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Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Praise the Lord! I am thankful that You have these devotions for this month. Being in God's Word is a wonderful habit to have. Developing this habit will help you to be able to develop other good habits too.

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

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Friday November 1

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 31-32 Titus 2

Praise the Lord! Let's start of this month with Isaiah 54:17, **"No weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and this is their vindication from Me," declares the Lord.**"

What a wonderful promise! We need to know this promise, we need to believe it, we need to renew our minds to it and we need to stand on it. Look at 2 Corinthians 1:20, **"For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through Him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God."** All the promises are for us because we are *in Jesus*. So, add your "Amen" of agreement to the promise in Isaiah 54:17.

As I was thinking about this for today I want to add something to how some people believe and apply this verse. I am sure that many Christians know this verse and when they are facing some crisis they stand on this verse and *they certainly should do that*.

But I think we should stand on the promise of Isaiah 54:17 all the time and not just when we are aware of some opposition that is coming our way. You see, there could be weapons being forged against us that we don't know about, and I want you to know that this verse covers them too. So, by all means stand on this verse when someone or something that you know about is coming against you, but this verse can even apply to things that are happening that you don't know about. Thank God for His protection.

Prayer: Lord, I believe and I stand on the promise of Your protection in Isaiah 54:17 for things I know about and I stand on the promise of Your protection in Isaiah 5:17 for things that I don't even know about. I add my "Amen" of agreement to this promise. Help me to know You are always protecting me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Saturday November 2

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 33-35 Titus 3

Praise the Lord! Yesterday, we talked about believing and standing on Isaiah 54:17. God has so many blessings for us as His people. Look at Ephesians 3:20-21, **“Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”**

God is at work in your life. Take a moment and think about that. God saved you and is He working in your life right now. That should give you confidence and courage.

The verses I just gave you from Ephesians tell us that God **is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine**. If you are like me, we can ask for some pretty big and amazing things. I want you to know that God is able to do more! Want a verse on that? 2 Corinthians 9:8 says, **“And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”**

God is able to bless you in all things. He isn't running short of blessings and He wants you to receive His blessings. He wants you to receive His abundant blessings so **you will abound in every good work**. I often talk about our being blessed to be a blessing and this sure goes right along with that. Wouldn't you like to be able to bless others more? Well, that is a good desire and God is the One who can bless you more.

Prayer: Lord, I am so thankful that I have given my life to You and I am thankful for all the blessings You have brought into my life. Thank You for blessing me so I have been able to bless others. I ask You to manifest more of Your abundance in my life and I will be faithful. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Sunday November 3

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 36-37 Philemon

Praise the Lord! I have been writing to you about God's blessings and His abundance and I have some more along these lines. Look at Romans 8:28, **"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose."**

Have you ever read a verse that talks about *all things* and wondered if *all things* really means *all things*? Well, I want you to know that in the Word, *all things* really does mean *all things*.

The promise of God working *all things* for the good is real. This verse says that this promise is for those *who have been called according to His purposes*. You are called aren't you? He called you, He saved you and He called you.

I am kind of covering just about every word in this verse today. It also says that *we know* these things. I am sure I could have asked you if you believe the Word and I am sure you would have answered, "Yes" and that is a good thing.

I have been over this verse many times. I have been over it so many times that I have it memorized and that has helped me. We all face times when we wonder what is going on and we might even wonder if God knows what we are going through. Well, knowing this verse and reminding myself of it has helped in times like that. By the way, the fact that I have it memorized has helped me because I don't always have my written Bible with me. When we have the Word stored up in our minds in and in our hearts it will always help.

Prayer: Lord, I choose to believe Your Word. I choose to believe all of Your Word. I declare, "I believe that I am saved and called by You and so in all things You are working for my good!" Help me to remember all the times that You have worked for me in the past and help me to remember that You never change. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Monday November 4

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 38-39 Hebrews 1

Praise the Lord! I am writing this back in October but I felt like I should give you this verse for today on November 4. 1 Timothy 2:1-2 say, **“Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.”**

Do you think we should pray for all those who are in authority today and for all who are going to be in authority in the coming days? Of course we should pray for them. Look at why the Word said we should pray for them: **that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.** I am sure we would all like to live quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and reverence. Amen? Well then, pray and then pray some more.

Look at verse 3, **“For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior.”** Praying for these things is *good and acceptable*. So, pray and then pray some more.

Here is the rest of what the Word is saying to us, **“For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, Who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, Who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time, for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle—I am speaking the truth in Christ and not lying—a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.”**

Prayer: Lord, help me to pray and then help me to pray some more. I know that praying for what Your Word tells me to pray for is always right. I pray for those who are in authority and for those who will soon be in authority. I believe You hear and I believe that You answer my prayers. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Tuesday November 5

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 40-42 Hebrews 2

Praise the Lord! Romans 12:9 says, **“Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.”** As I write these devotions I know and trust that God takes His Word and applies them in your life. Since there are so many of you doing these I have no idea how God applies them in your life but I believe He does. You see I really believe Hebrews 4:12, **“For the Word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”** The Word is *alive and it is powerful*. So, my job is to sow the Word and God’s part is to apply it in your life just how He knows you need it.

Anyway, we should all be people of *love* and there are things that we should *hate*. We should love people and hate evil. When evil is hurting people that is the evil we should hate. Let God give you insight into how these truths should be lived out in your life and trust that He is leading you.

Romans 12:10 goes on and says, **“Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.”** I want to tell you something and then let God speak to you about how He wants you to apply it in your life. When you are devoted to others in love, you will find that others will be devoted to you in love. This is how it works.

We are also told that we should honor others more than we honor ourselves. Take some time and ask God to show you how to do this more and He will show you how.

Prayer: Lord, I am so thankful for Your Word. I know that the Word is alive and active in my life. Please help me to really meditate on the things You speak to me and help me to actively act on what You speak to me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Wednesday November 6

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 43-45 Hebrews 3

Praise the Lord! Continuing in Romans 12, verse 11 says, **“Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.”** If I were to paraphrase what I hear God saying to us here I might say it this way, “Don’t be lazy. Serve God with zeal and fervor.” Now there are places where Paul said that he was *content* but He never lost his zeal and fervor for seeking the Lord and His ways.

Verse 12 says, **“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”** The Word is sure speaking to me. How about you? Look at the words from this one verse: Joyful, Hope, Patience & Faithfulness. Take a moment and think about which of these words you are doing best with and which one you are needing to work on the most.

Verse 13 says, **“Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.”** I don’t think I have to say very much about most of the verses I am giving to you today because they are easily understood. I think someone would have to try to not understand what is being said.

Psalms 19:8 says, **“The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.”** We know that God’s Word and His ways are always right. And they give us joy. Amen? When we do what they say, we will be blessed. James 1:25 says, **“But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.”**

Prayer: Lord, I again thank You for speaking to me from Your Word. I want to be a doer of Your Word and not a hearer only. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Thursday November 7

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 46-48 Hebrews 4

Praise the Lord! Romans 12:14 says, **“Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.”**

Now, before I write to you about this verse let me share with you a verse that Paul wrote in Philippians 3:1, **“Further, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you.”** Paul said it wasn't a bother for him to write the same thing to them more than once and he said it was a safeguard for them and us.

With that in mind, I am going to be like Paul here. Romans 12:14 says, **“Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.”** I often write to you about being doers of the Word and not hearers only. As a matter of fact, yesterday I gave you James 1:25 that says we are blessed when we do what the Word says.

Hearing and reading the Word (like in these devotions) is good but the blessing comes when we do that it says. Look at 1 Peter 3:9, **“Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing.”** This verse says **you were called, that you may obtain a blessing.** Thank God! Don't miss that this wonderful promise is made right after the Word tells us to *bless* others. So we have several verses today that talk about how we need to bless and not curse our enemies and those who persecute us. Then we are told that we will be blessed when we do these things.

I wonder if I should lead you in a prayer about these things?

Prayer: Lord, please speak to me from Your Word today. Help me to realize if I have been cursing some people that I should be blessing. I want to be a doer of Your Word and I open my life, my words and my thoughts to You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Friday November 8

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 49-50 Hebrews 5

Praise the Lord! I believe God has been speaking to every one of us as we have been going through the verses in Romans 12. Here is some more. Romans 12:15 says, **“Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.”**

I am sure you go through some things. Did you know that those around you go through things too? When you go through things you probably need someone to be with you and help you. When those around you go through things they need someone to be with them and to help them too.

I am sure you are probably way ahead of me and you probably already know what I am going to say but I am going to say it anyway. We need to help people. If they are rejoicing, we need to rejoice with them. If they are weeping, we need to weep with them. When you are in those situations, you are there because God has placed you there. Help them.

I know that at times we don't know what to say, but that doesn't mean they aren't in need and it doesn't mean that God doesn't want us to help. Believe me most of the time people don't need us to try to have all the answers. They need someone to be with them. They need someone to rejoice with them and they need someone to weep with them. They need you.

This might seem like advice that is too simple or too hard but I am just telling what the Word says.

Prayer: Lord, I really do want to be used to help people. Help me to know that I don't need to have all the answers because I don't. Help me to be with people and help me to know my being there is what they need. I also know that when I step out to do what You want me to do You will always be with me and helping me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Saturday November 9

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 51-52 Hebrews 6

Praise The Lord! Yesterday, I wrote to you about Romans 12:15 that says we need to **Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.** You probably think I said all that there was to say about that but as you might expect, I have more to say today.

Someone might be thinking something like this: "What if I don't feel like rejoicing with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep?" Well, not to be too harsh but let me ask you this: "What does your feelings have to do with doing what God wants you to do?"

I can tell you that there have been times when I have rejoiced with people who were rejoicing when I was going through something hard and I didn't feel like rejoicing with them. There have also been times when I have wept with people who were weeping and I didn't feel like weeping with them.

Those are times when we need to be determined to do what God wants and I can assure you that God will help you. A couple days ago we looked at Romans 12:10, "**Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another.**" We are talking about *giving preference to those who are rejoicing and weeping* because the Word tells us to and because we love them.

Anytime we *honor and give preference* to someone else we are laying our feelings down in order to help them.

Prayer: Lord, I know there are people all around who need someone to come along side them. Help me to be willing to give preferential treatment to others. I know that doing these things is right and I know that I can be used by You to bless others when they may need it the most. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Sunday November 10

Scripture Reading: Lamentations 1-2 Hebrews 7

Praise the Lord! Romans 12:16 says, **“Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.”**

Have you ever been around someone who was *conceited*? If you have, you probably weren't as impressed with them as they were with themselves. I just looked up a definition of *conceited* and here is what I found: *excessively proud of oneself; vain*. A conceited person is *excessively proud of themselves*.

I know I started at the end of this verse. Well, we are told not to be conceited. The first part says we should *Live in harmony with one another*. We are told *not to be proud* and we are told to *be willing to associate with people in low positions*. I am sure you can see that a *conceited* person would have a hard time with these things.

Philippians 2:3-4 uses the word *conceit*. **“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or *vain conceit*. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.”** I think it is interesting here that *conceit* is referred to as *vain conceit*. When someone is being vain they are focusing on themselves and probably pretty impressed with how wonderful and important they are. They are probably much more impressed with themselves than others are.

The opposite of being *conceited* and *vain* is to be humble.

Prayer: Lord, help me to live inharmony with others. Help me not to be proud or conceited. I know how I feel about others when they are full of vain conceit and I wouldn't want others to think of me that way. I also want to be humble. Help me to pray for others if they are having a problem with these things. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Monday November 11

Scripture Reading: Lamentations 3-5 Hebrews 8

Praise the Lord! Romans 12:17 says, **“Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone.”**

Some of the things the Word tells us to do can be difficult. Even as Christians when someone does us wrong we need to avoid falling into the trap of doing evil back to them. I have several Scriptures on this for today.

Proverbs 20:22 says, **“Do not say, “I’ll pay you back for this wrong!” Wait for the Lord, and He will avenge you.”** Here is what I hear the Lord saying to me and maybe He is saying the same thing to you. When someone does me wrong I can try to take care of it on my own OR I can trust God to take care of it. Is God speaking that to you? Are there any specific situations He is speaking to about this right now?

1 Peter 3:9 says, **“Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing.”** There is something that always stands out to me in this verse. Even when someone does evil to us we are called to bless *because we are called to obtain a blessing*. You see, the law of sowing and reaping always works and God always wants to bless us. When we sow blessings we will reap blessings.

Galatians 6:7 says, **“Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.”** 2 Corinthians 9:6 says, **“The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.”**

Prayer: Lord, thank You for speaking to everyone reading this devotion. Help us to live like You want and help us to sow what we want to reap. I trust You to take care of me way better than I can ever take care of myself. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Tuesday November 12

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 1-3 Hebrews 9

Praise the Lord! Romans 12:18 says, **“If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.”**

If I was talking to someone and asked them how this verse would be applied I wonder what kind of answers I would get. I wonder what you would say. We should be people of peace. We know that but the application of that is what I am talking about.

It helps me to read this part of the verse, *If it is possible*. You see, there are times where it isn't possible for us to be at peace with someone because they are not willing to be at peace with us. This verse also says, *as far as it depends on you*. . . I think this is saying that we need to do our part even if the other person or people don't want to be at peace with us. It also stretches me that this verse tells us to do these things *with everyone*. Now you know me. I am kind of a literalist about words like *everyone*. I think it means *everyone*.

Here are some things I do know about applying this verse in our lives. We are suppose to forgive people. Ephesians 4:32 says, **“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”** We are to forgive others like Jesus has forgiven us.

I also know that the Word tells us to do good to those who hate us. Luke 6:27-28 say, **“But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.”**

Prayer: Lord, help me to know how to put Your Word into action in my life. I trust You to speak to me about how to apply this truth in my life. I also know that You have always helped me to live for You and I know that You will help me in these things. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Wednesday November 13

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 4-6

Hebrews 10:1-23

Praise the Lord! Romans 12:19 says, **“Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: “It is Mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord.”**

This is a wonderful promise. I believe it. How about you? Let’s make a declaration based on this verse. *“I declare that God is working on my behalf and I trust in Him!”*

Proverbs 3:1-6 say, **“My son, do not forget My teaching, but keep My commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you peace and prosperity. Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man. Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.”**

I love the Word and I know that you do too. These verses from Proverbs 3 are very familiar to me, and yet when I wrote these out for you something stood out to me that I needed to hear. Speaking of the Word we are told to **bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart**. Here is what stood out to me. These are things we are told to do. I can’t do them for you and you can’t do them for me, but we can both do them because God tells us to do them and He will help us. We need to *bind and write* the truths about not taking revenge and trusting God to avenge us when it is needed.

Prayer: Lord, I say again, “I declare that God is working on my behalf and I trust in Him!” Help me to bind Your Word to my life and help me to write them on the tablet of my heart. Thank You for speaking to me today from Your Word. I believe it and I am determined to be a doer of Your Word and not a hearer only. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Thursday November 14

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 7-9

Hebrews 10:24-39

Praise the Lord! I want to give you Romans 12:19-20 for today. **“Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: “It is Mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord. On the contrary: “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.””**

Do you think this is just talking about giving food and water to those who oppose us? There have been times in my life when someone was opposing me and I never saw them hungry or thirsty but I still believe this verse was speaking to me about doing them good. Do you agree?

I know of a situation where a Christian had a person who had done really evil things to them. They had determined that if they ever had the chance to get back at that person, and not get caught, they would pay them back big time. For a while they even determined that they would not forgive that person, but God kept working on them until they forgave them because it was what God wanted them to do. Right after they forgave them, they came across a situation where they could have paid them back big time and no one would have ever known that it was them who did it. But God had worked in their life and because they had forgiven them, they actually helped them rather than hurt them. If it seems like I know a lot of details about this story you might be able to figure out how I could know so much about what happened.

Believe me, walking in forgiveness and doing good is always better than harboring unforgiveness and hurting people.

Prayer: Lord, I choose to forgive my enemies and I choose to do them good, I choose to bless them and I choose to pray for them. I trust You to take care of things that are not my job to take care of. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Friday November 15

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 10-12

Hebrews 11:1-19

Praise the Lord! We have made it to the last verse of Romans 12. Verse 21 says, **“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”**

We are in a battle. That is for sure. There are powers and people who oppose us because we have given our lives to Jesus and they are against anything that has to do with Him. We need to know and remember that we don't fight evil with evil. We are to overcome evil with good.

Look at 1 John 4:4, **“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.”** The greater One is in us. Jesus is in us. We can trust Him to take care of us. When some people strike out and fight their own battles it is like they don't know or remember that Jesus knows all about those things. Believe me, He knows and He is able to help us. We need to trust Him.

Philippians 4:19 says, **“And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus.”** Now, I know that most of the time people apply this wonderful verse to finances. By all means, Jesus will meet all our needs in that area, but I don't think it is wrong to apply this in other areas as well. After all, if God will meet ALL OUR NEEDS, don't you think that includes protecting us and even fighting our battles for us?

Our part is to bless our enemies, do good to them and pray for them. That is overcoming evil with good.

Prayer: Lord, please help me to remember that You tell me to overcome evil with good. I also ask You to show me how to put that into practice in my everyday life. I know that You are with me and I know that You are well aware of everything I am facing and You even know what I should do. Please empower me to overcome evil with good. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Saturday November 16

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 13-15

Hebrews 11:20-40

Praise the Lord! Look at what Peter wrote in 1 Peter 5:1-4, **“To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ’s sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.”**

Peter was writing this to those who were in leadership in the Church. He told them to be faithful and he reminded them that God would bless them for all that they were doing.

Here’s what I want to write to you about from these truths. I hope and pray that you have people in your life that consistently minister to you. You should honor such people and by all means pray for them. If you have submitted your life to them God is working to bless both you and them.

Here’s some more. Hebrews 13:17 says, **“Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.”** Know that those who minister to you are gifts from God. God only has good gifts for you. Be a blessing to those who minister to you in any way you can.

Prayer: Lord, I thank You for everyone You have brought into my life to minister to me. I know that they are gifts from You and I receive them with thanksgiving. Help me to be a blessing to them. Help me to bring them joy and not to be a burden to them. Please bless them and let them know that they are loved and appreciated. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Sunday November 17

**Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 16
Hebrews 12**

Praise the Lord! As I looked at the Scriptures I gave you yesterday I realized that the next verse goes right along with them. Hebrews 13:17 says, **“Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.”**

When God brings people into your life to teach you the ways of God it is a blessing. When you allow them to teach you and show you how to live it is God using them. This verse says you should **have confidence in them**. This might take some time to develop, but by all means let it happen.

I want to remind you again that God only has good gifts for you. Matthew 7:11 says, **“If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask Him!”**

We should all be thankful for the men and women God has brought into our lives to teach as the ways of God. This verse is saying that sometimes doing what they are called to do will be a *joy* and sometimes doing what God called them to do could be a *burden*. Think about what makes the difference. The people they are ministering and helping makes the difference.

Be thankful for those who minister to you and made sure you are giving them joy and not ever being a burden to them.

Prayer: Lord, I again thank You for the men and women You have brought into my life to teach me Your Word and Your ways. I bless them and I bless the work that they are doing to help me in so many ways. Help my life to be a benefit to me and them. I also thank You for telling me this twice. I get the point. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Monday November 18

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 17-19

Hebrews 13

Praise the Lord! 1 Peter 5:6 says, **“Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time.”**

The opposite of being humble is being proud. People who are proud think they have all the answers and they don’t know they need help. When we are humble, we acknowledge that we need help and God helps the humble.

This verse also says that God will **lift you up in due time**. I hear God talking to us about being patient. So, be humble enough to know that you need God’s help and be patient enough to know that His timing is always right.

As I thought about this I think more people have problems being patient than being humble, but I could be wrong. I just did a search to see if there are any verses that speak about being humble and patient and I found one.

Ephesians 4:1-2 say, **“As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.”**

It is interesting that these things are Paul urging us to live our lives *worthy of the calling we have received*. Thank God that He called us and saved us. Now we need to live like He wants. In light of this, Paul told us to be *completely humble* and to be *patient, bearing with one another in love*. Let’s pray and ask God to speak to us about these things.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for speaking to me from Your Word today. I ask You to help me to live my life in a way that is worthy of Your calling. Help me to be completely humble and help me to patiently bear with others. I also ask You to help me to know right now if there are areas where I need to be a doer of these things today. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Tuesday November 19

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 20-21 James 1

Praise the Lord! 1 Peter 5:7 is one of my favorite verses. **“Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.”** One version says it this way, **“Cast all your cares on Him because He cares for you.”**

I often write to you about meditating on the Word and I want to tell you about a time when I decided to meditate on this verse. I went way out of town on a ranch where I couldn't see anything that was too distracting. I wrote this verse out on a 3x5 card and took it with me. I left my Bible at home because I wanted to meditate on this verse and not turn to a whole bunch of other Scriptures. I decided to meditate one hour on this one verse.

I have to tell you in some ways it was the longest hour I ever experienced but it was also one of the most beneficial hours I ever experienced. Over and over my mind would wander and think of something else I needed to do and I would have to pull it back to this verse.

It was like a battle to focus on this one verse but it was well worth the effort. I ended up with a revelation that impacted my life back then and I am still being blessed by that time to this day. I am not saying that I never battle to *cast all my cares on Him* but the time I spent meditating on this verse helps me when I start to worry about things. We really can cast *all* our cares on Jesus *because He cares for us*. I heard one preacher covering this verse and he said there were times when he had all kinds of things trying to weigh him down with cares and he would say, “I can't tell you how little I care of those things because Jesus cares for me!”

Prayer: Lord, thank You for the Word. Thank You for speaking to me and reminding me that meditating on Your Word will benefit me. Please help me to pick a verse to meditate on and help me to do it. I even want to ask You right now to give me a verse that You want me to meditate on. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Wednesday November 20

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 22-23

James 2

Praise the Lord! Yesterday, I encouraged you to meditate on the Word. I have some more Scriptures on Meditation for you today.

Joshua 1:6-8 say, **“Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them. “Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.”**

Meditate on the Word and be careful do everything written it. **Then you will be prosperous and successful.** That promise of prosperity and success sounds good to me.

Psalms 1:1-3 say, **“Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on His law day and night. 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.**

Again God is promising to bless us when we meditate on His Word day and night. Matthew 7:24 says, **“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.”**

Prayer: Lord, I believe Your Word. I again ask You to help me to know what part of Your Word You would like me to meditate on and I am going to do it. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Thursday November 21

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 24-26 James 3

Praise the Lord! We are so blessed to be children of God. Look at what John 1:12-13 say, **“Yet to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His Name, He gave the right to become children of God, children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.”** We are born-again and we are children of God.

Now, we do have an enemy. 1 Peter 5:8-9 say, **“Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.”** The devil is our enemy. He wants to devour you, but Jesus is your protector. We need to be alert and stay close to Jesus.

Look at what Luke 10:19 says, **“I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.”** Jesus has given us authority over the devil. That is the Word. Believe it.

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.”** Jesus is in our lives and He is greater and more powerful than the devil.

Ephesians 4:27 says, **“Do not give the devil a foothold.”** Stay close to Jesus and live like He wants and you won’t give the devil any foothold in your life.

Prayer: Lord, I am so thankful that I have given my life to You. Thank You for saving me and for making me Your child. Help me to be sober and help me to never ever give the devil a foothold in my life. I know that You can teach me how to live for You and You can teach me how to keep my life closed to the devil. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Friday November 22

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 27-28

James 4

Praise the Lord! 1 Peter 5:10-11 say, **“And the God of all grace, Who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will Himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To Him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.”**

Look at this part of these verses, **“The God of all grace. . .”** Isn't that wonderful? We are saved because He is **The God of all grace**. He has started a good work in our lives and He continues to work in our lives because He is **The God of all grace**. We are going to be in heaven forever with Jesus because He is **The God of all grace**.

Look at what John 1:11-13 say, **“He came to that which was His own, but His own did not receive Him. Yet to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His Name, He gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.”** Others have rejected Him, but we have received Jesus as our Lord and Savior. God gave us the right to become children of God because He is **The God of all grace**.

John 1:14 says, **“The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”** Jesus is *full of grace and truth!*

One more verse then we will pray. John 1:16 says, **“From the fullness of His grace we have received one blessing after another.”**

Prayer: Lord, I am so thankful that You are the God of all grace. Thank You for saving me by grace and thank You for all the benefits I have because of Your grace. Help me to extend grace to others. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Saturday November 23

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 29-31 James 5

Praise the Lord! Galatians 5:1 says, **"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."**

When you gave your life to Jesus, He saved you and set you free from sin and condemnation. Paul is telling us to never go back to the bondage and slavery that we were in before we were saved. It is interesting that Paul said *do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery*. Don't let that happen. God has started a good work in your life and He has set you free. *Don't let* anything get you off track from what Jesus is doing in your life.

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Jesus set you free so stay free. Romans 6:16-18 say, **"Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness."** Jesus set you free from bondage to sin. Don't let sin rule and reign in your life any more. If you do sin, turn to Jesus immediately and get forgiveness. Submit yourself to Jesus and let Him rule and reign in your life.

Paul even went so far as to say, **You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.**

Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me and for setting me free from bondage to sin. I choose to stand firm in what You have done in my life. Please teach me more how to be set free from sin and how to be a slave to righteousness. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Sunday November 24

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 32-33

1 Peter 1

Praise the Lord! First and second Timothy are letters that Paul wrote to Timothy whom he had led to the Lord. Timothy was entering into the ministry and Paul was writing to him to help him to grow in Jesus. The Holy Spirit had these things preserved so we can learn from them. Romans 15:4 says, **“For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.”** These promises are for you. He had the Word written so you, and everyone else, can learn from it and have hope.

Thank God for that truth. Because you believe it, let's look at some of the things in 2 Timothy. 2 Timothy 1:1-2, **“Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my dear son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.”** Paul extended *grace, mercy and peace* to Timothy and those same wonderful things are for us today.

Paul went on and wrote 2 Timothy 1:6-7, **“For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.”** We need to hold on to the gifts that God has given us. Here are some things that God has not given us. He has not given us timidity or fear. He has given us *power, love and self-discipline*. God only has good things for you. We need to believe that God has given us *power, love and self-discipline*. Thank Him for those things and ask Him to grow them in your life.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for making it possible for me to read and study Your Word. I choose to believe. I know You have given me power, love and self-discipline. I want to live for You and I want these blessings be developed in my life much more. Please teach me how to do my part. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Monday November 25

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 34-35

1 Peter 2

Praise the Lord! Yesterday, I gave you Romans 15:4 and I want to give you that verse again and add verse 5. Romans 15:4-5 say, **“For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope. May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had.”**

The Word is so wonderful and the Word produces so many wonderful things in our lives. Here we are told that the Word can and will give us *endurance and encouragement*. Let's be honest. Don't you know we need *endurance* for the days we are living in? We need to know the truth and stand for the truth no matter what happens. That takes *endurance*.

Next, the Word can give us *encouragement*. I know I might sound like I am being repetitive but here I go anyway. Don't you know we need *encouragement* for the days we are living in? There are so many things that could discourage us, but thank God we have the Word that gives us *encouragement*.

Now, that we see that the Word can and will give us *endurance and encouragement*, get more Word! Psalms 119:105 says, **“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”** Need more light of your path? Get more Word. When you spend time in the Word sometimes a verse or a section of verses will stand out to you. Pay attention to what the Word is saying to you. It might be for right then, it might be for later or it might be for someone else. But God is speaking to you. Pay attention.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for giving me endurance and encouragement. I really need those things in my life. I thank You for all the endurance and encouragement You have given me and I ask You to give me more as I spend time in Your Word. Help me to pay attention. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Tuesday November 26

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 36-37

1 Peter 3

Praise the Lord! I am going to get back to Romans 15 tomorrow but I gave you Ezekiel 36 in the Scripture Reading for today and I have some things for you today. Ezekiel 36:23 says, **“I will show the holiness of My great Name, which has been profaned among the nations, the Name you have profaned among them. Then the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Sovereign Lord, when I am proved holy through you before their eyes.”** It might be good for you to read that verse again to make sure you get what it is saying. God is promising to show His great Name among the nations. Now, I know that was written for them back then but God also wants to do these things now. Let's believe that God and His Name will be lifted up through all the things we are going through. This is a promise that God will be revealed to all people.

Also look at Ezekiel 36:26-28, **“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put My Spirit in you and move you to follow My decrees and be careful to keep My laws. Then you will live in the land I gave your ancestors; you will be My people, and I will be your God.”**

This is a wonderful promise for us as His people. When we gave our lives to Jesus, He gave us a brand new start and His good work continues in our lives. Aren't you glad? He never quits. The Holy Spirit has been given to us to empower us to live for God. Follow Him and live like He wants. As we do that more and more God promises that He will be revealed to those who don't know Him. We are His witnesses with His help and power.

Prayer: Lord, I am so thankful for Your work in my life. Thank You for saving me and for keeping me. I also want to live more fully for You so my very life will be a witness to others. I believe You are revealing Yourself to the world and I want to be used in that mighty and wonderful work. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Wednesday November 27

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 38-39

1 Peter 4

Praise the Lord! Romans 15:5-6 say, **“May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”**

God gives us endurance and encouragement **so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.** I am sure we all know that we should all glorify God at all times, but this goes beyond that.

We are told that we should glorify God **with one mind and one voice.** As believers we should be in unity. God always blesses unity. Look at the first and last part of Psalms 133. **“How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!. . . For there the Lord bestows His blessing, even life forevermore.”**

It is good and pleasant when we live in unity with one another **AND** being in unity is where God bestows His blessing. And we are told that His blessing is **even life forevermore.**

Look at what Jesus said in John 13:34-35, **“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another.”** When we love each other and live in unity we will be blessed and others will know that we really are Christians.

Prayer: Lord, please help me to know how to live in unity with other believers. I want my life to be a good witness for You and I now see that how I treat other believers and how I speak about them should always be positive and loving. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Thursday November 28

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 40 1 Peter 5

Praise the Lord! I showed you yesterday that as believers we should be in unity with one another. I even showed you that Psalms 133 says that when we are unity it is good, pleasant and that is where God pours out life and life forevermore.

Now, look at Romans 15:7, "**Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.**" Do you know how much you should accept other believers? This verse says we should accept one another **just as Christ accepted you**. Thank God He has accepted us and we should accept each other. This verse also tells us to accept one another **in order to bring praise to God**. Let me put this in a little different way. If God has accepted someone, how could we not accept them?

Here's a very important way we can and should live this out. Ephesians 4:31-32 say, "**Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.**"

Here is a list of things we should **get rid of**: Bitterness, Rage, Anger, Brawling, Slander and All manner of Malice.

We should be kind and compassionate to one another AND we should forgive others **just as in Christ God forgave you**. So, we should accept others just like Jesus has accepted us and we should forgive others just like Jesus has forgiven us. Maybe we should pray now.

Prayer: Lord, please help me to bring praise to You by accepting my brothers and sisters just like You accept them and by forgiving them just like You forgave me. I know that doing these things will demonstrate that I am really a Christian and that You are my Lord. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Friday November 29

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 41-42 2 Peter 1

Praise the Lord! I think I will finish the month off by looking at the first three verses of Psalms 1. Verse 1 says, **“Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers.”** This might seem controversial to some, but there are some people you are better off not being around. If you have ever been around some people who always drag you down and hurt your walk with the Lord you surely know this is true.

Now, I am not saying we are never to be around them. It is a matter of who is influencing who. If you are influencing them for good, like Jesus did, then keep helping them. If on the other hand, if they are influencing you and dragging you down you would do well to limit your time with them. Go and get strong enough to help them and then be with them and influence them.

Psalms 1:2 says, **“But whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on His law day and night.”** Rather than spending too much time with people who influence you, do what this verse says. Delight in the Word and meditate on it. Doing these things will strengthen you and you will be blessed.

I have written to you about meditating on the Word before. This verse says to meditate on the Word day and night. If you ever wake up in the middle of the night worrying or fearful, make the choice to meditate on the Word rather than on what is bothering you. It will help you to get back to sleep and it will empower you to deal with those things.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for speaking to me from Your Word again today. Please help me to know how to apply these truths in my life. I know that Your Word is always right. I don't ever want to be influenced in bad ways but I do want to be a good influence to others. Again, I ask You to help me to apply these truths in my life. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Saturday November 30

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 43-44 2 Peter 2

Praise the Lord! Here is all of Psalms 1:1-3, **“Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on His law day and night. 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.”**

I am sure every one of us would like to be like trees planted by water and yielding fruit. I am also sure we would all like to prosper in whatever we do.

Well, the Word is telling us how to have those things happening in our lives. Don't be influenced by people in bad ways. Delight yourself in the Word and meditate on it day and night. Knowing what the Word says and doing it will make sure you are living the kind of life where God promises to bless you by fulfilling His Word in your life.

Jeremiah 17:8 goes right along with these verses. **“He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.”** Can you say, “That’s for me!”?

Psalms 92:12-15 say, **“The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God. They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green, proclaiming, “The Lord is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in Him.”**

Prayer: Lord, I believe Your Word and I am going to do my part to position myself for more of Your blessings. I really do want to be blessed more so I can bless others more. 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

PLEASE JOIN US THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 9:30 BEFORE CHURCH FOR SOME COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS AND LOTS OF FELLOWSHIP!

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