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Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Praise the Lord! We are blessed to be able to study God's Word openly and freely and as much as we want. I believe that the time you are going to spend in the Word this month is going to be a great blessing to you.

God bless you as you study His Word this month.

Gladly in His Service,

*Dr. Jason*

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**Saturday February 1**

## **Scripture Reading: Exodus 27-28 Matthew 21:23-46**

Praise the Lord! Let's end the month with Proverbs 4:20, "**My son, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear to My Words.**" Have you ever heard someone say that salvation is free? Well, it is and it isn't. It is free to us and that is a good thing because we could never pay the price for our salvation. It isn't free because Jesus paid the price for our salvation with His very life on the cross.

Now, having said those things, I want to add to what I just said. We could never pay the price for our salvation. That is true but Proverbs 4:20 tells us something that we do need to *pay*. We need to *pay attention*. We are so blessed to have the Word and we are blessed to be able to study and learn from it. All of those things are free for us but we do need to *pay attention*.

Here are a couple of Scriptures that talk about the Word being available to us. 1 Corinthians 10:11 says, "**These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come.**" And 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.**"

God had the Word recorded and preserved for us so we can learn. The Word will encourage us and it will give us hope. Praise God for the encouragement and hope that is available to us because we have the Word. All these things are true and we need to know that our part is to *pay attention* to the Word. The Word will always produce good things in your life. Do your part. *Pay attention* to it.

*Prayer: Lord, I am so thankful for Your Word. Thank You for making sure that the Word was written and preserved. I also thank You for the encouragement and hope that the Word produces in my life. Help me to do my part. Help me to study the Word, to believe the Word, to put the Word into practice in my life and to always pay attention. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Sunday February 2**

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

Praise the Lord! Proverbs 4:20-21 say, "**My son, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear to my words. Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart.**" Can you think of any ways that you could keep the Word in your sight and in your heart more? If you can then you should be doing those things because the Word will bless you in some very significant ways.

The next verse says, "**For they are life to those who find them and health to one's whole body.**" This verse is telling us what the Word will do in our lives. When we pay attention to it, keep them in our sight and keep them in our hearts, then they will be *life to us and health to our whole bodies*.

If some person could come up with something that would give life and health to people it would be amazing. God is telling that His Word can do those things. We need to believe and receive.

1 Thessalonians 2:13 says, "**And we also thank God continually because, when you received the Word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the Word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe.**" Receive the Word and believe it. When you do, the Word will indeed work in your life.

In 1 Timothy 1:16 Paul said, "**But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display His immense patience as an example for those who would believe in Him and receive eternal life.**" Believe and receive.

*Prayer: Lord, I believe and I receive all that You have for me. Help me to pay attention to Your Word and help me to do what it says. I know that all these blessings are available to me because Jesus provided them and because Your Word says so. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Monday February 3**

**Scripture Reading: Exodus 31-33**

**Matthew 22:23-46**

Praise the Lord! I hope you are been *paying attention* to all that we have been seeing from the Word. Yesterday, we saw that the Word can and will produce life and health in our lives. Would you like to say, "That's for me!"?

Now, look at Proverbs 4:23, "**Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.**" We need to guard our hearts and make sure the abundance in our hearts is good. Look at what Jesus said in Luke 6:45, "**The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.**" There is a truth here that I want to make sure you know and I want to give you a little warning about what to do with this truth.

The truth is this: If you want to know what the abundance is in a person's heart is listen to the words they are speaking and you will know. This is a truth and it is a good thing you know it. Now, here is a warning about what to do with this truth: Apply it in your own life first. Listen to the words you speak and you will know whether you have a good abundance or a bad abundance in your heart.

Let this truth affect your life first. Don't become some kind of a "word cop" telling everyone that they are off track. It is not your job to judge other people's words. When you apply this in your own life you will probably have enough to work on there.

Here is some really good news. You can change the abundance in your heart by renewing your mind with the Word.

*Prayer: Lord, thank You for speaking to me from Your Word today. Help me to store up Your Word in my life and in my mind. Help me to listen to the words that are coming out of my mouth and to make changes if I need to. Thank You for helping me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Tuesday February 4**

## **Scripture Reading: Exodus 34-36 Matthew 23:1-22**

Praise the Lord! We have been looking at a significant section of Scriptures in Proverbs 4. We have looked at verses 20-23 so far. I hope you are putting the things the Word is showing you into action your life. Look at what Jesus said in John 13:17, **“Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.”** If I had asked if you wanted to be blessed, I am sure you would have said, “Yes”. Well, Jesus said that when you know what the Word is saying **you will be blessed if you do them.**

Proverbs 4:24 says, **“Keep your mouth free of perversity; keep corrupt talk far from your lips.”** Keep in mind that Jesus said that when we know what the Word says and we do it we will be blessed.

Look at Proverbs 8:8, **“All the words of my mouth are righteous; there is nothing twisted or crooked in them.”** Now, let me remind you that we are righteous *in Jesus*. Wouldn't you like this verse to describe the words that come out of your mouth as being righteous? Jesus can help you.

James always has a way of putting things that often make things clear. Look at James 1:26, **“If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless.”** This might seem harsh but being a Christian and living for Jesus should make differences in every area of our lives. On a positive note look at Ephesians 4:29, **“Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.”** Speak words that build people up and those that minister grace.

*Prayer: Lord, I ask You to help me to know that my words are powerful and empower me to speak words that build others up and words that minister grace to those who hear me. I always want to speak life. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Wednesday February 5**

**Scripture Reading: Exodus 37-38**

**Matthew 23:23-39**

Praise the Lord! I trust that the time we are spending in Proverbs 4 are speaking to you. Proverbs 4:25 says, **“Let your eyes look straight ahead; fix your gaze directly before you.”** Let’s be clear about this. The things you look at will affect your life. This is truth and it is true about looking at good things and it is true about things that are not good.

Look at Deuteronomy 30:19, **“This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live.”** I know this verse does not refer to the things we look at specifically, but I am sure you know that looking at some things brings life and looking at other things brings death. **CHOOSE LIFE!**

Since I am on this, here is some more. Psalms 119:35-37 say, **“Direct me in the path of Your commands, for there I find delight. Turn my heart toward Your statutes and not toward selfish gain. Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to Your Word.”** When we allow God to direct us to His Word rather than turning to selfish things and worthless things, then God will preserve our lives according to His Word.

Here’s what we should do. Ask God to help you to know if there are things you are looking at that you should stop looking at and do what He says. Spend time looking at things that are good, wholesome, truthful and in line with His Word. Doing these things really will help you in every area of your life.

*Prayer: Lord, I ask You to help me to put these things into practice in my life. Help me to know if there are things that I need to stop looking at and help me to stop. I also ask You to help me to choose to look at good things that will help me to live like You want. I thank You in advance for answering my prayer. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Thursday February 6**

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

Praise the Lord! Thank God for the Word! Psalms 119:105 says, **"Your Word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path."** I commend you for being in God's Word every day. God can and will take the Word that you study and use it to light your way.

Psalms 119:105 goes right along with Proverbs 4:26, **"Give careful thought to the paths for your feet and be steadfast in all your ways."** As God's Word reveals truth to us, we can *give careful thought* to the decisions we need to make. The more Word we have, the more God can use His Word to lead us and to guide us.

Wouldn't you like your life to be described as being **steadfast in all your ways**. Psalms 37:23-24 say, **"The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in Him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with His hand."** I hope you *delight in the Lord*. I have to tell you that there at times when I see something in the Word and it causes me to *delight in the Lord!*

Ephesians 5:17 says, **"Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is."** I hear the Lord speaking to me (and hopefully you) that we can know **what the Lord's will is** through His Word. If a person didn't take advantage of that, it would be foolish. The more Word we have the more God can light our paths and show us how to live. We are so blessed to be able to study and learn from His Word as much as we choose. I also want you to know that God often speaks to me from Scriptures that I have memorized.

*Prayer: Lord, I am so thankful for Your Word. I know You speak to me through it and I know that I am always better off when I make decisions in line with the Word. Help me to do my part and to know that You will lead me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Friday February 7**

**Scripture Reading: Leviticus 1-3**

**Matthew 24:23-51**

Praise the Lord! Proverbs 4:27 says, **“Do not turn to the right or the left; keep your foot from evil.”** Have you ever talked to someone who was asking you what they should do and you were able to tell them what the Word said about their situation? As we read and study God’s Word we will learn things that apply in our lives and we will learn things that we can share with others. Believe me, giving advice that lines up with the Word is always better than just sharing what we think about things. It is also powerful when we can tell them where the answer they need is in the Bible.

Joshua 1:7 says, **“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.”** Joshua was saying that we need to be careful to base our lives on the Word. When we know what the Word says, we need to put it into practice. As you do that, don’t be distracted and don’t turn to the right or the left. Do what the Word says. As you do those things, the Word promises **that you may be successful wherever you go.** That is an amazing promise and it is God’s Word for you today.

I also think the first words of this verse are important. We are told to: **Be strong and very courageous.** It takes strength and courage to live like God wants us to live. Look at what the Word says in verse 8, **“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”**

*Prayer: Lord, I thank You for Your Word. I want to meditate on it and I want to do what Your Word says I should do. Help me to be strong and very courageous. I also want to be used to help others to know how they need to apply the Word in their lives. Thank You for promising to bless me as I live like You want. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*





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**Saturday February 8**

**Scripture Reading: Leviticus 4-6  
Matthew 25:1-30**

Praise the Lord! Galatians 3:6 says, **“So also Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”** This is referring to the Old Testament when God made a promise to Abraham. He believed the promise.

God promised Abraham that He would bless him and all his descendants. The problem was Abraham didn't have a son. So, God promised to give him a son and Abraham believed the promise and God counted his believing as righteous. Romans 4:17-18 say, **“As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.” He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not. Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” God promised and Abraham believed. Look at this part: Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed. Abraham believed God even though there was no hope in the natural. Thank God that we serve a super-natural God.**

Romans 4:19-21 say, **“Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead. Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what He had promised.”**

Do you have any promises from God? Are you fully persuaded that God has the power to do what He has promised?

*Prayer: Lord, thank You for speaking to me from Your Word. I choose to believe the Word. Help me to remember the promises You have made to me and help me to never quit. I choose to believe You rather than anything that contradicts what You say. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Sunday February 9**

## **Scripture Reading: Leviticus 7-9 Matthew 25:31-46**

Praise the Lord! Yesterday, I asked you if you are fully persuaded that God has the power to do what He has promised? I will get back to Abraham and his story, but let me build on this for a little bit. Look at 1 Corinthians 10:11 says, **“These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come.”** God had stories like Abraham written down so we can learn from them. We need to believe. In John 6 there were some people who came to Jesus and asked what they had to do and Jesus said, **“The work of God is this: to believe in the One He has sent.”** We need to believe.

Now, look at some more of the story of Abraham and then notice what Paul tied this into. Romans 4:22-25, **“This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.”** The words **“it was credited to him”** were written not for him alone, but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.” This story was not written just for Abraham. It was written for us who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead.

Here we are literally thousands of years later and we need to believe just like Abraham. Jesus died on the cross for our sins and He rose from the dead. Death, hell and the grave could not hold Him. He died for our sins and He was raised to life for our justification. Jesus wasn't crucified for His sins. He was crucified for our sins. We are forgiven because we have given our lives to Him and we are now made righteous *in Him*. Believe.

*Prayer: Lord, I believe. Jesus, I know that You died on the cross for my sins. I know that You drew me to the place where I could put my faith in You and I know that I am saved. In faith I say what You say about me. I am saved and I am righteous in You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Monday February 10**

**Scripture Reading: Leviticus 10-12**

**Matthew 26:1-19**

Praise the Lord! Have you ever needed a turnaround in your life? You may be going through some hard things today or maybe not. Either way, I have some Scriptures for you today that will give you hope. God is still in control and He can turn things around.

Isaiah 40:28-31 say, **“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.”**

I have to tell you that I am not currently going through hard things, but these verses sure blessed me today and I bet they bless you too. **Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.** My hope is in the Lord! How about you? As we keep our hope in the Lord, He will renew our strength. Want some more? Lamentations 3:24-26 say, **“I say to myself, “The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for Him.” The Lord is good to those whose hope is in Him, to the one who seeks Him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.”** I bet you didn't expect verses from Lamentations to speak to you today but I believe God is speaking to us right now. Wait for Him, keep your Hope in Him, seek Him and again wait quietly for His salvation. Thank God for His Word and thank God for the book of Lamentations.

*Prayer: Lord, I love You so much. It is amazing to me that when I spend time with You I always get blessed. I believe You have spoken to me today and am going to let what You spoke to me affect my life. I wait for You, I put my hope in You, I seek You and I even wait quietly for You right now. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Tuesday February 11**

**Scripture Reading: Leviticus 13**

**Matthew 26:20-54**

Praise the Lord! In yesterday's devotion I started talking to you about God turning things around in your life. I said I started because I have more to share with you for today.

2 Corinthians 4:13-15 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. All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God."** We need to believe the right things (based on God's Word) and we need to speak what we believe. These verses say we can and should do these things because we have the spirit of faith. Let's speak some things. Say this, *"I know that God raised Jesus from the dead and I know that He will raise me up too."*

Continuing in 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 say, **Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."** Say this, "Because You are speaking to me I am not going to lose heart. I am going to set my eyes and my focus on what is eternal."

If any of you are wondering if I have more on this for tomorrow, I do.

*Prayer: Lord, I thank You for always being able to turn things around in my life. You have saved me so many times in the past and I know that You never change. I am going to keep drawing near to You. I am never going to quit and I know that You are never going to quit on me. I love You so much! In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Wednesday February 12**

**Scripture Reading: Leviticus 14**

**Matthew 26:55-75**

Praise the Lord! Look at Psalms 103:5, **“God satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.”** Isn’t that a wonderful promise. It is a promise from God. Believe it and speak what you believe.

I want to give you this verse in context because the context tells us not to forget any of the benefits God has for us. Psalms 103:1-6 say,

- <sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord, my soul;  
all my inmost being, praise His holy name.**
- <sup>2</sup> Praise the Lord, my soul,  
and forget not all His benefits—**
- <sup>3</sup> God forgives all your sins  
and heals all your diseases,**
- <sup>4</sup> God redeems your life from the pit  
and crowns you with love and compassion,**
- <sup>5</sup> God satisfies your desires with good things  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.**
- <sup>6</sup> The Lord works righteousness  
and justice for all the oppressed.**

Whatever you are going through now or whatever you may go through in the future: God can turn your life around.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me and thank You for keeping me. I know that You are the source of everything I need, including turnaround. In Jesus Name, Amen.



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**Thursday February 13**

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

Praise the Lord! I didn't know I was going to spend so much time on God being willing and able to turn things around in our lives when I started this subject, but here is some more. When some of the Scriptures I share stand out as significant to you, by all means grab them and apply them in your life. Also, consider that they may be for someone else. So grab them and be ready to share them with others. That is being blessed to be a blessing. I have learned that when we live being blessed to be a blessing God will bring even more blessing into our lives.

Ok, Psalms 27:13-14 say, "**I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.**"

We are told to **remain confident**. God has helped you in the past and that should give you confidence that He will help you today and in the future. Embrace that confidence and **remain confident**. I always gain confidence when I know what the Word says. Here's a quick point that I know you won't miss. More Word = More Confidence.

Believe that you will *see the goodness of the Lord* working in your situation. Then wait. He will come through for you. We don't always know *when* but He will come through. So, wait. As you wait, be strong and take heart.

When I wrote *be strong* there I just jumped to a concordance and looked up *be strong* and the Word says *be strong* 111 times.

*Prayer: Lord, I know You have helped me so many times in the past and I am going to remain confident that You will always help me. I trust Your timing and I am going to stay strong as I wait. Help me to apply this truth in my life and help me to be ready and willing to share it with others. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Friday February 14**

## **Scripture Reading: Leviticus 18-19 Matthew 27:32-66**

Praise the Lord! God can turn anything around in your life. He is all powerful and He loves you. He saved you because He loves you and He will help you because He still loves you. He also always has grace for us.

For today, I want to share some more about how we should live. We should live these things out when we need a turn around and when we don't. Hebrews 12:1-3 say, **"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before Him He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart."**

Here are some things that we should always be doing. **Throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.** This is an ongoing work. Stay close to Jesus and always be paying attention to anything that He speaks to you. Also, know this: Jesus is always right!

**Run with perseverance.** Living for Jesus isn't a sprint. It is a marathon. **Fix our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.** Don't be distracted. Keep Jesus your focus. When this says **He is the pioneer and perfecter of faith** it is a reminder that He started the work in your life and He is going to finish it. We are also told that Jesus is on the throne in heaven. Remember that when it seems like things are falling apart. Jesus is still on the throne!

*Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me and for always being in my life. Giving my life to You was the best decision I ever made and I am never going to quit. I also know that You are never going to quit on me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Saturday February 15**

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

Praise the Lord! We serve the God of turn arounds. He loves you and He always has grace for you. He wants to meet all your needs. Philippians 4:19 says, **“And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus.”** That is a wonderful promise and it is true. Now, having said that I also want to add that this promise was made to the believers in the Church of Philippi. Paul had preached there and he even played a part in the Church being established there. They sowed into his ministry many times. They had sowed and Paul was assuring them that they would reap. Sowing and reaping always works.

Now, look at Galatians 6:7-10, **“Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”**

When we sow we will reap. That works for people who sow bad things and for those who sow good things, but of course I want to talk to you about the good side of this.

Paul tells us not to become weary in doing good. He also assures us that **at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.** Don't give up.

*Prayer: Lord, thank You for blessing me and enabling me to be a giver. I want to be faithful to give whatever You want and whenever You want. I want to know and to remember that my harvest is coming. I have trusted You with my life and I know that I can trust You to take care of every aspect of my life. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*





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**Sunday February 16**

**Scripture Reading: Leviticus 22-23**

**Mark 1:1-22**

Praise the Lord! I have talked to you about knowing that God is going to rescue you and take care of you. I have also shown you Scriptures that talk about waiting for His timing. Here are some more Scriptures along that line. Romans 8:25 says, **“But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.”** Did you notice that hope is linked to patience. I guess I could say it this way. If you are going to stand in hope, for what you don't already have, you will need to have patience. Haven't there been times in your life when you needed hope and patience?

As you wait for what is coming don't give up your hope. When your hope is in God Romans 5:5 tells you, **“And hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.”** Here hope is linked to love. The kind of hope that we can have in God and His promises are linked to the fact that God loves us. We can know that God loves us in many ways. This verse says the fact that God gave us the Holy Spirit is proof of His love.

God loves you and He only has good gifts for you. Look at Luke 11:13, **“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 the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”** 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 the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”” Thank God for His love and the Holy Spirit. Wait in hope and never quit.

*Prayer: Lord, I am so thankful that You have saved me and I am thankful that You have given me the Holy Spirit. I know that You only have good things for me. I also thank You that You give me hope and I am going to wait patiently, in hope, and I am never going to quit. I love You so much. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Monday February 17**

**Scripture Reading: Leviticus 24-25**

**Mark 1:23-45**

Praise the Lord! We have been seeing Scriptures about waiting on the Lord. God will help you and there are always things we can and should learn as we wait. God's timing is always right. Trust Him.

Isaiah 30:18 says, "**Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; therefore He will rise up to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for Him!**"

The first thing mentioned in this verse is very significant. **Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you.** This verse *doesn't say*: The Lord *has* to be gracious to you or that the Lord *sometimes* is gracious to you or that the Lord is *grudgingly* gracious to you. It says that **the Lord longs to be gracious to you.**

Going on: **Therefore He will rise up to show you compassion.** God *longs to be gracious to you* and so He rises up and shows you compassion. He knows everything you are going through, He loves you and He has compassion for you. He cares what you are going through.

**The Lord is a God of justice.** He knows what is right and when there are things happening to you that are not right, He will make them right. Can you believe that?

Then, finally, this verse tells us **Blessed are all who wait for Him!** I want to be blessed by God and I am sure you do too. Let's trust Him and *wait for Him.*

*Prayer: Lord, thank You for Your grace, Your compassion and Your justice. Help me to believe those things, help me to renew my mind to them and help me to remember them no matter what I go through. I also know that Your timing is always right and I know that You bless those who wait for You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Tuesday February 18**

## **Scripture Reading: Leviticus 26-27 Mark 2**

Praise the Lord! Yesterday, we saw that those who wait for the Lord are blessed. For today look at Psalms 84:4-7, “**Blessed are those who dwell in Your house; they are ever praising You. Blessed are those whose strength is in You, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage. As they pass through the Valley of Baka, they make it a place of springs; the autumn rains also cover it with pools. They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion.**”

I am sure you noticed that I underlined Blessed in these verses. We are Blessed when we dwell in His house and when we praise Him. I am sure you know this includes being in Church, but it is not limited to to that. We can live in God’s presence all the time and we should also praise Him all the time.

Look at what David wrote in Psalms 34:1, “**I will extol the Lord at all times; His praise will always be on my lips.**” Do you know what David was referring to when he wrote this verse? He was running for his life from a powerful king who was trying to kill him. David was hiding in a cave and he only escaped by foaming at the mouth and pretending to be insane. David said he would extol the Lord *at all times* and that he would praise God *always*.

Then our verses in Psalms 84, that I started with, say that when we stay close to Jesus and praise Him always, we will *go from strength to strength*. Want to be strong and to stay strong? Want to go from strength to strength? Stay close to Jesus and praise Him no matter what you are going through.

*Prayer: Lord, I thank You for all the blessings I have from You. I also want to live like You want more. I know that living for You positions me for even more blessings. Help me to stay close to You and to praise You in and through all things. I also thank You for strengthening me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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Wednesday February 19

**Scripture Reading: Numbers 1-2**

**Mark 3:1-21**

Praise the Lord! Look at Psalms 84:7, **“They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion.”** Would you like this to be describing you?

Psalms 28:6-7 say, **“Praise be to the Lord, for He has heard my cry for mercy. The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and He helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise Him.”** Look at what King David said he did in these verses. He cried out for mercy, he trusted in God, he leaped for joy and he sang praise to God. As David did his part, then *God was his strength and joy.*

Here’s another verse that talks about David and God’s strength. 1 Samuel 30:6 says, **“David was greatly distressed because the men were talking of stoning him; each one was bitter in spirit because of his sons and daughters. But David found strength in the Lord his God.”** Don’t miss this. David was going through a really hard time and he *found strength in the Lord his God.*

When you need strength turn to God for it. Ask for mercy, trust in God and praise Him. I know this takes faith, but we are called to live by faith. Find your strength in God.

Psalms 84:7 talks about going *from strength to strength.* God always has what you need and more. Get strength from God and then go on to more strength.

*Prayer: Lord, I know that You are the source of my strength. Help me to turn to You for strength when I need it. Actually, help me to turn to You for strength all the time because I need Your strength all the time. I want to live in Your strength and I want my life to be an example for others to learn from In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Thursday February 20**

## **Scripture Reading: Numbers 3-4 Mark 3:22-35**

Praise the Lord! Psalms 37:3-4 say, **“Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Take delight in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart.”** Would you like God to give you the desires of your heart? These verses tell us what to do and *then* they tell us that God will give us the desires of our hearts. We need to **Trust in the Lord, do good and delight in Him.**

Psalms 37:5-6 say, **“Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him and He will do this: He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun.”** Here is what these verses say we need to do. We need to **commit our ways to the Lord and trust in Him.** Then He promises to make our lives shine and He will vindicate us. As we do our part, we can know that He will always do His part.

Psalms 37:7 says, **“Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.”** We need to *be still and patiently wait for God.* We need to not be distracted when it seems like wicked people are succeeding. We need to have faith and we need to know that God will take care of them and He will take care of us. When we see things that don't seem to make sense we need to be still and be patient. God will sort everything out. After all, we are saved and we will spend all eternity with Jesus and those who don't know Him will be eternally separated from Him. We are the ones who are blessed. Don't ever forget about heaven.

*Prayer: Lord, I am so thankful that I have given my life to You. I was totally and completely lost without You and I am now completely saved by You. Help me to know that You are in control and I am the one who is blessed for all eternity. Help me to be still and to patiently wait for You in all things. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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Friday February 21

**Scripture Reading: Numbers 5-6**

**Mark 4:1-20**

Praise the Lord! Matthew 8:5-6 say, **“When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, asking for help. “Lord,” he said, “my servant lies at home paralyzed, suffering terribly.”**” We don’t know very much about this man but he had a need and he came to Jesus and asked for help. We should be like this. I have often seen people in need of help turn to many other sources before they turn to Jesus. This man turned to Jesus and Jesus helped him.

Matthew 8:7 says, **“Jesus said to him, “Shall I come and heal him?”**” Praise the Lord! Jesus was offering to come and heal the servant.

Now for a twist in the story. Look at verse 8 says, **“The centurion replied, “Lord, I do not deserve to have You come under my roof. But just say the Word, and my servant will be healed.”** You have probably read this story before, but if you were reading it for the first time, would this answer have surprised you? Don’t miss the really important part of this verse. He said, **just say the Word, and my servant will be healed.**

Matthew 8:9 says, **“For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and that one, ‘Come,’ and he comes. I say to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.”**” This man knew about authority. This man knew that when someone with authority spoke the word it was going to be done. He had that kind of authority over his soldiers and he had faith that Jesus’ Words had authority too. He had faith! He had faith in Jesus and He had faith in Jesus’ Word. We will see the rest of the story tomorrow.

*Prayer: Lord, I know that all of Your Word was written for me to learn from. Help me to learn all that You have for me from this story. When I am in need, help me to turn to You for help. Help me to have faith that you will help me. I also want to turn to You first. I think You are already answering my prayers by showing some things from this story. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Saturday February 22**

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

Praise the Lord! Matthew 8:10 says, **“When Jesus heard this, He was amazed and said to those following Him, “Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith.”** I hope you are remembering what we cover each day. A centurion had come to Jesus because he had a servant who was sick. Jesus said He would come and heal him. The centurion said that Jesus just needed to speak the Word and he would be healed.

Verse 10 says Jesus was *amazed* at his faith. He had come to Jesus for help. Jesus was willing to come and heal the servant. The centurion said that He didn't need to come. The centurion would stand on His Word and Jesus said that was great faith.

Now, look at a very different story. Mark 6:1-6, **“Jesus left there and went to His hometown, accompanied by His disciples. When the Sabbath came, He began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard Him were amazed. “Where did this man get these things?” they asked. “What’s this wisdom that has been given Him? What are these remarkable miracles He is performing? Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t His sisters here with us?”** And they took offense at Him. Jesus said to them, **“A prophet is not without honor except in His own town, among His relatives and in His own home.”** He could not do any miracles there, except lay His hands on a few sick people and heal them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.” Jesus was amazed at their lack of faith.

*Prayer: Lord, I want to be like the centurion in Matthew 8 who amazed You with his great faith and I don't want to be like the people in Mark 6 who amazed You with their lack of faith. Help me to know Your Word and help me to believe it. I choose to believe Your Word and I am never going to quit. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Sunday February 23**

**Scripture Reading: Numbers 8-10**

**Mark 5:1-20**

Praise the Lord! Matthew 8:10-12 say, **“When Jesus heard this, He was amazed and said to those following Him, “Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith. I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.””**

Jesus was saying that people are going to be amazed at some who are saved and some who are not saved. You see, people judge by all kinds of things and many times they are wrong.

Look at what Paul wrote in Ephesians 2:8-10, **“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. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”** We are not saved by works. We are saved by faith.

Now, we do good works but not to earn our salvation. We do good works because we are saved and our good works are evidence of our salvation.

The centurion had put his faith in Jesus and the Word. His faith and his salvation was evident in the things he did. So, here’s some application for us. We need to have faith in Jesus and His Word. We need to put our faith into action.

*Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me when I put my faith in You. I know that I was certainly not good enough to earn my salvation but I know that You loved me and saved me because I put my faith in You. Help me to live like a saved person should live. Help me to put my faith in Your Word and to live a life that is a testimony to Your salvation. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*





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**Monday February 24**

**Scripture Reading: Numbers 11-13**

**Mark 5:21-43**

Praise the Lord! Well, we are at the end of the story about the Centurion who came to Jesus for healing for his servant. Look at Matthew 8:13, **"Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go! Let it be done just as you believed it would." And his servant was healed at that moment."** Praise the Lord!

I am not going to repeat all the things we have chatted about before today, but there are a couple of things I want to remind you about. First, this centurion had a problem and he turned to Jesus for help. Some people try all kinds of other things first and then if none of them work they turn to Jesus as a last resort. We should turn to Jesus first.

Secondly, look at what the centurion said in verse 8, **"But just say the Word and my servant will be healed."** Jesus was astonished at his faith. Let's be people who believe the Word and stand in faith for all it promises.

Then finally, look at what Jesus said in verse 13, **"Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go! Let it be done just as you believed it would." And his servant was healed at that moment.** Jesus said that the centurion received just what he believed would happen.

How did Jesus know what the centurion was believing? He knew because the centurion spoke what he believed. I have often said that we need to *believe the right things* and *we need to speak what we believe*. Believe the Word and speak what you believe.

*Prayer: Lord, I am so thankful that You are my Lord and Savior. I also thank You for giving me the Word so I can learn from it. I choose to believe Your Word and I am going to speak what I believe. I also know that when I am in need, turning to You is always what I should do. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Tuesday February 25**

**Scripture Reading: Numbers 14-15**

**Mark 6:1-23**

Praise the Lord! Luke 18:9-12 say, **“To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’”**”

I will get to the rest of what Jesus said in this story, but first notice who He said these things to. **To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable.** Now, I am pretty sure you know that no one should be confident in their own righteousness and those who are certainly shouldn't look down on others. Having said that, Jesus spoke to these people. I believe Jesus was trying to help them. Jesus came to seek and to save the lost and these guys were surely lost. Jesus was speaking to them to help them to know the truth. If they would accept Jesus' truth and change they would be on the right track.

After Jesus said these things, He went on. In Luke 18:13 Jesus said, **“But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’”** This man was doing better. Here is what he prayed, **“God, have mercy on me, a sinner.”** I am going to get to the most important verse that comes next tomorrow. But think about how people approach God in prayer. If we ever spend our time telling God how wonderful we are, we are on the wrong track. **“God, have mercy on me, a sinner.”** is much better.

*Prayer: Lord, I know that I was completely lost without You. I know You have saved me because of Your love and mercy and I am so thankful. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Wednesday February 26**

**Scripture Reading: Numbers 16-17**

**Mark 6:24-56**

Praise the Lord! Yesterday, we started look at a parable that Jesus told in Luke 18. In the parable, there was a man who was religious and pretty proud of how many things he had done and he made it evident that he thought he was superior to the other man who knew he was a sinner. Both of these men prayed but their prayers were diametrically different and Jesus' response to them was different too.

Luke 18:14, **"I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."**

The man who knew that he was a sinner and asked God for mercy **went home justified before God**. The one who was relying on his own good works and judging everyone else heard this, **all those who exalt themselves will be humbled**.

1 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, then God will raise us up. When a person tries to exalt himself, God will humble them. Did you notice when this verse says that God will lift up those who are humble? God will lift those who are humble up **in due time**. This is a truth that we need to know and it will help us. God is the One who lifts His humble people up and He does it in His time. We need to do two things. We need to humble our selves and we need to trust God and His timing. Those who live like that are on the right track.

*Prayer: Lord, I am certainly not relying on my own good works to be righteous. I know that You have saved me and I humble myself before You. Please help me to live humbly and help me to trust You to lift me up in Your perfect time. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Thursday February 27**

**Scripture Reading: Numbers 18-21**

**Mark 7:1-37**

Praise the Lord! I haven't given you any declarations for a while. So, here is one: *"I declare that I have the power, love and self-discipline that God has given me and I am not afraid!"*

This declaration is based on 2 Timothy 1:7, **"For God did not give us a spirit of fear, but a spirit of power, love and self-discipline"** We need to believe the truth of God's Word and we need to speak what we believe.

Here's another declaration for you today. *"I declare that God is my refuge and my strength and He is always present to help me!"*

Psalms 46:1 says, **"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."**

Take one of these (or both) and say them throughout today. We need to know that God is always with us. The more we renew our minds to this truth the more we will have strength and confidence at the very times we need them the most.

Let me remind you of 2 Corinthians 4:13-14, **"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."**

Believe the Lord and speak what you believe. We have resurrection power at work in our lives.

*Prayer: Lord, thank You for Your Word. Help me to believe Your Word and help me to boldly speak what I believe. I know I need to hear myself speaking it. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Friday February 28**

**Scripture Reading: Numbers 22-25**

**Mark 8:1-21**

Praise the Lord! Let's end the month with Proverbs 4:20, "**My son, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear to My Words.**" Have you ever heard someone say that salvation is free? Well, it is and it isn't. It is free to us and that is a good thing because we could never pay the price for our salvation. It isn't free because Jesus paid the price for our salvation with His very life on the cross.

Now, having said those things, I want to add to what I just said. We could never pay the price for our salvation. That is true, but Proverbs 4:20 tells us something that we do need to *pay*. We need to *pay attention*. We are so blessed to have the Word and we are blessed to be able to study and learn from it. All of those things are free for us, but we do need to *pay attention*.

Here are a couple of Scriptures that talk about the Word being available to us. 1 Corinthians 10:11 says, "**These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come.**" And 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.**"

God had the Word recorded and preserved for us so we can learn. The Word will encourage us and it will give us hope. Praise God for the encouragement and hope that is available to us because we have the Word. All these things are true and we need to know that our part is to *pay attention* to the Word. The Word will always produce good things in your life. Do your part. *Pay attention* to it.

*Prayer: I again thank You for Your Word. I know that I am blessed to be able to study it every day and I want to always do my best. Help me to really pay attention to everything You speak to me. I want to be equipped with Your Word for myself and so I will be able to help 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

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