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TODAY'S BIBLE READING: Luke 1

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Luke 1:49 (KJV)

For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name.

TODAY'S TOPIC:

GOD IS CAPABLE

Our scripture for today was a declaration made by Mary, the mother of Jesus in her praise to God. She recognized him as "mighty" which could also be translated as "powerful" or "capable". He is the capable one, which means, God has all the attributes required for performance or accomplishment. God had accomplished his purpose of conception in her life without the support or aid of a man. Her praise was coming from her own personal experience with God. God wants your heart to be convinced that he is also "capable" towards you. God has every attribute required to perform or accomplish his purpose in your life, without any external help or support.

The one that raised his son Jesus from the dead, and forgave you all your sins is also capable of meeting your day to day needs. He demonstrates he is capable by doing 'great things'. These "great things" are happenings that can only be produced by miracle working power. Expect 'great' things today as you fill your mouth with songs of praise all day, declaring "GOD IS CAPABLE".

TODAY'S CONFESSION

I boldly declare "GOD IS CAPABLE". He has every attribute required to perform or accomplish great things for me. I expect great things today!

TODAY'S BIBLE READING: Luke 2

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:10 (KJV)

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

TODAY'S TOPIC:

GOOD NEWS THAT BRINGS GREAT JOY.

There was so much excitement in heaven concerning the birth of Jesus. A group of shepherds watching over their flock by night were visited and informed of what was going on by the angel of the Lord. He said "I bring you good tidings of great joy". This summarizes the gospel of Christ; it is a message that brings great joy. The New Living translation says "but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people." Salvation is good news that will bring great joy to all people. You must recognize that it brought great joy to you when you first heard it and will always do so whenever you hear it.

The gospel of Christ is not a message of doom and gloom; rather it liberates anyone who believes from doom and gloom. It brings with it a bloom-a blossoming of life eternal. Hearing the gospel of Christ shouldn't be an occasional experience with you. If there is no one to preach it to you, preach it to yourself. In all your hearing, hear the gospel. The positive consequence of exposing yourself to the gospel of Christ is that it will bring you great joy. Joy is more than happiness.

TODAY'S CONFESSION

Salvation has come with everything I need or will ever need. The gospel of Christ has liberated me from doom and gloom eternally. It is my time to bloom.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING: Luke 3

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Luke 3:6 (KJV)

And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

TODAY'S TOPIC:

LET THE SALVATION OF GOD BE SEEN.

God's salvation plan is for all of mankind. For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son. The Jew and Gentile are all in the eternal plan of God. It is God's desire for all of mankind to be saved; this doesn't mean all of mankind will be saved. God's plan is to ensure that every obstruction is removed from the way of mankind; to reveal to the whole world the salvation of God. There will be no excuse of ignorance; the Grace of God that brings salvation is available to all of mankind. All humanity will be exposed to the salvation of God.

The Prophet Habakkuk said it this way "for the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of God as the waters cover the sea". You are a partaker of God's salvation plan, but ensure that you are also involved in helping others see the salvation of God. Let the knowledge of the glory of God fill the earth because of you. The Salvation of God is now seen through you. Your life is now a light house for others around you. In your light, others see light. This is living with a higher purpose, fulfilling prophecy. Evangelism is the only way all flesh will see the salvation of God. Evangelism is making known the salvation of God to others. Let all flesh see the salvation of God through you and because of you.

TODAY'S CONFESSION

I am a partaker of God's salvation plan. I have seen and received the salvation of God. I am involved in helping others see the salvation of God. I am living for a higher purpose; I am fulfilling prophecy.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING: Luke 4

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Luke 4:36(MSG)

That set everyone back on their heels, whispering and wondering, "What's going on here? Someone whose words make things happen? Someone who orders demonic spirits to get out and they go?"

TODAY'S TOPIC:

YOU HAVE IRRESISTIBLE AUTHORITY

Jesus spoke with an irresistible authority; sicknesses, diseases and demonic spirits couldn't defy him. The same authority has been conferred upon the believer in Christ. The authority you have in the name of Jesus Christ also makes you "someone whose words make things happen". Many things haven't happened yet because you haven't exercised that authority by speaking words. You can deliberately make things happen in your home or office. Making things happen around you is your responsibility. In a situation where there are demonic spirits involved, you still have the upper hand.

Your authority extends from speaking to yourself and inanimate things, to demonic spirits. Demonic spirits come into a situation even without an invitation, but will only leave when forcefully expelled. Most of the things happening around you are not merely physical or circumstantial in nature. They are directly influenced or orchestrated by demonic spirits, who are always opposing the agenda of God in your life. What should you do? Order the demonic spirits to get out of your home, in some cases out of your physical body or mind. Demonic spirits will continue to wreck havoc in your life and will never leave except you order them to leave. Exercise your authority today in the name of Jesus Christ.

TODAY'S CONFESSION

I have the same irresistible authority in the name of Jesus Christ. My words make things happen; therefore I command demonic spirits to cease their operations around me and leave now, in the name of Jesus Christ.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING: **Luke 5**

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: **Luke 5:16 (NLT)**

But Jesus often withdrew to the wilderness for prayer.

TODAY'S TOPIC: GET ALONE WITH GOD

There is a difference between being lonely, and being alone. There is a time for everything, a time to be with people and a time to be alone. The spiritual discipline of withdrawing from the crowd from time to time to be alone with God in prayer is biblical. Jesus had a crowded schedule that kept him around people teaching, praying and sometimes visiting folks; yet he found time to withdraw for prayer.

Your personal walk with God is what really determines your spiritual health. Being alone with God is an investment into your spiritual health. We live in a world full of distractions; these distractions rob you of spiritual alertness and focus. There is a 'stillness' or 'holy calm' that can only come in the place of personal prayer. Corporate prayers are important and also have their place, but personal prayers should never be neglected. Being alone with God is a habit that should be consciously developed by every believer.

Your schedule and activities will naturally choke your day with no time for prayer, except you intentionally set a time. Being alone with God will rid you from 'hasty decisions' and several 'emergency steps' that you are always confronted with. Follow the wisdom of Jesus in his earthly walk; he often withdrew himself to the wilderness for prayer. When was the last time you withdrew from everything and everyone to spend time with God. Are you due for time alone with God?

TODAY'S CONFESSION

I follow the wisdom of Jesus in the practice of being alone with God in prayer more than ever before. I commit on a higher level to my spiritual health today, through the conscious habit of being alone with God.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING: **Luke 6**

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: **Luke 6:19 (NLT)**

Everyone tried to touch Him, because healing power went out from Him, and He healed everyone.

TODAY'S TOPIC:

HEALING IS FOR EVERYONE

Jesus walked the face of the earth as the complete expression of the will of the Father. Every word spoken, every action taken was the Father's will. Jesus said 'if you have seen me, you have seen the Father'. We could see the attitude of the Father towards sickness and disease through the healing ministry of Jesus. Jesus lavishly dispensed healing to all that approached him without holding back. This scripture specifically states that in this instance "He healed everyone". If you were there on this particular occasion, he would have healed you too. Is this because, Jesus was in a good mood that day? No, this has always been his plan for humanity. Sickness and disease was never in the plan for you from the beginning.

The healing power not only healed everyone, it also healed every kind of sickness and disease. You can touch him today in prayer from where you are right now, and experience the same healing power. Every sickness or weakness in your body, mind or emotions can be healed. You don't have to stay sick another day. Healing is for you, wellness and health is for you. Jesus Christ is still lavishly dispensing healing to everyone who touches him. Receive your healing now, in the name of Jesus Christ. Receive and enjoy the will of the Heavenly Father for you.

TODAY'S CONFESSION

Sickness, disease and pain were never in the plan of the Father for me. I refuse to stay sick today or another day. I receive healing and wholeness in my body, mind and emotions right now in the name of Jesus Christ.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING: Luke 7

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Luke 7:21 (MSG)

In the next two or three hours Jesus healed many from diseases, distress, and evil spirits. To many of the blind he gave the gift of sight.

TODAY'S TOPIC:

JESUS IS STILL HEALING MANY

The healing ministry of Jesus continues today through the believers in Christ. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. If he healed many from diseases, distress and evil spirits yesterday, He is still healing many today. Healing the sick was not an accidental occurrence; it was a deliberate exercise to help people. Healing the sick was an expression of his disapproval of the condition. Jesus responded to ill health with healing, this reaction is consistent throughout scripture and hasn't changed today.

There many people in our communities and neighbourhoods today who are diseased, distressed and plague with evil spirits. Let the healing ministry of Jesus continue through you. You are his channel of healing to those around you, because He still wants to heal many from whatever they are plagued with. If many were healed long before Jesus died on the cross and took upon himself the sicknesses and diseases of mankind; we should expect more than "many" to be healed. Refuse to get used to disease, distress and afflictions of evil spirits around you. These are abnormalities that can be normalized in the name of Jesus Christ. Let the healing of "many" continue through you. Help someone today, heal the sick deliberately. Command the

sickness or disease to leave. Lay your hands and normalize their condition in the name of Jesus Christ.

TODAY'S CONFESSION

I refuse to get used to disease, distress and afflictions of evil spirits. I am healed, and also a channel of healing to those around me. The healing ministry of Jesus continues to heal many through me.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING: **Luke 8**

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: **Luke 8:25 (KJV)**

And he said unto them, Where is your faith? And they being afraid wondered, saying one to another, What manner of man is this! for he commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey him.

TODAY'S TOPIC:

WHERE IS YOUR FAITH?

Sailing in a ship across the sea is much like going through life. The weather conditions could vary from time to time. In Christ Jesus, you are no more at the mercy of the winds and waves of the "sea of life". The response of Jesus to the storm, wind and the raging water is the exemplary response for the believer in Christ concerning the storms of life. It takes the exercise of faith to tame the 'stormy winds and raging seas' of life. The Faith you received at salvation is potent enough to tame any storm or wind contrary to you. Jesus expected one of his disciples to take control of the situation. He had to ask-where is your faith? That question is still applicable to you today. Where is your faith? Could you imagine how awkward it sounds for someone to have an umbrella (a very good one), and is still being drenched under the rain? The question to ask is not, "do you have an umbrella?" it should be, "where is your umbrella?"

The storms will not go away on its own; somebody has to stop them by the exercise of faith. Faith doesn't beg God to intervene; Faith has already licensed you to act in God's place concerning the storm. Command the raging

circumstances to cease, and speak calm to the situation. It will obey you. Take charge of your journey through life.

TODAY'S CONFESSION

In Christ Jesus, I am not at the mercy of the 'winds and waves' of the sea of life. I take charge today by the exercise of my faith. I command the raging circumstances and turbulent situations around me to be calm now, in the name of Jesus Christ.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING: **Luke 9**

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: **Luke 9:16 (KJV)**

Then he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed them, and brake, and gave to the disciples to set before the multitude.

TODAY'S TOPIC: LOOKING UP TO HEAVEN

Heavenly intervention will always alter your natural circumstances whenever heaven gets involved, the earth has to align. The only way five loaves and two fishes could feed a multitude is by heavenly intervention. Your inadequacies and limitations are swallowed up when heaven intervenes. Jesus consciously welcomed heavenly intervention into natural circumstances. When he took the five loaves and two fishes, he looked up to heaven. Looking up to heaven is a demonstration of total dependence on the supernatural. Jesus was not trying to naturally figure out how to feed the multitude, he deliberately welcomed heavenly intervention. You too can deliberately involve the supernatural, by welcoming heavenly intervention.

Shift gear from self dependence or trust in your human resources and draw from your unlimited supernatural reservoir. Look up to heaven concerning your next step, lift up your "five loaves and two fishes" to him and allow him multiply your little into much. Heaven will make something out of your nothing, and produce great results from your little efforts. Look up to heaven today and always.

TODAY'S CONFESSION

I deliberately look up to heaven today concerning my life and circumstances. I take my eyes off my natural abilities and advantages. I welcome the supernatural into my natural circumstances. I say yes to heavenly intervention.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING: **Luke 10**

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: **Luke 10:20 (KJV)**

Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

TODAY'S TOPIC:

THE SUPERIOR BASIS FOR YOUR REJOICING.

The seventy persons Jesus sent out to preach had just returned with joy. It was a successful outing for them. Their joy was that even the devils were subject to them through his name. Jesus didn't have a problem with them rejoicing, he was only concerned about the reason for their rejoicing. He had to redirect their rejoicing and give them a superior basis for rejoicing. Some believers are rejoicing quite alright but not for the right reasons. Sometimes the basis for your rejoicing is that you have just received a testimony or experienced a victory.

The seventy preachers were rejoicing at the manifestations they had seen, they were rejoicing for the authority they had. Jesus said "rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven". Your names written in heaven are the reason that the devils are subject to you. Your authority is derived from your salvation; therefore rejoice in your salvation. Rejoice in what Christ has done for you, not just in what you can accomplish because of his finished works. What Christ accomplished for you is the basis for your accomplishments or exploits. What you can do is based on what Christ has done. Rejoice in the greater reason today. Rejoice in your

salvation, in the death, burial and resurrection of Christ.
Keep the rejoicing on for the superior reasons.

TODAY'S CONFESSION

*I am born of God, and the Almighty God is my Heavenly Father.
God knows and loves me personally. I am not abandoned or
helpless, I live conscious of the Fatherhood of God.*

TODAY'S BIBLE READING: Luke 11

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Luke 11:13 (KJV)

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

TODAY'S TOPIC: THE FATHERHOOD OF GOD

One of the greatest teachings of the New Testament is the "Fatherhood of God". From the book of Genesis through the law, psalms and prophets, He had been introduced as Creator, the Almighty One and the covenant keeping God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. His omnipotence was demonstrated and revealed much more than his love. The Old Testament folks saw more of the "hand" of God, than the "heart" of God. The New Testament is a revelation of the heart of God as a loving father. During the earthly ministry of Jesus, he spoke so much of the Almighty God as his Father, and someone he had an intimate relationship with. Jesus revealed and introduced the Fatherhood of God to Israel, and ultimately to the rest of humanity.

The core of the gospel and the ultimate objective of the message of Christ are to bring humanity into the loving embrace of God as Father. If earthly fathers in their sinful state could still instinctively give good gifts and provide for their children, much more your Heavenly Father. Being born again means you have been brought into a sacred union that allows you enjoy the Fatherhood of God. Embrace the Fatherhood of God today, and live in the consciousness of it.

TODAY'S CONFESSION

I am born of God, and the Almighty God is my Heavenly Father. God knows and loves me personally. I am not abandoned or helpless, I live conscious of the Fatherhood of God.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING: Luke 12

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Luke 12:21 (NLT)

"Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God."

TODAY'S TOPIC: EARTHLY WORTH VS ETERNAL WORTH

There is more to life and living than physical wealth acquisition. Wealth accumulation should never be all that you live for as a believer in Christ. There is a life beyond here which is not based on your bank balance or your financial worth. The teachings of scripture suggest that it is possible to be rich in this world, and poor towards God. Your time and resources shouldn't only be invested into earthly things; they should be deliberately channeled towards things of eternal value.

It is not difficult to know what an individual lives for; it is seen in what takes his time and resources the most. Your priorities are a pointer to your true values. The purpose of having your mind renewed as a believer is to give you a new value system consistent with scripture, a value system that places your eternal salvation above your earthly occupation. The accolades of men do not necessarily sum up to heavenly rewards. There is a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge will give to them that love his appearing. Be rich toward God; invest more time and resources in your relationship with him. Invest more time and resources in your spiritual responsibilities. Increase your eternal worth.

TODAY'S CONFESSION

There is more to life and living for me, than wealth acquisition. My eternal salvation is of greater value than my earthly occupation. I choose to invest more of my time and resources towards my relationship with God, and my spiritual responsibilities.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING: Luke 13

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Luke 13:12 (KJV)

And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.

TODAY'S TOPIC: ENFORCE YOUR FREEDOM

The force of freedom is mightier than the chains of any bondage. A woman said to be bound by Satan for eighteen years was straightened out almost immediately. This wasn't a therapy session that had to be carried out over several months. It was a forceful deliverance with a clear demonstration of heavenly authority. Satan as his custom is didn't have any plan of ever letting the bound woman go free. Jesus said "Woman you are loosed from your infirmity". He didn't negotiate her release, he enforced it. The name of Jesus on your lips can also loose you or anyone bound around you from satanic bondage. You don't have to negotiate, or seek God's permission to enforce your authority as a believer in Christ Jesus.

With less than eighteen words, Jesus released someone that was bound by Satan for eighteen years. Much bondage around you is still intact because you haven't enforced freedom. Today is your freedom enforcement day, look around you and enforce freedom without any reservations. Remember, that the bondage will never cease on it's on, because Satan doesn't have any out plan for his captives. Boldly enforce your freedom and that of others in the name of Jesus Christ.

TODAY'S CONFESSION

Jesus Christ has set me free, and I am free indeed. Today is my freedom enforcement day, no bondages are permitted to continue with me or around me.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING: **Luke 14**

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: **Luke 14:11 (AMP)**

For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled (ranked below others who are honored or rewarded), and he who humbles himself (keeps a modest opinion of himself and behaves accordingly) will be exalted (elevated in rank).

TODAY'S TOPIC:

IS IT SELF ESTEEM OR SELF EXALTATION

Self esteem is different from 'self exaltation'. Seeing yourself in the light of God's love produces a different outcome from seeing yourself in the light of self love. The former gives you a true opinion of yourself, while the latter gives you a false opinion of yourself. Self exaltation is a perspective disorder. Having a modest opinion of yourself and behaving accordingly is defined as humility. Humility attracts divine exaltation, while pride or self exaltation attracts humiliation and demotion. This is not the opinion of some philosopher or a great thinker; this is an eternal principle from the very lips of Jesus Christ, the master of the universe.

A healthy self esteem is a fruit of the recreated spirit, while self exaltation is a work of the flesh. It is important to know and believe that God loves you eternally. It is equally important to recognize that you are not the only one God loves. Understanding God's love for you personally, and humanity generally will help you have a modest opinion of yourself. It is your responsibility as a believer in Christ to renew your mind continuously with thoughts of what Christ has done for you, and who you are in him. You can examine your thoughts and actions again in the light of what you have just learnt. Is it self esteem or self exaltation? Resist thoughts of self exaltation.

TODAY'S CONFESSION

I see myself in the light of God's love, and I choose to also see others in that same light. I embrace self esteem, and shun self exaltation.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING: Luke 15

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Luke 15:14 (KJV)

And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.

TODAY'S TOPIC: SERVE ONE MASTER.

There are statements Jesus made with a note of finality. For example he said "No one can serve two masters". He didn't say "some people cannot serve two masters"; Jesus said "no one". He goes on to emphasize that the levels of commitment will never be the same. When you look closely at the decisions and actions of the individual, you will be able to tell who the individual is actually serving. You cannot serve two masters and you shouldn't attempt to serve both God and money .Receiving Jesus Christ is submitting to his Lordship and accepting him as the Master of your destiny. This means you live for him. Serving Jesus or living for him in this context does not mean working for a Church or a "Christian organization". An individual could be working in a Church, but still have money as his master.

The driving force or motivation for all his decisions and actions are tied to monetary gain. It is never about the leading of the Spirit of God or to promote the gospel of Christ. A lot of times, believers have accepted career offers that were financially rewarding even when they knew it would be detrimental to their faith. It was money over their salvation or spiritual well-being. Are you a believer in Jesus Christ? Serve one master, Jesus Christ. He is dependable; you can trust him with your life and future. Live for him!

TODAY'S CONFESSION

Jesus Christ is my Saviour and Master. I refuse to serve two masters. My loyalty and commitment is to the one I live for-Jesus Christ.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING: Luke 16

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Luke 16:13 (NLT)

"No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

TODAY'S TOPIC: THE ROOT CAUSE OF UNBELIEF

When Jesus appeared after his resurrection to the eleven disciples, he addressed what was of great concern to him. Jesus was bothered about their unbelief and hardness of heart. It shouldn't surprise you to hear that Jesus is still concerned about that today. The gospels recorded two things that caused Jesus to marvel. They are "faith" and "unbelief". There was never a record of Jesus correcting or taming someone's faith. If Jesus had to have a special session addressing unbelief and hardness of heart, it must be vital. The scriptures were written not just to be read, but to be believed. If believing isn't achieved after reading the scriptures, it hasn't achieved its objective. Hardness of heart is the infection that hinders believing.

The struggle to be persuaded or convinced about what the scriptures clearly says or what the Spirit of God is saying is a symptom of "hardness of heart". Your walk with God will be more fulfilling if you are quick to believe scriptures. Hardness of heart thrives where understanding is absent, insufficient or conflicted. Believing is rooted in understanding (spiritual understanding). Pray for spiritual understanding!

TODAY'S CONFESSION

The holy scriptures were written for my believing. My eyes see, my ears hear and my heart believes. I receive more understanding.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING: **Luke 17**

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: **Luke 17:17 (KJV)**

And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?

TODAY'S TOPIC:

JESUS EXPECTS YOUR GRATITUDE.

There were ten lepers who had met Jesus, ten of them had a similar condition, and they received a similar miracle but responded differently. People respond differently to God's blessings in their lives. All believers in Christ received the same salvation or received the same Holy Spirit, but do not express the same gratitude. Some are more grateful than others about their salvation. If Jesus had kept quiet about this, we wouldn't have known the response of the lepers was important to him. Jesus voiced his concern that is still important today as that moment he first expressed it; the response of the nine versus the response of one.

Some of us in Christ have unknowingly joined the nine by going about our lives believing that God knows in our hearts that we are grateful for our salvation, healing or blessing. Amongst the nine, there must have been some Jews who were expected to know what to do but didn't. The non Jew was the one who returned to give glory to God. Perhaps, he was more grateful; perhaps he valued his healing more or he just had more sense. The point is that he was the one who did exactly what Jesus expected all of them to do. He expects you to express gratitude, to make a ceremony of your appreciation. Do not be casual about the goodness of God in your life; make a big deal of it. If you are saved, filled with the Holy Spirit, healthy or alive; It is a big deal!

TODAY'S CONFESSION

I am saved and grateful. My salvation and every other blessing I have received are precious to me. I refuse to be casual about God's goodness to me. The goodness of God to me is a big deal.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING: Luke 18

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Luke 18:1 (AMP)

ALSO [Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not to turn coward (faint, lose heart, and give up).

TODAY'S TOPIC:

YOU OUGHT ALWAYS TO PRAY

You should know the difference between exercises to be carried out once in a while and those that should be done always. Prayer and praying is not a side subject for the believer in Christ. It was emphasized and practiced both in the old and new testament. Jesus exemplified the importance of prayer throughout his earthly ministry. Prayer was not a causal, once in a while exercise. He portrayed it as something that should be regular and taken seriously. You shouldn't treat prayer and praying any less. You don't have to wait for a crisis before you pray. Prayer shouldn't be a seasonal exercise, it should be a lifestyle. Every believer ought always to pray and not to faint, lose heart and give up. Refuse to surrender to distractions that breed 'prayerlessness'.

There are several circumstances that would have been averted or quenched if you had prayed. Praying always is how you close those gaps in your life. Set your heart to pray now, later, again and again.

TODAY'S CONFESSION

Prayer is not a seasonal exercise for me, it is my lifestyle. I will pray now, later, again and again.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING: **Luke 19**

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: **Luke 19:10 (KJV)**

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

TODAY'S TOPIC: SEEK AND SAVE THE LOST

Salvation is God's gracious offer to a lost world. The scripture refers to the unsaved as the lost; those who haven't known the way of peace, and are destitute of the truth. They are still wandering in the darkness of their sins. The primary mission of Jesus is summarized in this statement "for the son of man is come to seek and save that which was lost". We find our mission as believers in this primary mission of our Lord Jesus Christ. Seeking and saving the lost is the most worthy cause to live for. The blessings and gifts of God to us as believers here on earth are primarily to empower us to seek and save the lost.

Seeking and saving the lost has to be strategic, intentional and persistent. It is not a cause to be advanced casually; it is urgent and important. The mission is also seriously time dependent. The lost must be reached with the gospel before they die, and also before Jesus comes. It is the desire of the Holy Spirit for your heart to be gripped with this sense of urgency for the lost. The lost doesn't even know they are lost. You are their hope, and Heaven is depending on you to reach them. Look around you, all over your neighbourhood. Someone has to reach them, and that someone is you.

TODAY'S CONFESSION

I find my primary mission as a believer in the mission of our Lord Jesus Christ. Seeking and saving the lost is the most worthy cause to live for. Heaven is depending on me, I am the one to reach the lost around me.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING: **Luke 20**

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: **Luke 20:2 (KJV)**

And spake unto him, saying, Tell us, by what authority doest thou these things? or who is he that gave thee this authority?

TODAY'S TOPIC:

YOU HAVE BEEN ENDORSED

Jesus has to contend with the religious leaders of his day. The Chief priest, scribes and elders didn't give their endorsement to the ministry and message of Jesus, rather they questioned it. Today, you are also a bearer of the gospel of Christ that proclaims forgiveness of sin as a gift, and eternal life as a present day possession. Many religious leaders might not endorse or agree with the word of truth of the gospel, they might ask you the same question. They questioned the source or basis of his authority because Jesus wasn't a Levite, and therefore didn't have a right to the priesthood under the Mosaic Law. It became obvious that their challenge of his authority was insincere and with ulterior motives, when they refused to answer the question he had asked them.

If the authority of Jesus our Lord could be challenged and doubted, it shouldn't be a surprise to you as a disciple for yours to be challenged or doubted. The scripture never promised you would be endorsed by all. Never hold back the preaching of the gospel or living out the Christ-life because of human validation or endorsements. Your sonship through Christ is the most important validation or endorsement anyone can have, and you have it. You have been endorsed to represent Christ everywhere and every time.

TODAY'S CONFESSION

*I am born of God; my sonship through Christ is my endorsement.
I have been endorsed from heaven to represent Christ
everywhere and every time.*

TODAY'S BIBLE READING: **Luke 21**

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: **Luke 21:33 (MSG)**

Sky and earth will wear out; my words won't wear out.

TODAY'S TOPIC:

WHAT IS YOUR REALITY?

In this natural world, reality is determined by the verdict of the senses. If I can see, hear or touch it, then it is real. Jesus made shocking statements of something as real as the sky we see and the earth we walk on. He was implying that his words will outlive the sky and earth, meaning his words are more dependable than the things that are real to our senses. There are certain earthly systems and conditions we have all been programmed to trust in, and plan our lives with. For example when it is night time, you are very sure in some hours time it will be morning.

You confidently expect and plan for morning, because you have come to trust the night and day cycle. Jesus is saying his words, and the prophecies of scripture are more dependable (trustworthy) than the night and day cycle. The word of God will outlive all of the realities and experiences you have had, seen and felt. Learning to live by God's word is how to outlast difficulties, discouragements and disappointments. Anytime you look upward and see the sky, or look downward and see the ground, remember the word of God is more real than this. Faith is simply living in the reality of God's word rather than the reality of your senses.

TODAY'S CONFESSION

The word of God is my reality; it will outlive my difficulties, discouragements and disappointments. I choose to trust God's word more than my experiences.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING: **Luke 22**

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: **Luke 22:33 (KJV)**

Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve.

TODAY'S TOPIC: UNDER THE INFLUENCE

Most of the decisions we make as humans are first externally influenced before they acted upon. The scriptures give the believer an opportunity to see what transpired behind the scene before certain decisions were made. For example, we are made to see that Judas was under the influence of Satan in his betrayal of Jesus. Every decision you will make today is coming from an influence you have yielded to consciously or unconsciously. This is the conflict you have to deal with, and win every day for as long as you are in this world. Judas was deeply involved in the earthly ministry of Jesus, but still yielded to the influence of Satan. It is possible to be born again and still be yielded to the influence of Satan. Satan will attempt to use friends, the news media, movies, music and adverts to keep you under his influence.

Whatever you expose yourself to the most, will influence you the most. What you have become, is simply a summation of what you have heard and seen. Living under the influence of the Spirit of God, simply means exposing yourself more to the thoughts and works of the Spirit of God. Meditating on scriptures, praying fervently, reading the 'faith to faith' devotional and fellowshiping with other believers are some of the habits that will help you stay under the influence of the Spirit of God. Staying under the influence of the Spirit of God has to be intentional.

TODAY'S CONFESSION

I choose to live under the influence of the Spirit of God. I embrace habits that will expose me more to the thoughts and works of the Spirit of God.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING: **Luke 23**

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: **Luke 23:4 (KJV)**

Then said Pilate to the chief priests and to the people, I find no fault in this man.

TODAY'S TOPIC:

I FIND NO FAULT IN THIS MAN

The twenty first verse of the book of second Corinthians chapter five clearly states "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him". Jesus knew "no sin", he is the guiltless one. After being tried by Pilate, the verdict was "I find no fault in this man". This proves his qualification as God's lamb offered to take away the sins of the world. Jesus is God's lamb, without blemish and without spot. He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities, and the punishment for our peace and wholeness was laid upon him. There was no ground to bring any charge against Jesus.

The charges which were against you and all of mankind were all laid upon Jesus. He paid for your faults on the cross. He suffered your suffering and died your death. The verdict Pilate gave of Jesus before he hung on the cross is the verdict God is now giving of you after the sacrifice of Jesus. God is now saying concerning you who have believed in the substitutionary sacrifice of Jesus Christ, "I find no fault in this man". The Supreme Court of Heaven finds no fault in you. Concerning sin and judgement, you have been discharged and acquitted. An acquittal means there cannot be another trial on this matter of sin and judgement ever again concerning you.

TODAY'S CONFESSION

Jesus as a lamb without blemish and without spot took my place. He died my death and suffered my judgement. I accept God's final verdict concerning me. He finds no fault in me. I have been discharged and acquitted from sin.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING: **Luke 24**

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: **Luke 24:49 (NIV)**

I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

TODAY'S TOPIC:

THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER.

The King James Version of our scripture above says "And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high". This helps us know who is speaking and what or who he is sending. He refers to what he is sending as "the promise of the Father". This "promise of the Father" was the next major thing that was supposed to happen after the resurrection of Christ. Jesus asked the disciples to wait for it. The expectations were high especially when they were made to understand that this promise of the father was going to cloth them with power from on high. They had seen that kind of power upon Jesus; it was power from beyond this world. He called it "Power from on High".

Today all of these have been fulfilled; the scriptures make us understand that the "promise of the Father" is the Holy Spirit. The coming of the Holy Spirit is for us to be clothed with power from on high. God's plan was not to have a regular church attending believer with nothing supernatural upon him. Salvation is an entry into the world of the supernatural. Receiving the Holy Spirit is accepting to be clothed with power from on high. This clothing with power is one luxury Heaven can afford for every believer on earth. Refuse to be clothed with anything less than power from on high, desire to receive the Holy Spirit if you are saved and

haven't received him. Being clothed with power shouldn't be a onetime experience of your life. After the initial experience, there should be continuous experiences of being clothed with power.

TODAY'S CONFESSION

I receive the promise of the Father. Holy Spirit, fill me again and again. Thank you for clothing me with power from on high. Everything about me is supernatural.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING: Luke 1

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Luke 1: 33 (KJV)

But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.

TODAY'S TOPIC:

YOUR PRAYERS ARE HEARD

The assurance the believer in Christ has from the Holy Scriptures is more valid than that gotten from the message of an Angel. In the same way God wanted Zacharias to know that his prayer was heard, is the same way He wants you to know also. God is committed to the wellbeing of his children, it is not in his nature to abandon or neglect his own. His ears are always attentive to your desires. Long before you pray, you must believe that your prayer will be heard. There is a scripture that says -And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he hears us.

You must have this 'assurance' or 'confidence' personally. Your victory or success in prayer begins with this assurance. One of the greatest blessings of the New Testament is that you have all time access and audience with the almighty God. Your prayers are heard because you have confirmed audience with God. Every obstacle between you and God has been permanently taken care of. The handwriting of ordinances that were against you, which were contrary to you has been blotted out. They have been taken out of the way, and nailed to his cross. It will be a violation of your divine rights if your prayers are not heard. Your prayers are heard!

TODAY'S CONFESSION

I have this assurance from the Holy Scriptures that my prayers are always heard. I have all time access and audience with the Almighty God. His ears are always attentive to my desires.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING: Luke 2

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:26 (KJV)

And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

TODAY'S TOPIC:

LIVING BY THE REVELATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

There is something inspiring about the story of Simeon, a man who had been waiting for the consolation of Israel. The Holy Spirit was upon him. The Holy Spirit had revealed to him that he will not see death until he had seen the 'Christ'. The same 'Holy Spirit' lives in you today and can reveal such a thing to you. This means no matter what circumstances Simeon faced, even if his life was threatened; He was confident it wasn't time as long as he hadn't seen the Christ. His death was a marker for others who also knew about the revelation. It was an indication that the Christ has been born. Stop going around in life with a mindset that you could die today or suddenly.

A mind dominated with the fear of death is definitely going to be uncertain about the duration of life. If any man had ever enjoyed the revelation of knowing how long he will live or having an assurance of life for a specific period, then someone else can enjoy that benefit again. Satan uses the death of others around you to deliberately program you with an unscriptural mindset that is uncertain about how long you will live. The general idea is that, it is not within your control. Revelation from the Holy Spirit changes that idea; you should know you are not dying now. The time dependent communications of the Spirit to you are indicators of how long God wants you here on earth. Choose to live by the revelation of the Holy Spirit and fulfill your days. Don't die today, decide to finish.

TODAY'S CONFESSION

I accept the possibility of living by the revelation of the Holy Spirit. I choose to live and fulfill my days.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING: Luke 3

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Luke 3:2 (KJV)

Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests, the word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness.

TODAY'S TOPIC:

THERE IS NO "OUT OF REACH" ZONE WITH THE WORD OF GOD

We are not told why John the son of Zacharias was in the wilderness. A wilderness is a desolate and uncultivated place. It is not a place anyone will ordinarily want to be. The word of God came to John in the wilderness. Sometimes believers find themselves in situations or circumstances they didn't plan or bargain for. It could be likened to being in the wilderness. The good news is that you are not beyond reach. God's help and answer comes through his word. If the word of God could locate John in the wilderness, it can locate you in your circumstance. Remember God sends his word, and it accomplishes that for which it was sent. There is no place you are now that God's word can't reach to help or bring you out. I have heard people say "I have already gone too far or it is too late". That is your limited opinion, based on a fragmented perspective; God doesn't think so. The "search, locate, and rescue" mission of God's word is limitless. Its coverage is total. There is help for you today, right where you are.

The wilderness or wherever you are is not out of reach. There is no 'out of reach' zone with the word of God.

TODAY'S CONFESSION

I lay aside my limited opinion which is based on a fragmented perspective to adopt God's opinion. There is help for me where I am. There is no 'out of reach' zone with the word of God.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING: **Luke 4**

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: **Luke 4:21 (AMP)**

And He began to speak to them: Today this Scripture has been fulfilled while you are present and hearing.

TODAY'S TOPIC:

SCRIPTURE CAN BE FULFILLED IN YOUR LIFE TODAY

There were prophecies spoken about individuals in the Old Testament that were fulfilled in their lifetime. However, most of the prophecies that refer to you and I from the Old Testament had to wait for the death, burial and resurrection of Christ to be fulfilled. Most of the promises you read about in the Old Testament could be likened to bank cheques that are due to be cashed now. Many believers are still rejoicing over their 'cheques' rather than 'cashing the cheques'. Jesus stepped into a synagogue and opened a scripture from the prophecies of Isaiah, read the scripture and declared it fulfilled that day. The scripture had always been in the book, but wasn't yet fulfilled. It wasn't fulfilled the day before Jesus read it, or the day after he read it. It only got fulfilled when Jesus declared it fulfilled.

There are several scriptures waiting to be fulfilled in your own life. Scriptures don't come to pass for you personally because they are written; they have to be "appropriated" personally. You can intentionally 'switch on' scriptures in your life through prayer and Spirit-led proclamations. Scripture can be fulfilled right now in your life. Today and every other day of your life can be days of fulfilling scriptures. There are so many cheques written in your name, please cash some today.

TODAY'S CONFESSION

My best days are here. I choose to appropriate the many scriptures waiting to be fulfilled in my life. Concerning today- I am like a tree planted by rivers of water, my leaves are evergreen. I am ever fruitful, always winning. I don't miss my seasons.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING: **Luke 5**

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: **Luke 5:24 (KJV)**

But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins, (he said unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house.

TODAY'S TOPIC:

POWER TO FORGIVE SINS?

It was easier for the religious folks to accept that Jesus had healing powers, than to accept that he could forgive sins. They didn't have many problems with him claiming he was a Prophet; they couldn't just bear the thought of him claiming to be deity. They understood that forgiveness of sin is more than performing miracles. The power to absolve a human from his sins belongs only to God. It is a right reserved only for Deity. The Levitical priesthood was divinely licensed to perform certain rites on behalf of an individual or the nation before proclaiming forgiveness for that individual or the nation. Jesus Christ whose earthly lineage wasn't traced to the tribe of Levi is naturally disqualified in their opinion. Secondly, they didn't see him perform any rite over the man he was declaring free from sin.

What they didn't understand was that he was the approving authority behind all their ceremonial rites. He is also the approving authority behind the Levitical priesthood which is a shadow of the real. Our sins are not forgiven just because we prayed, cried or paid for it. They are forgiven because God had settled whatever we owed and declared us free from the debt of sin. Forgiveness of sin is not a reward, but a gift only God in his sovereignty can offer. Thanks to God, it has been offered.

TODAY'S CONFESSION

My sins are forgiven because Jesus Christ settled what I owe and declared me free from the debt of sin. I have received the gift of forgiveness from the one who has the power to forgive sins.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING: **Luke 6**

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: **Luke 6:12 (KJV)**

And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

TODAY'S TOPIC:

SEPARATE YOURSELF TO PRAYER AND PRAYING.

Praying and prayer was a top priority for Jesus during his earthly ministry. On several occasions, he devoted quality time and also separated himself to the exercise of prayer. Jesus went out into a mountain to pray, wherever he went out from must have been his home or dwelling place at the moment. There should be moments and seasons in your life when you deliberately separate yourself to the exercise of prayer. Every endeavour on earth that requires supernatural support and intervention must be committed to consistently generating tremendous power in prayer.

Jesus wouldn't have been able to successfully fulfill his divine career on earth without prayer and praying. Your projects and other earthly concerns will remain deprived of supernatural assistance until prayer is engaged. Prayer is an avenue to engage the supernatural. Most of the distractions that arise around you to keep you away from prayer and praying are subtle orchestrations of the Devil. Resist such distractions in the name of Jesus Christ and deliberately separate yourself to moments or seasons of prayer for the coming days, months or years.

TODAY'S CONFESSION

I resist every distraction arising around me to keep me away from prayer and praying in Jesus name. I receive strength to separate myself to moments of prayer for the coming days, month and year.

PRAYER OF Salvation

You can take a step right now that will forever transform you. You can respond to God's invitation to you, it is an invitation to life. You can accept Jesus Christ as the Lord and Saviour of your life.

The summary of the gospel of Christ is that Jesus Christ died, was buried and resurrected for you. This means your sins have been paid for and forgiven, God has no qualms with you.

The question now is what do you have to do? The Scriptures have an answer as stated below.

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved.

Rom 10:9-10 New Living Translation

Please join me and pray this prayer right now.

My God and Creator, I believe you exist. I call on you today from my heart. I confess with my mouth that Jesus Christ is my Lord and Saviour from this day forward. I believe in my heart that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead by the Father for my sake. I receive

Congratulations!
You are now saved.

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