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Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Praise the Lord! Look at what Jesus said in John 6:63, **“The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The Words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life.”** The Word is full of the Spirit and life. We are blessed to be able to study it every day. God bless you as you study God’s Word. The Spirit will be giving you life!

Gladly in His Service,

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**Monday September 1**

## **Scripture Reading: Psalms 148-150 1 Corinthians 11:16-34**

Praise the Lord! If you were doing last month's devotions you know we are working our way straight through the book of Ephesians. We finished off yesterday with Ephesians 3:13 which says, **"I ask you, therefore, not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you, which are your glory."** Paul was boldly proclaiming the Gospel wherever he went and there were people who opposed his message and him personally. He was persecuted in many ways. Look at what he said to these believers who knew about his persecution. He told them not to be discouraged.

Look at what Joshua said in Joshua 1:9, **"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."** Being courageous is the opposite of being discouraged. I want to give you some more from Ephesians, but right now I feel like some of you need to be encouraged to be courageous and to avoid being discouraged. Someone might be thinking, "If you knew what I am going through you would know why I am discouraged." Well, don't miss what Joshua said at the end of Joshua 1:9, **"The Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."** God is with you and He will never leave you. Receive the encouragement that He has for you.

Deuteronomy 31:8 says, **"The Lord Himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."** God will never forsake you, He will be with you AND He even goes before you. Praise God. Be encouraged and be courageous.

*Prayer: Lord, thank You for speaking to me today. I know that You are always with me and I know that You will never leave me. I choose to be encouraged and I choose to be courageous. I also pray for all my brothers and sisters that they will be encouraged and courageous too. Thank You for hearing and answering all our prayers. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Tuesday September 2**

## **Scripture Reading: Proverbs 1-2 1 Corinthians 12**

Praise the Lord! Well, I want to give you Ephesians 3:13 again and I want to add verse 14. **"I ask you, therefore, not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you, which are your glory. For this reason I kneel before the Father. . ."** We talked about Paul telling these believers to not be discouraged and we even prayed for that. By the way, in our closing prayer you prayed for others to be encouraged and courageous and *they prayed for you too.*

We were all being like the Apostle Paul. When Paul wrote and encouraged people to not be discouraged the next thing he said was, **"For this reason I kneel before the Father. . ."** So, keep praying for yourself and keep praying for others. God hears our prayers and He answers them.

Ephesians 3:14-15, **"For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name."** When we gave our lives to Jesus we were forgiven, saved and adopted into His family. We are not alone. God goes before us, He goes with us and we have many believers who we are connected to. You are not alone.

Verse 16 says, **"I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being."** Praise the Lord! As God answers prayers like that we are going to make it. Look at what Jesus spoke to us in Matthew 7:7, **"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."** When we ask, seek and knock Jesus will answer our prayers.

*Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me and thank You for continuing Your good work in my life. I know You are never going to quit on me. Help me to pray for myself and help me to consistently pray for others. I know that You hear my prayers and I know that You answer them. Help me to pray more. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Wednesday September 3**

## **Scripture Reading: Proverbs 3-4 1 Corinthians 13**

Praise the Lord! Ephesians 3:16-17, **"I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love. . ."**

Prayer is powerful. Paul didn't just tell us to pray. He prayed himself. He prayed for God to *strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit*. Thank God that He answers prayer and thank God for the Holy Spirit.

Look at what John 16:13 says about the Holy Spirit, **"But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on His own; He will speak only what He hears, and He will tell you what is yet to come."** Jesus spoke these things.

Jesus said the Holy Spirit would *guide us into all truth, that He would speak what God has for us and that He would even tell us what is yet to come*. Thank God for the Holy Spirit.

Paul also prayed that we would be *rooted and established in love*. 1 John 4:7-8 say, **"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love."** God is love and we should love one another. When we love each other, like we should, we show that God is in our lives.

*Prayer: Lord, I am so thankful that You saved me and I know that You saved me because You loved me. Thank You for giving me the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit, I ask You to guide me into all truth, to speak to me and to even show me things to come. I choose to love my brothers and sisters in You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*





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**Thursday September 4**

### **Scripture Reading: Proverbs 5-6 1 Corinthians 14:1-20**

Praise the Lord! We are working our way through the prayer that Paul prayed in Ephesians 3. Verse 17 says, **“So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love. . .”** When we gave our lives to Jesus He saved us and He is working in our lives. Before we were saved we were lost with no hope of ever being good enough to be saved. Thank God that He has grace for us. Jesus came and paid the price for our sins so we could be saved and adopted into His family. We are going to spend all eternity with Him.

Paul also prayed that we would be **rooted and established in love**. 1 John 4:14-16, **“And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.”**

God lives in us and we live in God. God is love and we rely on His love. I am sure you relied on God's love when you were saved, and now we need to keep relying on His love. What else would we ever rely on if not Him and His love? Look at the last part of these verses: **God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them**. We have hope. Romans 5:5 says, **“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.”** Thank God for His amazing love.

*Prayer: Lord, thank You for revealing the Good News of the Gospel to me and giving me the faith to give my life to You. Thank You for loving me. I rely on Your love. I have hope now because I have You in my life. I also know that Your love is being poured into my heart by the Holy Spirit. Help me to live and to love like I should as Your child. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Friday September 5**

## **Scripture Reading: Proverbs 7-8 1 Corinthians 14:21-40**

Praise the Lord! Look at this part of Paul's prayer in Ephesians 3, **"And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ."** Paul prayed that we would have the *power to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.*

Look at what is recorded the Old Testament in Psalms 103:11-12, **"For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us."** God's steadfast love is higher and greater than the heavens are above the earth. And we are told that He has *steadfast love for us*. That means God loves us and He will never stop loving us. Can you say, "Thank You, Jesus!"?

Then these verses give us an example of how great God's steadfast love for us is. *God removes our sin from us as far as the east is from the west.* Hebrews 8:12 says, **"For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."** When God forgives your sins He will never remember them. This might be hard, or even impossible, for us to grasp but it is the truth of God's Word. We need to choose to believe it.

Ephesians 1:7-8 say, **"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that He lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding."** Jesus shed His blood so we could be forgiven. Thank God for His amazing grace.

*Prayer: Lord, please give me power to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ. I know that I was completely lost without and You and I know that I am completely saved with You. Thank You for Your amazing grace. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Saturday September 6**

## **Scripture Reading: Proverbs 9-10 1 Corinthians 15:1-32**

**Praise the Lord! Paul prayed that we may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.**

When Paul prayed for these things he was being led by the Spirit of God. God was the One who had Paul pray them and God is the One Who had these things put in the Word so we could read them today. God is the One Who had these things covered today so we could choose to believe them. And God is the One who will help us to believe.

Romans 10:17 says, **“Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word about Christ.”** Hearing the message of the Word gives us faith to believe the message that God has for us.

So, with that in mind, look at Romans 8:28-29, **“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose. For those God foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.”** God is working in our lives. He is working His good purpose for our lives. His Word gives us faith to believe. His Word tell us that He is working in our lives so that we might be *conformed to the image of Jesus and so that He might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.*

*Prayer: Lord, I am amazed at what Your Word says. I choose to believe Your Word. Help me to know that You are working in my life and help me to know that You are conforming me to the image of Jesus more and more. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Sunday September 7**

## **Scripture Reading: Proverbs 11-12 1 Corinthians 15:33-58**

Praise the Lord! I sure have some great verses for you today. They speak to blessings that God has for us and they are amazing. Ephesians 3:20-21 say, **“Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”**

God is able to do more than all we ask or imagine. That's an amazing promise and it is even better. This verse says God is able to *immeasurably* more than all we ask or imagine. Think about how great this promise is. I am sure all of us can and have asked for some big things and we have all probably imagined even greater things. This verse says that God is able to do *more than all those things*.

He can do those things according to the power *that is at work in us*. Just to make sure we tie these things together let me say it this way. The power of God that is working in our lives is able to do great and amazing things.

Look at Jeremiah 32:17, **“Ah, Sovereign Lord, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for You.”** Nothing is too hard for God. That is what Jeremiah said about God. Now in Jeremiah 32:27 look at what God said about Himself, **“I am the Lord, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for Me?”** Nothing is too hard for God and God is at work in our lives. Believe these wonderful truths and have faith that nothing is too hard for Him.

*Prayer: Lord, I know that You are all powerful. I also know that You are working in my life. Thank You for saving me and I thank You for working in and through me. I want to live by faith and I want to see You and Your power demonstrated more. I don't ever want to miss out on anything You have for me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*





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**Monday September 8**

## **Scripture Reading: Proverbs 13-14 1 Corinthians 16**

Praise the Lord! The book of Ephesians has two major parts. Chapters 1-3 talk about wonderful things that God has done for us and chapters 4-6 talk about how we should live in light of what God has done for us.

Ephesians 4:1 says, **“As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.”** First of all, Paul points out that he was in prison when he wrote this book. When Jesus saved Paul He called him to go and preach the gospel. Paul faithfully did what God wanted and some people hated Paul and his message. They opposed him and they ended up throwing him in jail for preaching the gospel. Paul kept living for Jesus and reaching out to people in any way he could. While there he wrote Ephesians. Here's a quick point: Paul never quit what God wanted him to do. He did it when he was free to travel around and he did it when he was in prison.

Now in chapter 4 Paul starts writing about how we should live in light of what God has done for us. **I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.** Thank God we are saved. We are saved because Jesus paid for our sins so we could be born-again and adopted into the Kingdom of God. Now, we need to live like God wants. Paul even says we have been called. I know this makes some people nervous, but you were called to be saved, you accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior and now you are called to live for Him.

We will cover how this applies in our lives as we go on but for now know that God has a plan for you and it is a good plan. He will also help you to live like He wants you to live. Can you say, “Thank You, Jesus!”?

*Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me and thank You for having a plan for my life. Help me to know how I should live and what I should be doing. I also thank You so much for always helping me as I live for You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Tuesday September 9**

## **Scripture Reading: Proverbs 15-16 2 Corinthians 1**

Praise the Lord! Yesterday, we looked at Ephesians 4:1 and we saw that God has a call on our lives to live for Him. If you have been wondering how we live for Jesus, keep reading. Starting with verse 2, Paul is going to cover many of the things we are called to do as we live for Jesus.

Ephesians 4:2 says, “**Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.**” Here are 4 things that we are called to do as we live for Jesus. I have to tell you there is more to come but for today, **Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.**

We are to be *completely humble*. I am sure you know that Jesus is the source of everything good in your life. So, be humble and make sure Jesus gets all the credit.

Then we are told to be *gentle*. Have you ever been around someone who was gentle? Have you ever been around someone who was not gentle? Which person did you like better? Be like the gentle one and people will like you.

Then we are told to be *patient*. Who should be you be patient with? Everyone, including yourself.

*Bearing with one another in love.* Thank God that He loves us and we should love others. Look at 1 Corinthians 13:7, “**Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.**” Did that talk about *all things* four times? Do you get the point?

*Prayer: Lord, I am so thankful that I have given my life to You and I am thankful that You are working in my life. I know that Your work in my life is right. Help me to be completely humble, to be gentle, and to be patient and to bear with everyone. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Wednesday September 10**

## **Scripture Reading: Proverbs 17-18 2 Corinthians 2**

Praise the Lord! In Ephesians 4:1, Paul urged us to live a life worthy of the calling we have received. I feel like offering a prayer up right here, "Thank You for calling me and for saving me. Help me now to live like I should. In Jesus' Name, Amen."

Ephesians 4:3 says, "**Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.**" We need to be in unity and to be at peace. Look at 1 Corinthians 1:10, "**I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.**"

God always blesses unity. Look at the first 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's blessings are poured out when we are in unity.

Look at what Jesus said in John 13:34-35, "**A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another.**"

We should love one another. This verse makes it even more powerful when it says that we should love one another **as I have loved you**. That is a high standard. Jesus also told us that the world will know that we really are His disciples when we love one another.

*Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me and thank You for helping me to keep growing in You and Your ways. I see from the Word that unity is powerful. Help me to choose to live in unity with my brothers and sisters. I also want my love for others to be a witness that I am really Yours. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Thursday September 11**

### **Scripture Reading: Proverbs 19-20 2 Corinthians 3**

Praise the Lord! Ephesians 4:4-6 say, **“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, Who is over all and through all and in all.”**

I don't think I have ever thought about how many times the word *one* is used in these verses. *One* is mentioned seven times. I am not going to go through each of them and comment on them, but I do want to say that I think all these *ones* speak to the unity we have in Jesus. I am aware that divisions happen in the body of Christ, but that isn't God's best. We are *one* in Jesus.

Look at verse 7, **“But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.”** Each *one* of us has been given God's grace. Thank God for His Amazing Grace. Since we have been given grace we should extend grace to each other.

Look at what Peter wrote in 1 Peter 4:8-10, **“Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.”** We should love each other, forgive people when they need it, be hospitable to others and use whatever giftings we have to serve them. Peter also made the point that we should do these things as faithful stewards of God's grace.

*Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me by grace. Help me to know how to show grace to others. I know that You want all of Your people to love each other and I want to do my part. Help me to know how to apply this truth in the situations I find myself in. I thank You in advance for helping me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*





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**Friday September 12**

## **Scripture Reading: Proverbs 21-22 2 Corinthians 4**

Praise the Lord! Ephesians 4:8-10 say, **“This is why it says: “When He ascended on high, He took many captives and gave gifts to His people.” (What does “He ascended” mean except that He also descended to the lower, earthly regions? He who descended is the very One who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.)”**

These verses are talking about what happened right after Jesus died on the cross for our sins. He descended in death and then He ascended because death, hell and the grave could not hold Him. He died for our sins and when they were all completely paid for He rose from the dead and He is alive forever more. Our sins have been paid for and we now have eternal life in Jesus. These verses also refer to Jesus giving gifts to His people.

Look at the next verse, **“So Christ Himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers.”** These are called the five-fold ministry gifts and they are gifts from Jesus. They are good gifts. The next verse tells us why they were given. **“To equip His people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.”** These five-fold ministry gifts were given, by Jesus, to serve us and help us to be built up. God only has good gifts for us and the five-fold ministry gifts are good. The next verse tell us how long we will have these gifts from God. **“Until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.”** The five-fold ministry gifts are to build us up and grow into the unity of faith.

*Prayer: Lord, thank You for dying on the cross for the sins of mankind. I am so glad that I have given my life to You. I also thank You for the ministry gifts that You have given to help me to grow into maturity and to reach the unity in the faith. Help me to receive and respect the gifted men and women You have given to help me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Saturday September 13**

## **Scripture Reading: Proverbs 23-24 2 Corinthians 5**

Praise the Lord! Ephesians 4:13 tells us that God wants us to grow **until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.** We covered this verse yesterday and now Paul goes on.

Ephesians 4:14, **“Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming.”** God wants us to *grow up*. He wants us to know the truth and He wants us to not be *tossed back and forth* by *every wind of teaching* and by those who try to deceive people. We should know the truth and never compromise the truth.

**“Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of Him who is the head, that is, Christ.”** As we grow in Jesus and in the truth of His Word we will know what is true and what isn't true.

Look at what Jesus said to some people who believed in Him. John 8:31-32, **“To the Jews who had believed Him, Jesus said, “If you hold to My teaching, you are really My disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”** Jesus wanted them to know the truth and He knew the truth would set them free. Jesus wants us to know the truth and He knows that the truth will set us free too. We are so blessed to be able to study God's Word every day and we are blessed to have five-fold ministers who will help us to grow to maturity. We are so blessed. Keep growing.

*Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me and thank You for helping me to grow and to become mature. I know that Your plan for my life is right and good. Help me to always keep learning from Your Word and from the men and women You have gifted to help me to grow. I love You so much. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Sunday September 14**

## **Scripture Reading: Proverbs 25-27 2 Corinthians 6**

Praise the Lord! Ephesians 4:15-16 say, **“Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of Him who is the head, that is, Christ. From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.”** We are the body of Christ and we are to grow in love as each part does its work.

Thank God we are saved. Giving our lives to Jesus is the best decision any person ever made. I am sure you agree and that isn't the end of the story. We are saved and now we need to grow. When we grow then we need to grow more and when we grow more we need to keep growing.

Look at how the Word describes our growth. **“The whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love.”** We can and should keep growing and God will add what we need. We are held together in Him and He supports us with all that we need to keep growing.

Some of the things He supplies us with are the Word, teachers to reveal the truth of God to us and anything else we need. All these things, and more, are supplied to us because God loves us. I didn't write the end part of this verse out and I want to add it now. **The whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.** We all play a part in growing and in helping others to grow. **As each part does its work** we grow. We need each other.

*Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me and thank You for all the growth I have made. I know that You want me to keep growing and I want that too. Help us all to do our part so we can all grow. I thank You for the people that have helped me to grow and I want to help others to grow. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Monday September 15**

### **Scripture Reading: Proverbs 28-29 2 Corinthians 7**

Praise the Lord! Ephesians 4:17 says, **"So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking."** Paul is telling us something really important here. He actually said that he was insisting on this. When he referred to the Gentiles here it was talking about people who were not saved. This makes sense now. When you are saved you should not live like you used to live. Then Paul said that unsaved people used to live *in the futility of their thinking* and we shouldn't live that way any more. I am sure when you were saved many things changed in your life and Paul is saying that even our thinking needs to change. The way our thinking changed was when we learned God's ways we accepted them as the truth and we choose to live how God wants us to live.

This is an ongoing process. I am sure there are times when you read something in the Word and it stretches you in the way you have been thinking. We all have that happen and when it happens we need to be thankful that God loves us so much that He is helping us to think better and He is helping us to live better.

Want some examples? Luke 6:38 says, **"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."** God tells us to be givers and He promises to bless us. Look at Ephesians 4:32, **"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."** We need to forgive others just like God forgave us.

*Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me and thank You for helping me to grow. Please continue speaking to me about areas where I need to think like You want. I know that when You help me it is because You love me and I know Your ways are always right. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*





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**Tuesday September 16**

## **Scripture Reading: Proverbs 30-31 2 Corinthians 8**

Praise the Lord! Yesterday, we covered what Paul said about our need to change the ways we think. We are saved and now we need to think like God thinks. Thank God for this process and thank God for His patience.

For today, look at Ephesians 4:18, **“They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts.”** Paul is describing people who are not saved and He is also describing us before we were saved.

Before we gave our lives to Jesus we were *darkened in our understanding, we were separated from the life of God and our hearts were hardened*. To put it bluntly WE WERE LOST! Thank God that Jesus came to seek and to save the lost. Now that we are saved we need to read the Word, we need to believe the Word, we need to renew our minds to the Word and we need to live the Word.

If there is ever a time when God speaks to you and you are not sure what you think about what He is saying to you let me give you some advice: Accept what He is saying and do what He says. He is always right.

Paul said unsaved people have hardened hearts. When you were saved God gave you a new heart and a new spirit. Ezekiel 36:26 says, **“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.”** Thank God! Keep your heart open to Jesus and all that He has for you. He will give you life and life in abundance.

*Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me and thank You for all the good work You are doing in my life. I want to keep growing and I want to willingly submit to You and Your ways. I know that You have given me a new life and I want to have all the life and life in abundance that You have for me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Wednesday September 17**

### **Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 1-3 2 Corinthians 9**

Praise the Lord! Paul is continuing to describe people who are not saved. Ephesians 4:19 says, **“Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed.”**

I know that Paul wrote this literally thousands of years ago but doesn't it sound like it was describing the days that we are living in? Here are some more verses that Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 3:1-5, **“But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people.”** In these verses Paul said that these things describe how people would be living *in the last days*. I don't know if these are the last days or not but I know we are closer than when Paul wrote this. Take a moment and read these verses again slowly and see how they fit today.

Now, Look at what Paul ended with. **Have nothing to do with such people.** Now we are supposed to be reaching out to people, so how does that line up with what Paul said here. Remember Jesus spent time with sinners. Here's the balance. Jesus spent time with sinners but they didn't influence Him. He influenced them. So, let your life influence others but don't let them draw you down.

*Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me and thank You for delivering me from the world and from worldly ways. I know that You are manifesting life and life in abundance to me. Help me to be strong enough to influence others. I want Your light and Your truth to be evident for everyone to see. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Thursday September 18**

### **Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 4-6 2 Corinthians 10**

Praise the Lord! Yesterday, we looked at Paul's description of how some unsaved people live. I also said that God wants us to be strong enough to influence others rather than letting them influence us.

Paul had some more to say right along these lines. Ephesians 4:20-24 say, **"That, however, is not the way of life you learned when you heard about Christ and were taught in Him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness."**

Thank God we are saved! Thank God that He is constantly teaching us how to live Godly lives. **"Put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds."** Haven't you put off some old things? Now, we are being *made new in the attitude of our minds*. As we study the Word, believe the Word and renew our minds to the Word we will live like God wants. We play a part in this process, but know that Jesus is with you and He will always help you.

Look at this phrase: We are **created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness**. Does that stretch you in your thinking? If it does, I suppose that is understandable, but don't let that keep you from *believing it*. Choose to believe the Word. Let Jesus and the Word help you. Don't ever settle for less.

*Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me and thank You for starting Your good work in my life. I know that You are always helping me to do good and to grow in You and Your ways. I choose to believe Your Word! I am never going to settle for anything less than Your best in my life. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Friday September 19**

## **Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 7-9 2 Corinthians 11:1-15**

Praise the Lord! Ephesians 4:25 starts with this word: **Therefore.** When you read the verse *therefore* it is good to look back at what was written before it. Ephesians 4:24 says, **“Put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.”** By saying *therefore*, God is saying we are new creations in Jesus and that should *therefore* do the things listed next.

Ephesians 4:25 says, **“Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body.”** As believers we should put off falsehood and always speak the truth.

Verse 26 says, **“In your anger do not sin: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry.”** Verse 27 says, **“And do not give the devil a foothold.”** Do you think the Word is saying that anger can give the devil a foothold in our lives? If you think that is what the Word is saying, you are right.

Paul goes on. Verse 28 says, **“Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.”** There is something here that I want to comment on and then we will see some more tomorrow. Anyway, this verse says we are to **work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.** Have you ever thought about part of why you work is so you will have something to give? At Creative I often remind people that you are *blessed to be a blessing*. Paul might also say that *we work so we can share with others*.

*Prayer: Lord, thank You for Your ongoing work in my life. I want to keep my life completely open to You and completely closed to the devil. I know that doing what the Word says will do those things. Help me to really believe what You are speaking to me and help me to choose to believe and help me to live how You say I should. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*





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**Saturday September 20**

## **Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 10-12 2 Corinthians 11:16-33**

Praise the Lord! Paul was writing to believers that really needed to do the things he was saying *and* we are believers who really need to do the things he was saying.

Ephesians 4:29 says, **“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.”**

There are clearly two parts of this versus. First, there are things that should be eliminated from the way we as believers talk. I am sure some people read this and conclude that we shouldn't curse and swear, and I agree we shouldn't be cursing and swearing, but Paul went beyond that. **Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths.** There are things that may not be cursing and swearing but they are still unwholesome.

Secondly, Paul talks about the kinds of things we should be speaking. We should be speaking things that are *helpful, building others up and beneficial*. We should be speaking life.

Here are a couple of things that will help you to speak life. First, of all we need to be full of life. Jesus said that He came to give us life and life in abundance. As we embrace the life Jesus has for us we will speak life. Secondly, the more Word we have the more we will speak life. The Bible says that we speak from the abundance in our hearts. So be full of Life and the Word.

*Prayer: Lord, I want the fact that I am saved to be evident in every aspect of my life. Help my words to reveal that I am a born-again believer. Please speak to me if I am ever about to speak any unwholesome things and help me to stop. I want to be full of Your life and Your Word so I will build others up with my words. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Sunday September 21**

## **Scripture Reading: Song of Solomon 1-3 2 Corinthians 12**

Praise the Lord! The Holy Spirit drew you and revealed God's plan for you to be saved. Thank God for the Holy Spirit's work in our lives. Now that we have given our lives to Jesus, the Holy Spirit lives in us. His presence is so precious.

Ephesians 4:30 says, **"And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption."** We certainly don't want to *grieve the Holy Spirit*. Amen?

Would you like to know some of what grieves the Holy Spirit so we can avoid them? It probably won't surprise you that Paul listed some of those things in Verse 31. **"Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice."** Take a moment and read this verse again slowly and see if God has anything He would like to speak to you about. If He does speak to you about getting rid of some of these things here are two things that are important for you to remember. First, He spoke that to you because He loves you. Secondly, He will help you to deal with those things. Thank God.

Those are bad things that need to go, and next Paul lists some good things that should be evident in our lives as Christians. **"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."** If God is speaking you about some things from these verses, know the same two things that I already wrote to you are still true. First, God is speaking that to you because He loves you and secondly, He will help you to develop these things in your life. Thank God!

*Prayer: Lord, I am amazed at how You speak to me from Your Word. Help me to know that You speak to me because You love me and help me to remember that You will always help me to do what You want me to do. I want to live more fully for You and I want my life to be a good witness. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Monday September 22**

### **Scripture Reading: Song of Solomon 4-5 2 Corinthians 13**

Praise the Lord! Have you ever seen a little child imitating their father or mother? They sometimes try to walk like their parent or talk like them. It is cute. Now look at Ephesians 5:1, **“Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children.”** How do you think we could *be imitators of God*? Well, read on. Ephesians 5:2 says, **“Walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.”** When we walk in love like He loved we are imitating Him. This is how we should live.

John 13:34-35 say, **“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another.”** When we love one another we are showing that we are really God’s people.

Look at what John said in 1 John 4:20-21, **“If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.”**

1 John 4:21-5:1 say, **“And this commandment we have from Him: whoever loves God must also love his brother. Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of Him.”** We love God and we need to love all of His people.

*Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me. I know that You love me and I know that I should love all of Your people. I choose to be a doer of Your Word and not a hearer only. I want my life to be a good example for people to see and learn from. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Tuesday September 23**

## **Scripture Reading: Song of Solomon 6-8 Galatians 1**

Praise the Lord! God wants us to live for Him. The way people will know that we are really Christians is by our love and by our lives. Ephesians 5:3-4 say, **“But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God’s holy people. Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving.”** We should live lives of purity and we should speak words of life. In verse 4 Paul tells us that we should use our words to give thanks to God.

Verses 5-7 say, **“For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God’s wrath comes on those who are disobedient. Therefore do not be partners with them.”** God saved us so we could live for Him. He can and will help us to clean up our lives. As Christians, we should represent Jesus well all the time.

Verse 8 says, **“For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light.”** Thank God for His good work in our lives. We were not only in the darkness. We were darkness. We are now not only in the light we are light in the Lord. Verse 9 says, **“For the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth.”** Our lives should be bearing fruit and I am talking about good fruit. All the things Paul has written about unsaved peoples they always bore bad fruit. I want you to know that God has a better plan for you.

*Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me. I know that I was lost and I also know that there was no way for me to change until I gave my life to You. Thank You for giving me life and life in abundance. I want my life to reveal how You can change a person. I want to bear lots of good fruit for You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*





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**Wednesday September 24**

## **Scripture Reading: Isaiah 1-3 Galatians 2**

Praise the Lord! We have been going through Ephesians for quite a while and I feel like we should go in a different direction for a while. Look at Galatians 3:13, **“Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole.”** Before we were saved we were under a curse. But God loved us and He sent Jesus to die on the cross for our sins. He bore our curse so we could have the blessings of God.

He did that because He loved us. John 3:16 says, **“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.”** Because of God’s great love He paid for our sins so we could be forgiven, adopted into His family and so we could be set free from the curse.

2 Corinthians 5:17 says, **“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”** We are *in Christ*. We are *new creations*. *The old has gone and the new is here*.

2 Corinthians 5:21 says, **“God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.”** Jesus was made to be sin for us so that *in Him* we could be made righteous. This is such an amazing truth that I am sure we need God to help us to believe it. If you feel like these things are almost too hard for you to believe, ask God to help you and He will. He will help to settle these truths in your life because He wants you to know them even more than You want to know them.

*Prayer: Lord, thank You for sending Jesus to die on the cross for my sins. Thank You, Jesus, for willingly laying Your life down to pay for my sins. Thank You, Holy Spirit, for drawing me and revealing the plan of salvation to me. I choose to believe these wonderful truths are true for me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Thursday September 25**

### **Scripture Reading: Isaiah 4-6 Galatians 3**

Praise the Lord! Yesterday, I gave you 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.”** This is a wonderful verse and it is probably one of the best known verses with both Christians and nonChristians alike.

Would you like to know one of the best parts of John 3:16? One of the best parts of John 3:16 is John 3:17. **“For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.”** God sent Jesus into world to save people. He didn't send Him into the world to condemn people. When you gave your life to Jesus you were saved and now He has no condemnation for you. Can you say, “Thank You, Jesus!”?

Look at Romans 8:1, **“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”** Thank God.

Romans 8:1-4 say, **“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so He condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.”** There is no condemnation for us because Jesus died on the cross for our sins and we have accepted Him as our Lord and Savior.

*Prayer: Lord, thank You for loving me so much that You sent Jesus to pay for my sins to be forgiven and for me to be saved. Thank You that You have no condemnation for me. Help me to believe these wonderful truths. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Friday September 26**

### **Scripture Reading: Isaiah 7-9 Galatians 4**

Praise the Lord! In John 6, Jesus had just taught a large crowd about many things. Look at what they asked Him in John 6:28, **“Then they asked Jesus, “What must we do to do the works God requires?”** This was a great question and I will give you Jesus’ answer in a bit but I want you to think about this first.

If someone came up a Christian and asked them this question, what would they tell them? Some people might say things like, you should pray, you should go to church, you should tithe or many other things. Now, don’t get me wrong, all those things are good and we should do them. But look at this verse again and what Jesus answered.

John 6:28-29, **“Then they asked Jesus, “What must we do to do the works God requires?” Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the One He has sent.”**” God says what we *must do* is to *believe* in Jesus!

Many years later, John wrote 1 John and look at what he said in 1 John 3:23, **“And this is His commandment, that we believe in the Name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as He has commanded us.”**

What must we do to be doing the works that God required? We must believe in Jesus! Now, when we believe in Jesus we will surely do many other good things because we are now living for Him but it all starts when we believe in Jesus. A person could do lots of good things and still be lost if they didn’t accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

*Prayer: Lord, thank You for speaking to me from Your Word today. Help me to know that the most important thing I have ever done was accepting Jesus as my Lord and Savior. I know that I could have never been good enough to be saved. Help me to share this wonderful truth with others. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.*



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**Saturday September 27**

### **Scripture Reading: Isaiah 10-12 Galatians 5**

Praise the Lord! Since Galatians 5 is part of our Scripture Reading for today, I want to comment on part of what is covered in that chapter.

Many times a comparison between saved people and unsaved people is written about. Look at Galatians 5:19-21 say, **"The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God."** That is a pretty terrible list. Those who live like this are lost.

Now, look at Galatians 5:22-23, **"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."** This is a wonderful list. Saved people live like these things. These are things that should be growing in our lives.

To continue, Galatians 5:24-25 say, **"Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."** Because we have given our lives to Jesus the things in verses 19-21 should be gone or at least decreasing in our lives and the things in verses 22-23 should be manifesting and growing in our lives.

Thank God for the Holy Spirit. He is always with us and He will always help us to grow into the things of God. Let's **keep in step with the Spirit**.

*Prayer: Lord, help me to live like You want. I know that Your ways are always right. Help me to eliminate the acts of the flesh and help me to grow in the fruit of the Spirit. I thank You for the progress I have already made and I want to keep growing. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*





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**Sunday September 28**

## **Scripture Reading: Isaiah 13-15 Galatians 6**

Praise the Lord! Take a look at what Jesus said in Matthew 6:25, **"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?"** Have you ever met someone who seemed to be consumed with worry? In this verse, Jesus is tell us to not worry.

In the next verse, Jesus said, **"Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?"** Think about birds. They don't sow, they don't reap and they don't store up. God takes care of them.

Then Jesus says some more. **"Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?"** This is interesting. Doctors tell us that worrying can even shorten our lives.

Look at what Peter wrote in 1 Peter 5:7, **"Cast all your anxiety on Jesus because He cares for you."** I am sure you know that when Peter referred to *anxiety* he was talking about *worries* too. Did you notice why Peter said we should cast our anxieties and worries on Jesus? He said we should do that because Jesus cares for us.

When we know that Jesus cares for us, we can have confidence that He will meet our needs. When we know that Jesus laid His life down for us and died on the cross to save us, we can surely know that He continues to care for us and we should know that He will meet our needs.

*Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me. I know that You also care about every aspect of my life. Help me to cast my worries on You. Help me to know that You will continue meeting my needs like You always have. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Monday September 29**

## **Scripture Reading: Isaiah 16-18 Ephesians 1**

Praise the Lord! Let's continue the story we started with yesterday. Matthew 6:28-29 say, **"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these."** Jesus is still speaking to us about trusting Him and not worrying.

In verse 30, Jesus said, **"If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will He not much more clothe you—you of little faith?"** God takes care of the flowers, the grass and the birds - shouldn't we know that He will take care of us? Now, Jesus mentioned faith. We had faith to be saved and we should have faith that He will take care of our needs.

Verse 31 says, **"So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'"** Right after Jesus talked to them about faith, He said, **So do not worry.** Faith and worry are opposites and Jesus is speaking the Word to us to help us to have faith. Romans 10:17 says, **"Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word about Christ."** Faith comes by hearing the message of the Word. The word translated *hearing* is a word that talks about hearing and hearing and hearing.

So, Jesus wants us to stop worrying and He wants us to have faith. He is giving us the Word to help us.

*Prayer: Lord, I know that I was saved when I put my faith in You. I also know that I am called to live by faith. Help me to learn from Your Word and help me to embrace the faith that comes from hearing and hearing Your Word. Help me to believe that You will always meet all my needs. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



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**Tuesday September 30**

### **Scripture Reading: Isaiah 19-21 Ephesians 2**

Praise the Lord! Well, on this last day on the month, I want to finish up what Jesus had to say to us in Matthew 6. The last two verses are some of my favorite verses. They are verses that I have memorized, I have shared them with many people over the years and they have been a part of many sermons.

Here's the first one. Matthew 6:33 says, **"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."** Praise God! When we seek Jesus and His Kingdom first, He promises to help us with everything else in life. He will help us with everything! Look at what David wrote in Psalms 34:10, **"The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing."** When we *seek the Lord*, we will lack no good thing.

Now, look at Matthew 6:34, **"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."** Therefore - because we know that God will take care of us and because we know that He will meet all our needs - *don't worry*.

Let the Word give you faith. Jesus always keeps His promises. 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 that God makes are for you. Believe them and have faith. Realize that you have nothing to worry about because Jesus will always meet your needs and He will always take care of you.

*Prayer: Lord, thank You for teaching me Your ways. I choose to believe Your Word. I choose to seek You first. Help me to know that all Your promises are for me. I also ask You to help me to share these wonderful truths with others. I want to be blessed to be a blessing. 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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