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Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Matthew 24:35 says, **“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My Words will never pass away.”** As you study God’s Word and base your life on It you are building your life on a firm foundation. God’s Word is always true. Believe His Word and live it.

Gladly in His Service,

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Friday August 1

Scripture Reading: Psalms 65-67 Romans 2

Praise the Lord! In Ephesians 1, Paul has been writing to believers. He told them that he had been praying for them and he listed many things that he had been praying. We are now ready for what Paul said in Ephesians 1:22, **“And God placed all things under His feet and appointed Him to be head over everything for the church.”**

God has placed all things under Jesus and God has appointed Him to be head over everything. There are so many things happening around us on so many levels and we really need to know and believe this truth. Jesus is in control! This is absolutely true and Paul had some more to add. God placed Jesus in control and He appointed Him to be over everything *for the church*.

Look at Revelation 5:11-14, **“Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.”**

Jesus is Lord of lords and He is King of kings. Believe these things and trust Him.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me and thank You for revealing truth to me today. I know that You are always in control and I choose to believe. Help me to remember that You are in control and help me to live in confidence. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Saturday August 2

Scripture Reading: Psalms 68-69

Romans 3

Praise the Lord! Ephesians 1:22-23 say, **“And God placed all things under His feet and appointed Him to be head over everything for the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills everything in every way.”** God has placed all things under Jesus and He did all those things for the church. Thank God for the church. Paul even said that the church is *His body*. We are the body of Christ.

Look at Colossians 3:13-15, **“Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.”**

As part of the church, the body of Christ, we are told several things that we should be doing. We should bear with each other. That means we should be patient with each other. We should forgive each other when needed. We are even told that we should forgive others like Jesus has forgiven us. We should love each other and live in unity. We should let the peace of Jesus rule in our lives and we should be thankful.

That is quite a list and since tomorrow is Sunday I want to encourage you to be in church tomorrow and live like Jesus wants. Hebrews 10:24-25 say, **“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”**

Prayer: Lord, I ask You to bless my church, help me to be faithful and help me to really live like You want. I know that Your ways are always right. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Sunday August 3

Scripture Reading: Psalms 70-72

Romans 4

Praise the Lord! In Ephesians 2 Paul starts off by describing how our lives were before we were saved. Ephesians 2:1-3, **"As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath."**

These things describe every one of us before we gave our lives to Jesus. We were dead in our transgressions, we were living worldly sinful lives and we were fulfilling the cravings of our flesh. Because of all those things **we were by nature deserving of wrath**. Thank God these descriptions weren't the end of the story. Can I get an, "Amen!"?

Ephesians 2:4-5 say, **"But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved."** Thank God. Have you ever wondered why God saved you? He saved you **because of His great love for us**. It wasn't because any of us was so wonderful or because we somehow deserved it. We weren't wonderful and we only deserved wrath. **BUT GOD LOVED US, HE HAD MERCY ON US AND HE SAVED US**. All of this was because of His grace. **It is by grace you have been saved**. Because of God's grace, Jesus came and laid His life down and paid for our sins so we could be saved.

Prayer: Lord, I know that I was totally and completely lost without You and I know that I am totally and completely saved with You. I am so thankful for Your love, Your mercy and Your grace. I ask You to give me more revelation of how much You love me and how blessed I am to be a Christian. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Monday August 4

Scripture Reading: Psalms 73-74

Romans 5

Praise the Lord! Yesterday, we read about the fact that we are saved by grace. As amazing as that is look at Ephesians 2:6 for today, **“And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.”** We are saved by grace and we are **with Christ and seated with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.** Does that stretch your thinking? If it doesn't maybe you should read it again.

Here's another verse that we covered earlier that goes right along with this one. Colossians 3:1-3 says, **“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.”** God has blessed us *in the heavenly realm with every spiritual blessing in Christ.*

How about Ephesians 3:1-3, **“If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.”**

I am sure I can't answer all the questions that come up about these truths but I know that they are true and I know that our part is to believe. These verses in Colossians 3 also tell us some more of what we need to do. We are told to **Set our minds on things that are above.**

When you are going through something hard don't forget heaven. What is happening here isn't all there is. Here's one thing to remember: This life is going to be over but we are going to be in heaven forever.

Prayer: Lord, I thank You for all the blessings You have provided for me and I choose to believe them all. Help me to always remember that this life isn't all there is. Thank You for saving me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Tuesday August 5

Scripture Reading: Psalms 75-77

Romans 6

Praise the Lord! Ephesians 2:6-7 say, **“And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages He might show the incomparable riches of His grace, expressed in His kindness to us in Christ Jesus.”** If you have given your life to Jesus, He has saved You, He has raised you up and He has blessings for you right now. And He has blessings for you that will last forever in heaven. This verse even referred to them as *incomparable riches of His grace*. I know that I don't need to remind you that you are saved and you are blessed because of His grace, but I wanted to remind you anyway.

Look at this phrase: **“His grace, expressed in His kindness to us in Christ Jesus.”** God's grace is **expressed in His kindness to us in Christ Jesus**. Isn't God good to you? Have you ever wondered why He is so good to you? It is because of His grace. We are saved by grace, we are kept by grace and we are blessed by grace. All these things are true right now in this life and they are true forever. I often say that the best decision I ever made was giving my life to Jesus and these things sure show that to be true.

We didn't deserve these things and Ephesians 2:8-9 sure show it. **“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.”**

Our works could never save us, but for today look at this: **It is the gift of God**. Here's a quick thought about gifts. They need to be received.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me and thank You for all the blessing I have as a child of God. I also thank You for all Your kindness towards me. I want to be quicker to recognize Your kindness and Your blessings. I also want to praise You more for them. I love You and I am so glad I have given my life to You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Wednesday August 6

Scripture Reading: Psalms 78 Romans 7

Praise the Lord! Look at Ephesians 2:10 for today, **“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”** This is amazing on many levels.

We are God’s *handiwork*. Isn’t that amazing? When God works at something, do you think He gets the job done? Well, we are His handiwork. He started His good work in our lives and He is going to get it done.

Look at 2 Corinthians 4:6, **“For God, Who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ.”** Think about when God said, “Let there be light!” He was working and when He spoke light into being *there was light!* He gets His work done. This verse says that this same God has made *His light shine in our hearts to give us light of the knowledge of God’s glory*. Let that sink in. The all-powerful God who spoke light into the universe *has also spoken His light into our lives*.

And this same all-powerful God is working in your life. You are His handiwork. You are going to make it because God gets His job done. Ephesians 2:10 also says that He has some *good works* for you to do that *He prepared in advance for you to do*. That is amazing and we can do what He has for us to do because He will help us. Can you imagine how brave and confident a person would be if they knew that they were doing what all-mighty God wanted them to do and if they knew He was helping them? Well, that person is you.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me. I know that I am saved because You are all-powerful and You have saved me. I also see from the Word that You have some things that You have for me to do. Please help me to know what I need to be doing and help me to have confidence that You will help me. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.



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Thursday August 7

Scripture Reading: Psalms 79-81 Romans 8:1-18

Praise the Lord! I hope you are allowing God to speak to you as we go through Ephesians. In the next verses, Paul is going to address Gentiles who were being saved. Ephesians 2:11-12, **"Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (which is done in the body by human hands) remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world."**

Before we were saved we were all lost and without hope because we were **without God in the world**. We all needed Jesus and thank God we gave our lives to Him. Now we live in the blessings of verse 13, **"But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ."** We are *in Jesus*. We have been brought *near to God by the blood of Jesus*.

John 3:16 is probably the best known verse and here it is with verse 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."**

Jesus came to save us. Thank God! We are also told that Jesus didn't come to condemn us. Again I say, Thank God!

Prayer: Lord, I am so thankful that You have saved me. I also thank You that I am now in You and I am thankful that there is no condemnation for me because I am in You. Help me to live for You fully and help me to represent You well to others. I want my life to show others how blessed it is to be saved and living for Jesus. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Friday August 8

Scripture Reading: Psalms 82-84

Romans 8:19-39

Praise the Lord! Ephesians 2:14 says, **“For He Himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility.”** Jesus is our peace! Take a moment and say this out loud at least three times, “Jesus is my peace!” (Did you say it out loud?)

You see, we need to believe what the Word says and we need to speak what we believe. 2 Corinthians 4:13 says, **“It is written: “I believed; therefore I have spoken.” Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak.”** Believe the truth and speak what you believe. We can know that we are believing the truth when we believe the Word.

As for you saying, “Jesus is my peace” look at what Romans 10:17 says, **“Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word about Christ.”** Faith comes when we hear the message of God’s Word. When you hear the Word preached it will produce faith.

Any way you hear the Word will produce faith. Here’s my point. You can even hear the Word by speaking it to yourself. So, when I asked you to say, “Jesus is my peace!” I was encouraging you to do what 2 Corinthians 4:13 tells us to do and I was encouraging you do something that would help you to have more faith according to Romans 10:17.

Here is some more about “Jesus in my peace!”. Since we know this is the truth, because it is God’s Word, we can know if we have Jesus we have peace. Speaking the truth will help us to settle this wonderful truth in our lives.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me and thank You for giving me peace. I believe the Word and I believe that You are my peace. Help me to speak this and other truths that You reveal to me through Your Word. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Saturday August 9

Scripture Reading: Psalms 85-87

Romans 9

Praise the Lord! I have some more to write to you about Ephesians 2:14, **“For He Himself is our peace, Who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility.”**

Every person was separated from God because of their sins. God so loved the world that He sent Jesus to die on the cross for the sins of mankind. Jesus willingly came, lived a sinless life and died on the cross to pay for sins. The Holy Spirit actively draws people to God and reveals the plan of salvation. All who accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior have their sins forgiven and they become children of God. The barrier and dividing wall of hostility has been destroyed. As born-again believers we are no longer separated from God. Jesus is our peace! Isn't that good news?

Here is some more good news about peace. In John 14:27 Jesus said, **“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 gives us peace and it is actually even better than that. Jesus said that He gives us *His peace*. Can you grasp how wonderful this is? I am sure we all know that Jesus has great peace and He gives us *His peace*. Let's all say, “Thank You, Jesus for giving me Your peace!” Did you say that?

When Jesus said He gives us His peace He then went on and said, **“Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”** Someone might be thinking: In the days we live how could a person keep their hearts from being troubled and afraid? Believe the Word, speak what the Word says and know that Jesus is with you. He is giving you His peace.

Prayer: Lord, I am so thankful that my sins have been forgiven and that I am at peace with You. Thank You, Jesus for giving me Your peace. I believe. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Sunday August 10

Scripture Reading: Psalms 88-89

Romans 10

Praise the Lord! Paul has some more to say about the Gentiles being saved. Ephesians 2:14-16, **"For He Himself is our peace, Who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in His flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in Himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which He put to death their hostility."** Jesus laid His life down for all mankind. All are lost without Him and all can be saved by accepting Him as Lord and Savior. In Jesus there are no divisions. We are all one in Jesus.

There should be no walls of division between any of God's people. We should love each other and we should live in unity. Look at the first part and the 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."** God wants to bestow His blessing and life forevermore on us. Doesn't that sound good?

Here are some verses that talk about how important it is for believers to be at peace with each others. Romans 12:18 says, **"If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all."** Do as much as you can to live peaceably with others. Romans 14:19 says, **"So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding."** Pursue what makes for peace and build others up. Matthew 5:9 says, **"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God."** Be a peacemaker. I feel like we need to pray about these things in closing.

Prayer: Lord, help me to live at peace with others. Help me to be a peacemaker. I want to build others up and to be in unity with all my brothers and sisters. I ask You to speak to me about anywhere I need to do these things. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Monday August 11

Scripture Reading: Psalms 90-92 Romans 11:1-21

Praise the Lord! Ephesians 2:17 says, **“He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near.”** Jesus came and preached peace. The peace that He offers is for anyone who will accept it. We can have peace with God and with each other. Someone might be wondering how we can have this peace. It comes when we give our lives to Him and accept Him as our Lord and Savior. Thank God for the peace only He can give us.

Ephesians 2:18 says, **“For through Him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.”** Did you notice the trinity spoken of in this one verse. Through Jesus we have access to the Father by the Holy Spirit. They are all in complete unity and they all love You.

Here's an interesting verse. 2 Corinthians 13:14 says, **“May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”** Because Jesus, the Father and the Holy Spirit are always in unity all the things here can certainly come from any one of them, but notice what it says about the Holy Spirit: **The fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.** I am certainly not saying we can't fellowship with Jesus and the Father, because we can but **The fellowship of the Holy Spirit** is specifically spoken of here.

Have you ever thought about *fellowshipping with the Holy Spirit*? I am not going to write a lot about that here but here's an idea. If you want to know more about this and if you want to experience *fellowshipping with the Holy Spirit*, why don't you pray and ask the Holy Spirit to teach you how to fellowship with Him?

Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me and thank You for Your grace, for Your love and for the invite to fellowship with You. Holy Spirit, I ask You to teach me how to fellowship with You. I don't ever want to miss out on anything You have for me. I trust You to lead me and to guide me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Tuesday August 12

Scripture Reading: Psalms 93-95

Romans 11:22-36

Praise the Lord! Yesterday, we covered Ephesians 2:18, **“For through Him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.”** I encouraged you to ask the Holy Spirit to teach you how to fellowship with Him. I hope you did that and I hope you continue to fellowship with the Holy Spirit.

Now, with that verse in mind look at Ephesians 2:19, **“Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of His household.”** Because we are saved and because Jesus, the Father and the Holy Spirit are working in our lives this verse starts off with the word, **Consequently**. Because God is working in our lives there are some *consequences* and they are all good.

You are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of His household. We are fellow citizens with God’s people and we are members of His household. Praise God we are in His Kingdom and we are in His family.

Look at what Paul wrote about God’s household in 1 Timothy 3:15, **“If I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God’s household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.”** When you were being raised were there some things that you knew you should do and some things you knew not to do in your home? It is the same way in God’s household. **You will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God’s household.**

Prayer: Holy Spirit as I fellowship with You would You teach me about how I ought to conduct myself in God’s household? I do want to live like You want because I know that Your ways are always right. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.



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Wednesday August 13

Scripture Reading: Psalms 96-98

Romans 12

Praise the Lord! Ephesians 2:19-20 say, **“Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of His household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the chief cornerstone.”** We are no longer foreigners and strangers. We are citizens of the Kingdom of God. We are *Members of God’s household*. Thank God. We are born-again and all these blessings and more are ours because we are *In Jesus*. He paid for everything good God has for us. We are so blessed.

These verses also continue and talk about the foundation of all these things. Our foundations are the apostles and prophets and **Christ Jesus Himself as the Chief Cornerstone**. Everything we have is based on what Jesus has done for us. Thank God for His love and His grace.

Verse 21 says, **“In Him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.”** We are *in Him*. Thank God. *In Him* we are built, we are joined together and we are becoming the temple of God. Speaking of us being a *temple* look at 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, **“Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, Who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.”** Jesus paid the price for us to be saved. The Holy Spirit lives in us. We are temples of the Holy Spirit. Now, don’t miss this part: We are temples of the Holy Spirit **Therefore honor God with your bodies**.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me and for all that You have given me because I am now in Jesus. I know that You are my foundation and I know that You are a firm foundation. Thank You, Holy Spirit, for living in me. Help me to know how to honor You with my body and help me to honor You in all that I do. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Thursday August 14

Scripture Reading: Psalms 99-102

Romans 13

Praise the Lord! Ephesians 2:21-22 say, **"In Him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in Him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by His Spirit."** I have been emphasizing our being *in Jesus*, and all that is true, but these verses add more.

We are *in Jesus* personally and we are *in Jesus* together with all Christians. We are *joined together*. *In Him* we are **are being built together**. We are all in Jesus and we need each other.

Look at Matthew 16:18-19, **"And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."**

I know Jesus spoke this to Peter first but it certainly has application in our lives today. Jesus is *building His church*. Isn't that Good News? It is surely Good News to me as a Pastor. It is also true that Jesus is building us as individuals but don't ever miss out on the fact that He is also *building His church*.

The church that Jesus builds has power and authority. We have *the keys to the kingdom*. What we bind on earth will be bound in heaven and what we loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me and thank You for working in my life. I also know that You are working in everyone in Your church. Help us to be joined together and help us to become a holy temple in You. I ask You to bless my local Church. Help us to grow together and help us to be powerful for You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Friday August 15

Scripture Reading: Psalms 103-104

Romans 14

Praise the Lord! As I prepared to write this devotion I noticed two things. I just finished Ephesians 2 and so I will go to Ephesians 3 next and also I notice that Psalms 103 in part of the Scripture Readings for today. So, I want to cover some of Psalms 103 and then we will get back to Ephesians 3.

Psalms 103:1 says, **“Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise His holy Name.”** I am sure you have noticed that I start these devotions off by saying, *“Praise the Lord!”*. I hope that reminds you to *Praise the Lord*. We should *Praise the Lord!* All the time.

Verse 2 says, **“Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all His benefits.”** We are told to *Praise the Lord* again. Then we are told to **forget not all His benefits**. Thank God for all the benefits God has of for us. Then David reminds us of some benefit that God has for us and I am going to remind you too.

Well thank God for the Word! We are told not to forget God's benefits and now the Word reminds us of some of the benefits we have. Verse 3 says, **“Who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases.”** God forgives ALL your sins. Isn't that a wonderful benefit? ALL means ALL. Jesus died on the cross for the sins of the whole world and we accepted His sacrifice.

Hebrews 10:17 says, **“Then He adds: “Their sins and lawless acts. I will remember no more.””** God forgives all your sins and He will never remember them. If you would like to pause and praise God for His forgiveness right now go ahead.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me and thank You for all the benefits You have for me. Thank You for forgiving all my sins and thank for helping to remember this wonderful benefit. I also ask You to help me to remember to praise You more. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Saturday August 16

Scripture Reading: Psalms 105-106

Romans 15:1-20

Praise the Lord! Psalms 103:3 says, **“Who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases.”** Thank God for the Word. If we didn't have the Word we would not know so many things. In this verse, David is listing benefits that we have from God and he is encouraging us to never forget them.

In this verse we are told that God also **Heals all your diseases.** Thank God for His benefits. Our part is to believe the Word. To back this verse up look at 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.”** God has provided healing for us as His people. What a wonderful benefit. Our part is to believe.

Matthew 8:16-17 say, **“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.”** Jesus healed these people and it says He did that to fulfill what was spoken: **He took up our infirmities and bore our diseases.**

Now, I want to say something that I may need to explain. Jesus heals all of His people! Think about this: All Christians go to heaven and are there any sick people there? No because they are all healed. Now look at what Jesus told us to pray for 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.”**

Prayer: Lord, thank You for revealing Your will for my healing in the Word. I pray for Your kingdom to come and for Your will to be done on earth just as it is in heaven. I choose to believe as I remember all Your benefits. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Sunday August 17

Scripture Reading: Psalms 107-108

Romans 15:21-33

Praise the Lord! Well, I want to continue looking at benefits we have from God that are listed in Psalms 103. Verse 4 says, **“Who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion.”**

I just did a search for how many times the phrase “from the pit” is used in the Word and it is used five times. In the Word, it is talking about literally falling into a pit or someone throwing a person into a pit and I think it is kind of interesting that people talk about people being in the pits today. They probably aren’t talking about a person being in a literal hole in the ground but they are still in the pits and God still wants to help them.

So, if you are ever in a pit or in the pits here are some verses to give you hope. In Job 33:18 the Word says this, **“To preserve them from the pit, their lives from perishing by the sword.”** God can and will preserve you from the pit. Job 33:28 says, **“God has delivered me from going down to the pit, and I shall live to enjoy the light of life.”** God can and will deliver you from the pit so you can enjoy the light of life. Want to say, “That’s for me!”?

The next verse is the one we started with in Psalms 103. Then Isaiah 38:17 says, **“Surely it was for my benefit that I suffered such anguish. In Your love You kept me from the pit of destruction; You have put all my sins behind Your back.”** God keeps us from the pit of destruction. Lastly, Jonah 2:6 says, **“To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in forever. But You, Lord my God, brought my life up from the pit.”**

Prayer: Lord, I thank You for all Your benefits and I don’t ever want to forget them and I don’t ever want to doubt them. Thank You for delivering me from the pit. I know that You are always with me and I know that I will never be separated from Your love and care. I love You! In Jesus’ Name, Amen.



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Monday August 18

Scripture Reading: Psalms 109-111 Romans 16

Praise the Lord! God has benefits for us. Psalms 103:4 says, **“Who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion.”** God promises to redeem our lives from the pit AND He promises to crown us with love and compassion!

In Exodus 34, Moses was asking to see God and look at what verse 6 says, **“And He passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, “The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.”**

Well, I could write about God being compassionate, gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love or faithful. What a God! I wonder which of these four things stands out to you most.

As I thought about them, the part that says God is *slow to anger* stood out to me. So, I went to my concordance on my computer and looked up *slow to anger* and nine verses came up. Aren't you glad that God is *slow to anger*?

Look at Nehemiah 9:17, **“They refused to listen and failed to remember the miracles You performed among them. They became stiff-necked and in their rebellion appointed a leader in order to return to their slavery. But You are a forgiving God, gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love. Therefore You did not desert them.”** These people were turning away from God but He didn't desert them. Thank God that He is slow to anger.

Prayer: Lord, I love You so much. Thank You for all that You are and thank You for never changing. I thank You that You crown me with love and compassion. Thank You that You are slow to anger and thank You so much that You have never deserted me and I know that You never will desert me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Tuesday August 19

Scripture Reading: Psalms 112-115 1 Corinthians 1

Praise the Lord! Thank God for the Word. In Psalms 103, David is encouraging us remember the benefits that God has for us as His people. He certainly didn't list all the benefits that we have but he did list some pretty good ones.

Psalms 103:5 says, **“Who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.”**

Look at Psalms 107:5-9, **“They were hungry and thirsty, and their lives ebbed away. Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and He delivered them from their distress. He led them by a straight way to a city where they could settle. Let them give thanks to the Lord for His unfailing love and His wonderful deeds for mankind, for He satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.”**

Look at 1 Corinthians 10:11, **“These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come.”** Take this verse personally. God had these things written down for you so you could learn from them.

In Psalms 107, the people were hungry and thirsty and *they cried out to the Lord*. Can you learn from this? They cried out to the Lord *and He delivered them from their distress*. Oh, Lord help us all to learn from this. Then these verses tell us that we should *give thanks to the Lord for His unfailing love*.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for satisfying my desires with good things. Thank You for giving me the Word to learn from. Help me to always cry out to You when I am in trouble. Thank You for always delivering me and I want to faithfully give you thanks for Your unfailing love. I love You so much. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Wednesday August 20

Scripture Reading: Psalms 116-118 1 Corinthians 2

Praise the Lord! Psalms 103:5 says, **“Who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.”**

Look at Isaiah 40:28-31, **“Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and His understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary they will walk and not be faint.”**

Thank God for the Word. There are so many wonderful promises in these verses. Take a moment and ask God to speak something to you from these verses and then read them again slowly and see what God speaks to you. Did He speak to you? He spoke that to you because He loves you. Believe it.

Look at these promises. God promises to bless us with good things **so that our youth will be renewed like the eagles**. We are also promised that **We will soar on wings like eagles; we will run and not grow weary we will walk and not be faint**.

Can you believe these promises are for you? 2 Corinthians 1:20 says, **“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.”** We are *in Christ* and all the promises are for us. Add your “Amen” of agreement to them.

Prayer: Lord, I am amazed at all You speak to me from Your Word. I choose to believe and I add my “Amen” of agreement to Your promises. Help me to never quit believing and help me to always speak faith filled words in agreement with Your Word. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Thursday August 21

Scripture Reading: Psalms 119:1-48 1 Corinthians 3

Praise the Lord! Psalms 103:6 says, **“The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.”** Look at the first three words of this verse: **The Lord works. . .**” He is not idle. He is working. He knows what is going on in your life and He is working.

Look at Proverbs 16:3-4, **“Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and He will establish your plans. The Lord works out everything to its proper end—even the wicked for a day of disaster.”** We need to commit to the Lord whatever we are doing. (If you are ever doing something that you don’t think you should commit to the Lord, quit doing it!)

Ok, back to my point. We need to commit whatever we are doing to the Lord **and He will establish your plans.** He promises to **work out everything to its proper end.** This is a wonderful promise. As we commit everything to God, He will work to help us and He will *work everything out to its proper end.* AND He will even take care of the wicked. Trust Him to do those things.

Psalms 103:6 also tells us that He promises to *work justice for all the oppressed.* So, if you ever feel oppressed by people or by problems that you are facing, know and remember that God’s Word says He is going to *work justice for you.* Our part is to believe and to speak what we believe. 2 Corinthians 4:13-14 say, **“It is written: “I believed; therefore I have spoken.” Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, because we know that the One who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to Himself.”**

Prayer: Lord, I believe and I speak that You are working righteousness and justice for me. I commit my ways and plans to You and I know that You will work things out for my benefit. Thank You for speaking to me from Your Word again today. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.



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Friday August 22

Scripture Reading: Psalms 119:49-104 1 Corinthians 4

Praise the Lord! Psalms 103:7 says, **“He made known His ways to Moses, His deeds to the people of Israel.”** Moses had a special relationship with God. The people could know and see the things God did but God revealed *His ways* to Moses. Look at what Moses wrote in Exodus 33:13, **“Now therefore, if I have found favor in Your sight, please show me now Your ways, that I may know You in order to find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is Your people.”** Moses had God’s favor and we have His favor too.

Look at Matthew 11:28-30, **“Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”** Jesus invites us to come to Him when we are weary and burdened. Look at what He said: **Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me.** Jesus will teach us what we need to know. This is a precious promise.

Jesus invites us to come to Him. As New Testament believers, we are so blessed. Jesus is with us all the time. Look at what Paul said in Romans 8:38-39, **“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”** Nothing will ever be able to separate us from the love of God. Don’t ever stop drawing near to Jesus and allowing Him to teach us His ways.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me and thank You for always being with me. I want to seek first You and Your kingdom. I believe that You are all I need and I don’t ever want to be distracted from living fully for You. Help me have all the life and life in abundance that You have for me. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.



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Saturday August 23

Scripture Reading: Psalms 119:105-176 1 Corinthians 5

Praise the Lord! Well, I am ready to get back to Ephesians. We are ready for Ephesians 3. In verse 1 Paul said, **“For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles.”** Paul knew that Jesus had called him to preach the Gospel to the Gentiles. In that day, the Jews put all mankind in one of two groups. There were the Jews and everyone else was a Gentile. Jesus came to save everyone. John 3:16, **“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 loved the whole world. God sent Jesus to die for the sins of mankind so all could be saved. Thank God.

Look at verse 2, **“Surely you have heard about the administration of God’s grace that was given to me for you.”** Paul said that God’s grace was given to him for the Gentiles. That is an amazing truth and there is a truth in this for us. God loves you and He saved you by grace. Thank God for His grace. Now, think about this: Paul was certainly saying that He was saved by grace but he also said that *God’s grace was given to him for others*. When you think of all that God has done for you realize that He did those things for you and He wants you to share them with others.

Here’s an example. God saved you. Thank God. We are completely lost with out Him and we are completely saved with Him. Now God wants you to help others to be saved too. You are not just saved for yourself. We are saved to help others to be saved. Matthew 5:16 says, **“In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”**

Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me. I want to help others to be saved. I don’t ever want to miss out on anything You have for me to do. Help me to know that the wonderful things You have done for me are for me and they are for me to share with others. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.



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Sunday August 24

Scripture Reading: Psalms 120-123 1 Corinthians 6

Praise the Lord! Ephesians 3:3 says, **“That is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly.”** Paul mentions a mystery here. He said that God had revealed the mystery to him by revelation. There are some mysteries that can't be figured out. The mystery Paul was referring to was not like that. God revealed the mystery to Paul so he could reveal God's plan of salvation.

Verses 4-5 say, **“In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets.”** Thank God that He is not hiding His ways and His plans from us as His people. Verse 6 says, **“This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.”**

God wants everyone to be saved. He wants the Jews and the Gentiles to be saved and we are all saved by accepting Jesus as our Lord and Savior. There is no difference between Jews and Gentiles. We are all lost without Jesus and we are all saved when we accept Him as our Lord and Savior.

Now, I know that the issue of Jews and Gentiles may not be a big issue in our lives today, but we do need to know that Jesus wants to save everyone today just like He did back then. Don't let prejudice about anything or anyone deceive you into thinking anything else. God loves the world and Jesus came to open up salvation to all who will accept Him.

Prayer: Thank You for saving me and thank You for providing salvation to all who will accept You. Help me to never think anyone cannot be saved. I know that we are all lost without You. Help me to share the good new with everyone. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Monday August 25

Scripture Reading: Psalms 124-127 1 Corinthians 7:1-24

Praise the Lord! Ephesians 3:6, **“This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.”** Every person who accepts Jesus as their Savior is born-again and we are heirs together, we are members of one body and we share in the promises of Jesus.

I know we live in a day when it seems like there are so many divisions between people. I am not even going to try to list some of the things that divide us but I want to keep making the point that God is love and He wants everyone to be saved.

Paul referred to himself as a servant of this gospel. May I say he was a servant of the gospel and he was a servant to people no matter who they were. Some people need a revelation that God loves the very people that they don't think God loves. They need to know that God loves them and He wants us to love them too.

When we get to heaven, every person who turned their life over to Jesus will be there and they will have just as much eternal life as we have. Think about Paul. Before he was saved he hated Christians and he ruthlessly persecuted them. He even killed some Christians, but God loved Paul, God forgave him and God used him to spread the gospel.

Do you think some of the mystery Paul wrote about was the mystery that God loved him and saved him?

Prayer: Lord, thank You for coming and laying Your life down for the sins of the whole world. Thank You for saving me when I turned my life over to You. It was a miracle. Help me to know that there are others who are just one miracle away from being saved. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Tuesday August 26

Scripture Reading: Psalms 128-131 1 Corinthians 7:25-40

Praise the Lord! Ephesians 3:7 says, **“I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God’s grace given me through the working of His power.”** The Word is so wonderful. Sometimes I read a verse and move right on to the next one and then I take some time and think about the verse and realize there is so much in it that I might have missed if I had moved on too quickly. This is an example of this truth found in Hebrews 4:12, **“For the Word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”** The Word is Alive and Active.

Ok, back to Ephesians 3:7, **“I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God’s grace given me through the working of His power.”** Paul said he was a *servant* to the gospel. He had to be faithful to the gospel and share it all the time, to all people and wherever he went.

Then Paul said that he became a servant of the gospel *by the gift of God’s grace*. Thank God for grace and also realize that God’s *grace* saves us and God’s *grace* is to be shared with others. Everyone you meet needs God’s *grace* and they need someone to tell them about God’s *grace*. God wants to use you in that process.

Lastly this verse, that has a lot to say to us, tells us that God is working in our lives with His power. God wants to use you but not in your own strength. God’s power is working in and through you.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me and thank You for Your Word. I am so thankful for all that You have spoken to me though Your Word and I want to always be open to You speaking even more to me. I know I am saved by grace and I want to be faithful share Your grace with others with Your power. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Wednesday August 27

Scripture Reading: Psalms 132-135 1 Corinthians 8

Praise the Lord! Have you ever met someone who was prideful? Take a look at Proverbs 11:2, "**When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.**" And Proverbs 16:18, "**Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.**" And Proverbs 29:23, "**Pride brings a person low, but the lowly in spirit gain honor.**"

Paul was certainly used by God in mighty and powerful ways but he didn't fall into pride. Ephesians 3:8 says, "**Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ.**" Paul was an apostle but he didn't say that he was less than all the other apostles. He said that he was **less than the least of all the Lord's people**. That is humility. He knew that he was saved by grace and anything God did for him and through him was all because of God's grace.

This grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ. God could use Paul in mighty ways because he was humble. Look at what Peter wrote about our need to be humble and what he said God will do when we are humble. I Peter 5:6 says, "**Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time.**"

When we humble ourselves under God's mighty hand, it is not the end. It is the beginning. In due time, He will lift you up. I have observed that some people who are humble have a hard time accepting that their due time has come and that God is now lifting them.

Prayer: Lord, I certainly know that I am saved and kept in You by grace. I am humbled by how much You love and bless me. Help me to never allow pride in my life. I want to stay humble and when You choose to use me more I want to do all that You have for me to do in humility. I trust every aspect of Your work in my life. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Thursday August 28

Scripture Reading: Psalms 136-138 1 Corinthians 9

Praise the Lord! Look at what Paul said in Ephesians 3:8-9, **“Although I am less than the least of all the Lord’s people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, Who created all things.”**

God called Paul to preach and to make plain to everyone something that was a mystery. As New Testament believers we know things that were a mystery to Old Testament people. Here are some examples: God loves us. He wants us to be saved. He wants us to be His children. God sent Jesus to die on the cross for our sins so our sins could be forgiven. And here’s another big thing. God wants all people to be able to be saved.

Having said all that here is what I want to emphasize for you today. God wanted Paul to *make these truths plain*. God wants truth to be understood so we can accept it and have all that He has promised us. Some people seem to make things complicated and hard to understand. That was not what God wanted in Paul’s day and He wants His truths to be understood today.

So, if there are people that are speaking into your life that are helping you understand God’s Word and His ways, be thankful for them. Make sure everything they teach is based on the Word and, as I often say, believe the Word. Colossians 1:26 says, **“The mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord’s people.”** We are blessed.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for revealing truth to me. Thank You, Holy Spirit, for teaching me and for leading me into more and more knowledge of God and His ways. I don’t ever want to miss what You have for me and I want to believe all that You reveal to me. Thank You for all Your work in my life. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.



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Friday August 29

Scripture Reading: Psalms 139-141 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Praise the Lord! Yesterday, I showed you that Paul was called by God to reveal God's truth that Jesus came to reveal God's wisdom. Look at Ephesians 3:10-11, **"His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to His eternal purpose that He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord."** Now Paul is saying that just like he was called to reveal the ways of God now the Church is also called to reveal God's wisdom.

We are also told that this was *His eternal purpose*. God has a plan and He has always had a plan. When we gave our lives to Jesus we were born-again and adopted into His family. God now wants us to do our part to reveal the ways of God. Look at Ephesians 2:10, **"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."** This is amazing. God is working in our lives. He has good works for us to do and He even prepared these good works for us to do in advance. Does this seem amazing and maybe little intimidating? Well, let me remind you that God is the One working in your life and He will help you to do what He wants. Thank God!

Now, the verses in Ephesians say that we are to reveal God's wisdom to *rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms*. When you let Jesus save you, and you let Him work in your life your life becomes an example of how good God is. When you have God's blessings you are an example of how much God loves you. Those things are revealing the goodness of God. They reveal God's love and grace. So, live for Him, be blessed and let your life be an example for all to see.

Prayer: Lord, I want to live fully for You. I want to do all the things that You have prepared for me to do and I know that You will help me. I want my life to be an example to all who see that You are a loving God who blesses Your children. Help me to know that, with Your help, my life is revealing how wonderful You are. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Saturday August 30

Scripture Reading: Psalms 142-144 1 Corinthians 10:14-33

Praise the Lord! Ephesians 3:12 says, **“In Him and through faith in Him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.”**

We may approach God with freedom and confidence. Isn't this an amazing promise? Some people are fearful of God and they would even hesitate to think things like this and they certainly wouldn't say that this promise was for them. Well, I hope you have been doing these devotions long enough to know that these and many other promises are for you. 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 of God are “Yes” for you because you are *in Christ*. So, believe and add your “Amen!” to God's promises.

When I just reminded you that we are *in Christ* it reminded me that I wanted to point out the first part of Ephesians 3:12. **“In Him and through faith in Him we may approach God.”** Everything we have is because we are *in Him and through Him*.

Speaking of approaching God look at Hebrews 4:16, **“Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”** When we approach God's throne we will find that it is a throne of grace. So we can approach with confidence. We will receive grace and help in our time of need. When you are in need run to God and not away from Him.

Prayer: Lord, I am so thankful that I am in You. My faith is in You. Help me to know and to remember that all Your promises are “Yes” for me and all those things are true because of You and Your grace. Help me to know and to remember that You always have grace and mercy for me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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Sunday August 31

Scripture Reading: Psalms 145-147 1 Corinthians 11:1-15

Praise the Lord! Look at what Paul said in Ephesians 3:13, **“I ask you, therefore, not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you, which are your glory.”** Paul suffered many things for being a Christian and for peaching the gospel. Here he told the believers in Ephesus not be discouraged by the things he was going through.

Look at what Paul wrote in Romans 8:18, **“I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.”** Paul went through some very hard things but he knew that it was all worth it because the gospel was being spread and he knew that this life and the things we go through are not all there is. Paul knew that he was going to be in heaven for all eternity. When we face hard things it is important to remember that this life and the things we face here are not all there is. We are going to heaven and a million years from now we will still be blessed in Jesus' presence.

Look at what Paul wrote in Romans 5:3-5, **“Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, Who has been given to us.”**

Paul realized that when he faced something hard it was an opportunity to trust God and to grow in Him. **Suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.** No matter what we are going through we need to trust God and keep growing.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for all You have shown me this month. Help me to keep growing in You no matter what I face in this life. I know that You love me and I know that trusting You is always the right thing to do and I thank You for the hope of heaven. 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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BEFORE CHURCH FOR SOME COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS AND
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