are immediately in the presence of Jesus and they will be with Him forever.

Luke 23:42-43, **“Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into Your kingdom.” Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with Me in paradise.””** When Jesus was being crucified there were two other men being crucified. This man called out to Jesus and he was saved. Then Jesus told him that he was going to be with Him in paradise that very day.

When this man trusted Jesus for his salvation he was forgiven and saved. He hadn't done anything to earn his salvation and he certainly wasn't living a good enough life to be saved. He trusted in Jesus! Then when he died he was immediately with Jesus in paradise. Even in death he took refuge in Jesus. Here's some more on this. When this criminal put his faith in Jesus, Jesus forgave him and made him righteous. So this righteous man, *in Jesus*, found refuge in God.

*Prayer: Lord, I want to honor You in all things including being kind to those in need. I also want to seek refuge in You no matter what I am facing. I know that You have saved me and I know that You have made me righteous in You. I know that I am going to spend all eternity with You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Thursday February 22**

## **Scripture Reading: Numbers 7 Mark 4:21-41**

Praise the Lord! Proverbs 14:33 says, **“Wisdom reposes in the heart of the discerning and even among fools she lets herself be known.”** Do you know what the word *reposes* means here? It means that wisdom *rests* in the heart of the discerning. To be discerning means to have wisdom and to apply it in our lives. So, wisdom rests in the heart of those who have and who apply wisdom in their lives. Hold on to the wisdom you have, put it into practice in your life and you will be positioned to receive more wisdom.

The last part of this verse says, **even among fools she lets herself be known.** Wisdom is available to everyone. Again I say that accepting wisdom and putting it into practice will help us to have more wisdom. If someone, referred to as a *fool* here, rejects the wisdom that God offers them, they will miss out on the good God has for them.

Proverbs 14:34 says, **“Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin condemns any people.”** Let’s pray for our nation right now. “Lord, we ask You to bless our nation. Help us to know Your ways and help us to live righteously. We know that You are willing to bless our nation and as individuals we want to do our part. Help us to be people of great and growing wisdom. Help our nation to make righteous decisions and to carry out righteous causes around the world. We also pray for Your Kingdom to come and for Your will to be done in our nation and around the world. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.”

Proverbs 14:35 says, **“A king delights in a wise servant, but a shameful servant arouses his fury.”** Help me to be a person of wisdom so I can be used more in any way You want to use me.

*Prayer: Lord, thank You for speaking to me from Proverbs. I choose to believe the things You have spoken to me and I am going to put Your wisdom into action in my life. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.*



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**Friday February 23**

**Scripture Reading: Numbers 8-10**

**Mark 5:1-20**

Praise the Lord! James 1:17 says, **“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.”** This is a wonderful truth and the more we realize the truth of it, the more we will always have things to be thankful for. Let me see if I can give you a somewhat funny example. Have you ever had a car that didn’t start at times? I have and it was a bad thing when it wouldn’t start. When it did start it was a good thing. This verse is saying that my car starting was a good thing so it was a gift from God and I should have thanked Him for it.

Now, let me tell you of another thing that is a good thing. It is a good thing when God reveals His will to us. With that in mind look at 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, **“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”** God’s will is being revealed to us. That is a good thing. Thank Him right now for revealing His will to you.

**Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances.** I wonder which of these three things stands out to you right now. Read them again and think about which one is the hardest for you to put into practice right now. Well, I want to encourage you to accept God’s will for your life and DO what He is speaking to you and be thankful that He has revealed His will to you in that area of your life. I also want to encourage you to not neglect the other two things in this verse. Here are some words that might not have stood out to you: **Always, continually and in all circumstances.** God revealing His will to us is a good thing. Be thankful for what He has spoken to you today. I think we should pray.

*Prayer: Lord, I know that every good thing in my life is a gift from You and I want to thank You more constantly for them. I also thank You for showing me Your will today. Help me to do what You have spoken to me: always, consistently and in all circumstances. I love You! In Jesus' Name, Amen.*





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**Saturday February 24**

**Scripture Reading: Numbers 11-13**

**Mark 5:21-43**

Praise the Lord! Let's start today with Jeremiah 17:5-6, **"This is what the Lord says: 'Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who draws strength from mere flesh and whose heart turns away from the Lord. That person will be like a bush in the wastelands; they will not see prosperity when it comes. They will dwell in the parched places of the desert, in a salt land where no one lives.'**" Sometimes when I write some wonderful promise I have you say, "That's for me!" For these verses we should want to say, "That's not for me!" When people put their trust in man they must not have any better place to put their trust.

As you might expect the next verses are much better. Jeremiah 17:7-8 say, **"But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in Him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."** I know you are expecting this, so rather than let you down: Say this, "That's for me!"

Those who trust in man will be let down and end up cursed. Those who trust in God will be blessed. These verses tell us to *trust in God* and to have our *confidence in Him*. The more we live for God and see Him working in and through our lives the more *confidence* we will have in Him. If you ever meet someone who seems to have deep seated *confidence* in God that person will probably be a person who has lived for God a long time. The more we trust in Him the more confidence we will have in Him.

*Prayer: Lord, I don't want to trust in anyone or anything other than You. I trust You and I know that my confidence in You is growing the longer I trust You. Thank You for starting Your good work in my life and and thank You for never quitting on me. I am so thankful for all Your wonderful promises. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Sunday February 25**

**Scripture Reading: Numbers 14-15**

**Mark 6:1-32**

Praise the Lord! I want to comment on some more things from Jeremiah 17:7-8. They say, **“But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in Him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.”**

When we trust in God and have our confidence in Him we will be like trees planted by water. Psalms 1:3 goes right along with this. **“That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers.”** God wants us to bear much fruit and He wants us to prosper in whatever we do. Those are sure wonderful promises. Is there anything you would like to say in response to these promises?

Our verses from Jeremiah 17 go on and say that we will not fear when heat comes. Have you ever been through tough times and felt the heat? Keep trusting God and keep your confidence in Him. You are going make it.

We are also told that we will have no worries in times of drought. That is because we keep our trust and confidence in God no matter what happens around us and He will never let us down. We might go through some hard things, but God will always be with us. Deuteronomy 31:6 says, **“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you.”**

*Prayer: I am so thankful that I have given my life to You. I have put my trust and confidence in You and I am never going to quit. I am going to be strong and courageous. I am not going to fear or be terrified because I know You are always with me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Monday February 26**

**Scripture Reading: Numbers 16-17**

**Mark 6:33-56**

Praise the Lord! Jeremiah 17:14 says, **“Heal me, Lord, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for You are the One I praise.”** Thank God we know that He is our Healer.

1 Peter 2:24 says, **“He Himself bore our sins” in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by His wounds you have been healed.”** When Jesus died on the cross He paid for our sins so we could be forgiven and healed.

Psalms 103:3 makes the same point. **“God forgives all our sins and He heals all our diseased.”** This verse from Psalms was speaking about Jesus’ future death on the cross and 1 Peter 2:24 is referring back to what He did.

Matthew 8:14-17 is an account of Jesus healing in real time. **“When Jesus came into Peter’s house, He saw Peter’s mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever. He touched her hand and the fever left her, and she got up and began to wait on Him. When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to Him, and He drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick. This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: “He took up our infirmities and bore our diseases.”**

These truths are real. We need to believe them and we need to renew our minds to them. The Word speak the truth. We need to believe and have faith for all Jesus has provided for us.

*Prayer: Lord, thank You laying Your life down on the cross for me. I know that I am saved because You died for me. I know that I am forgiven because You died for me and I know that I have healing because You died for me. Thank You for paying for all these things because of Your love and grace. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.*



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**Tuesday February 27**

**Scripture Reading: Numbers 18-20**

**Mark 7:1-13**

Praise the Lord! Look at Mark 7:8-9, **“You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.”** And He continued, **“You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions!”** These people were *letting go of the Word and holding on to human traditions*. If and when traditions are contrary to the Word they are bad. Some people choose their traditions over the Word. We need to base our lives on the Word.

Look at what Jesus said to those who were choosing to obey their traditions over the Word in Mark 7:13, **“Thus you nullify the Word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that.”** Don’t miss this. They were *nullifying the word of God*. Here is a dictionary definition of what *nullify* means: To make of no use or value; cancel out.

These people were making the Word of God: Worthless, of no value and they were canceling it out. We base our whole lives on the Word. We don’t ever want to *nullify* it in any way. To guard against doing that we need to stay in the Word and we need to be open to everything the Word says. This is why I give you the whole Bible in Scripture Readings each year. The more time we spend in the Word the more God can speak to us.

Look at Psalms 119:105, **“Your Word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.”** This is a picture of the Word showing us step by step how we should live. The Word can and will light our path. Always choose to believe what the Word says.

*Prayer: Lord, I am so thankful for Your Word. I don’t ever want to nullify Your Word. Thank You for consistently speaking to me from Your Word. I will lay aside anything and everything that doesn’t line up with Your Word. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.*





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**Wednesday February 28**

**Scripture Reading: Numbers 21-22**

**Mark 7:14-37**

Praise the Lord! Look at John 1:29, **"The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"** John the Baptist recognized Jesus as the Lamb of God. In the Old Testament the people sacrificed lambs for their sins. Every one of those lambs was a picture of Jesus coming and laying His life down for the sins of the world.

Look at John 3:16-17, **"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him."** These verses are so important.

God loved the world even though all of mankind had sinned and fallen short of how God wanted them to be. God's love moved Him to send Jesus so we could be saved. Jesus willingly came to be the Lamb of God. He laid His life down on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins. John 3:16 says God loved the *world* so He sent Jesus *to save the world through Him*.

These verses also tell us that God didn't send Jesus to condemn us but to save us. This is an important truth. If you have accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior, you are born-again, your sins are forgiven and *there is no condemnation for you*. You are free from *condemnation* because Jesus has set you free from *condemnation*. Now let me make a very important point. If God has no *condemnation* for you then you should not *condemn* yourself. Jesus' sacrifice was great enough to set you free from all *condemnation*.

*Prayer: Thank You, Jesus for dying on the cross for my sins. I know that Your death on the cross was sufficient to pay for all my sins and I know that You have set me free from all condemnation. Help me to know and believe that there is no condemnation for me because I am in You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Thursday February 29**

**Scripture Reading: Numbers 23-25**

**Mark 8:1-21**

Praise the Lord! 1 Samuel 17:17-18 say, **“Now Jesse said to his son David, “Take this ephah of roasted grain and these ten loaves of bread for your brothers and hurry to their camp. Take along these ten cheeses to the commander of their unit. See how your brothers are and bring back some assurance from them. They are with Saul and all the men of Israel in the Valley of Elah, fighting against the Philistines.”** God was working here.

David was being sent to deliver some food to his brothers at a time when the men of Israel were at war with the Philistines. They were at a stand still. Goliath was challenging the men of Israel to come and fight him. None of the men in God's army would accept his challenge.

So, God was positioning David to go and defeat Goliath. I am sure you probably know the story, but I want to point out that God was the One who positioned David for this great and glorious victory.

Look at first part of Zechariah 4:10, **“Do not despise the day of humble beginnings.”** There was nothing glorious about taking food to his brothers, but David was obediently doing what was asked of him. That positioned David to defeat Goliath.

Luke 16:10 says, **“He that is faithful in a small trust, will be faithful in a greater: and he that is unfaithful in a little, will be unfaithful in much.”** Here's my point for you on this last day of February. Be faithful in what you have to do and God will use you in more.

*Prayer: Lord, help me to be faithful. Help me to be faithful in little things so I can be used in greater things. I trust You to position me wherever You want me to be and I trust You to use me in whatever ways You want. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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## Up and Coming Events

### BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS

Every Wednesday morning at 7:30 AM the men meet for coffee and/or breakfast at the Church Office and a time of fellowship. Contact us here at the Church for more information.

### WOMEN'S BRUNCH

The first Saturday of the month, the women of Creative Ministries meet for a carry-in brunch at 12pm. Contact us here at the Church for more information and location.

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## Sunday Morning

Event	Time	Location
Main Service	10 -11:30 A.M.	The CCI building LCCC
Sunday School	10:45-11:30 A.M.	The CCI building LCCC

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