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WORD

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PREAMBLE

"Dear Brothers and sisters, it is another precious year 2015 that God has given us and we are glad & rejoicing in it. As you all are aware, this year our Theme is "BUILD" and we desire to build on God's word because it is the foundation of our Faith. In his farewell speech to the Ephesians elders, The Apostle Paul said "Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified" Acts 20:32. And therefore on the same breadth, together with the staff members, we would like to commit all of you to God's word this year, as we 'BUILD' his kingdom together. Let it be our light, our lamp and our guide throughout the year and beyond. By the end of this year we shall all praise God for the growth that we shall have achieved through building on his word. Let's now delve into it. Thank you and God bless. (JOHN).

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FEAR OF THE LORD

Introduction. Psalms 34:8-11

Our God is a consuming fire, and He is to be feared! A proper fear of the Lord will draw you closer to Him. It will not make you run from Him as much as it will increase within you a desire to please Him and show increased reverence to Him. It will produce awe, and a heightened obedience. We ought to shun evil and do good. Trust and obey, for this is the fear of the Lord.

DAY 1. Walk In Obedience.

Hebrews 11:7 Genesis 22:12

Noah feared the Lord and in obedience to Him built the ark. On the other hand, Abraham verified his fear of the Lord through his willingness to offer Isaac as a sacrifice. The fear of the Lord built was a foundation in the building of these patriarchs' faith. It is inherent that we, wanting to build our faith, must walk in obedience. Jesus is our example of obedience (Philippians 2:5-8), and in our imitation of him we will strengthen and firm up our faith. In him our faith is well founded.

Application: List down things to be obedient to, and commit to obey them. Put down sightings of your progress and thank God.

DAY 2. The Word Teaches Us to Fear.

Deuteronomy 17:18-19 Deuteronomy 31:10-13

The duty of a king was to fear the Lord and this was to help him keep all the word of the law. The command for Israel to appear before the Lord was that they may hear, learn, and fear the LORD and observe all the words of this law.”

By dedicating ourselves to the study of His Word, we learn to walk in the fear of the Lord. We begin to fear God as we learn to know Him in a greater measure. Our knowledge of God increases as we consistently b

Application: Be of Berea (Acts 17:11).

DAY 3. What Is In It for You and Me?

Proverbs 14:26-27 Psalms 34:7-15

Strong confidence is founded in the fear of the Lord. A place of refuge is found in the fear of the Lord. It is a fountain of life, that guides us away from entrapments of decay. His presence is with us all the time and he avails all sorts of blessing so we are not in want. He is attentive to our cry. Let everyone of us go for this “courageous confidence” found in the fear of the Lord.

Application: Shun all that is evil and all that is available for those who fear Him will be availed to you and me. Take advantage of this state of grace from God.

DAY 4. Revere God

Job 1:1 Genesis 20:11

Job was spiritually and morally upright. His reverence for the Lord gave him the strength to defend his moral integrity and admits that he is a sinner (**Job 6:24 and Job 7:29**). Abraham saw no reverence for God in the land of Negev. If we have reverential trust in God and commit to his revealed will (the Word), we will shun evil. Revering God keeps us away from sin and allows us a chance to give honor to him by the way we live. Our way of life will show it.

Charge: Take it upon yourself to be spiritually and morally upright.

DAY 5. Developing The Fear Of God.

Deuteronomy 31:10-13

Just as "faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (**Romans 10:17**), the same can be said for the "fear of the Lord"! Notice **Deuteronomy 31:10-13**, where the Israelites were told to gather every seven years to read and hear the Word..." The reason was that they may learn to fear the Lord.

As one reads the Word of God, they should gain a healthy degree of the "fear of the Lord".

Application: Purpose to read the scripture with an intent to do what it says, for by doing so, you will begin to develop the fear of the Lord.

Day 6. Welcome Gods Discipline.

Proverbs 3:11-12

Our rebellion against God's holiness will surely set up consequences upon our lives. God's mortifying of sin is painful, yet it is the expression of a loving Father's care for His children. We ought to embrace God's discipline and learn from the reproofs of life. The Body of Christ is challenged to receive God's humbling and become more holy.

Application: Hebrews 12:4 -12. If that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons applies to you, then embrace Gods discipline.

Day 7. Remember the Whole Duty of Man.

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

King Solomon is renowned as the wisest man who ever lived, yet he made serious mistakes. He forsook the fear God. Even though he received incredible blessings from God, he disobeyed God's Law in many ways and in the long run worshiped false gods. God held him responsible for these sins. God brought judgment to Solomon's family and the nation of Israel because of them.

Solomon records his observations about the meaning of life. He states that the "conclusion of the whole matter"... is the fear of the Lord.

Application: Let's heed these words of warning from a man who knew the justice and judgment of God!

THE NAMES OF GOD

DAY 8: INTRODUCTION

According to the Old Testament Jews, God was not abstract but rather was as they experienced him. This was in the way he interacted with them in what he said and did for them e.g. in **Genesis 16:12**, the name 'El Roi' is used which means 'The God who sees me.' This is the name that Hagar gives God after he rescues her in the desert because God saw her in distress. That is why most of the names of God that we come across in the bible are people's descriptions of him. In such cases, rather than it being 'names of God' it would be more accurate to say 'names for God.' On the other hand God is called in accordance to his character e.g. in **James 1:17**, where he is called the Father of lights not only because of the created heavenly lights but because he is also the consistent light with no shadow of turning!

Application: God continues to do great things in our lives. Give a name for God according to what he has done for you in your life, even this past week!

DAY 9: Alpha and Omega

Revelation 1:8

These are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet and indicate that God is eternal. He has no beginning or end, everything is under his control, and nothing comes before or after him. Since God is this way we should start and end all we do with God ... leaving the house, needs, journeys, projects, desires, getting back home, victories, challenges, ... always include God before and after as he is the center of everything.

Question: Have you been including God and praying during the start and end of all that you embark on? What are your obstacles? Start doing so consciously.

DAY 10: Elohim

Genesis 1:1

This is the oldest word for God and the one most often used in the old testament. It is translated God in most English versions and is a reference to God's power and might. 'El' is the singular form of 'Elohim'. Several names of God use the singular form of 'El' joined to a further descriptive title of God. Thus we have El-Elyon - 'The most high God' (Genesis 14:17-20), El-Roi - 'The strong one who sees' (Genesis 16:12), El-Shaddai - 'The God of the mountains' or 'God Almighty' (Genesis 18:1), and El-Olam - 'The everlasting God' (Isaiah 40:28-31).

Application: Whenever you use the word God, whether in prayer or speaking to someone, remember God's power and might in the world and the universe at large.

DAY 11: EL-Roi

Genesis 16:6-16

El-Roi means the God of seeing or the strong one who sees. God sees us wherever we are and whatever we are going through. Hagar was distressed and didn't know where to go and how she was going to make it. Even when the angel asked her to go back to her mistress, she must have wondered if there was another way. But God had a plan for her and her yet unborn child. Matthew 6:31-32 - God knows what we need even before we ask him!

Application: Now that we know God sees us all the time, let's put aside worry and trust him fully. List your needs and as you present them to God, remember that El-Roi was ahead of you before you started.

DAY 12: EL-Shaddai

Genesis 17:1-5

El-Shaddai means the God of the mountains or God Almighty and it appears to be one of the oldest names for God. Shaddai probably means sovereign power. The Septuagint translates it as 'The all-powerful' as used in 2 Corinthians 6:18. This sovereign God is the one we serve. As a God of the mountains he will shield you from the winds and storms of life unless he feels that your growth needs them. As the sovereign Lord he is in total control of everything and will do whatever it takes to make you stand. All you need to do is put your faith in him as Abraham did and got blessed.

Application: What have you been desiring and yet seems impossible in your life? Write it down, put it before El-Shaddai, and wait faithfully as he makes it a reality for he is a God of power!

DAY 13: Jehovah

Exodus 6:2-9

Jehovah or Yahweh is the distinctive title for God among the Israelites. This is the name God used to reveal himself to them as the God of the covenant, the God of love. It is also used in reference to God's divine salvation. The Hebrew gives only 4 consonants, JHVH or YHWH and the vowels come from Adonai. Different bible versions translate the name differently. The KJV uses Jehovah, the RSV and NIV use LORD while the NJB uses Yahweh. This is the name by which God was to be remembered by all the generations of the Israelites and by which he always called them back to true faith and obedience.

Application: Do you feel like you have lost your faith and direction? Remember Jehovah, the God of love and salvation. Pray to him and he will help you turn to him.

DAY 14: Jehovah-Maccaddeshem

Exodus 31:13

Several names of God use the distinctive title Jehovah joined to other descriptive titles. Jehovah-Maccaddeshem is one of them and means 'the Lord thy sanctifier'. God is the one who makes us holy. God set the Israelites apart from the other nations by choosing them and giving clear laws that separated them from the rest. He has done the same for us today by choosing us (**John 15:16-17**), and setting us apart (**1 Peter 2:6-10**). We are therefore expected to be different from the rest of the world.

Application: 1 Peter 2:11 - Now that God has set you apart, how different are you from the world? Have you been giving in to worldly desires or do you abstain from them? Search your heart, talk to somebody about the issues therein, and put them before God praying for transformation.

BUILD IN ENCOURAGEMENT

Introduction: This year as we are focusing on BUILD as our theme, one of the fundamental components of building Christian Faith that we cannot neglect is Encouragement! It is necessary to our walk of Faith (**Hebrews 3:13, 1 Thessalonians 5:11**).

Encouragement: Is the action of giving someone hope, support and confidence through word of mouth or deed, it is to inspire with courage.

Day 15

Isaiah 41:10 “So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

It is important you understand whose words these are, this is God Almighty giving you assurance. He is your creator; he knows you better than you know yourself and he is telling today do not fear!

Application; Say a prayer to God, focus yourself wholly to it and go out fully trusting in God in all that you’ll do today especially the righteous things that scares you.

Day 16

1 Peter 5:6-7. “Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.”

Sometimes, life presents situations in your life that makes you anxious because of the difficulty and complexity that they come with; hence the fear of failure. God is calling you to come to him in humility and cast all your worries and fears to him because he loves you. Build your strength in humility.

Application; Think of who God is and what he has done in your life before. Ask yourself if your situations are too big for him!

Day 17

Romans 8:35-39 “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

It is an honor to be a disciple of Jesus Christ, and this comes with opposition from the world which often makes it challenging for us believers. God is encouraging us to love him more and nothing will separate us from building our Faith in him through his son.

Application; identify ways that you can show your love for God and give your best in them. It could be in evangelism or serving others and God’s church.

Day 18

Proverbs 3:5-6. ‘Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.’

God calls on you to devote yourself and depend on him fully! Many times we are tempted to handle things on our own with our ever limited wisdom. He promises that in everything we do we should recognize him and he will be with us to succession.

Application; Pray about every plan you have and commit it to God today.

Day 19

Joshua 1:6-9 Vs.8. Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

As a Disciple it is very important to stay in the Word! This is the avenue through which God speaks to us and encourages us. We gain Strength and Courage when we tap from the ever refreshing inspiration from the Word of God.

Application; Make your Bible study consistent by studying relevant classes and references from other materials and books in the Bible. Share and Discuss with your friends lessons that you are learning. (Psalm 119:114-115)

Day 20

Psalm 120:1 “I call on the Lord in my distress, and he answers me”

God is the only one who can redeem you from your life troubles. Give careful thought to your prayers and call on him faithfully and he promises to answer you! Building our Faith to Godly standards is a challenging process that calls for self-denial and many worldly things tend to distract us. Call on God in prayer always.

Application; Commit to God faithfully in prayer your lives troubles, and wait on him.

Day 21

John 16:33 “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

Like every other person, you always desire peace in your life. Yes, in this world we will have troubles of many kinds but our Lord Jesus is telling you to take heart! The good news is that he has overcome the world and the peace that we always desire is found in him. Every Disciple is compelled to draw to Jesus and make him Lord all the time!

Application; Reflect on who Jesus is and what he came to do here on earth for you. His victory on the Cross has brought you peace and hope.

PRIDE AND ITS CONSEQUENCES

DAY 22. Self Sufficiency/Self Centeredness

James 4:6

God opposes the proud but gives grace/favours to the humble. Proud people are drawn to the world, whereas holy humble people are drawn to God. Pride is the fuel for evil desires, but humility is the cure for the same. Pride makes us self sufficient/self centered and leads us to conclude that we deserve all we can see, touch or imagine. It creates greedy appetites.

Question: Would you like to go against God or Him (God) set against you?

DAY 23. Self-Righteousness, Self-Importance (Status, Position)

1 Peter 5:5

In this passage we see as pride keeps older people from trying to understand young people and stops young people from listening to those who are older. Peter tells them both (young and older men) to be humble and serve each other. Younger men should follow the leadership of older men, who should lead by example. We often worry about our position and status, hoping to get proper recognition for what we do. We are reminded to focus on God's recognition which is of more importance than all. It is also very prideful of us to try carrying all our worries and anxieties alone rather than casting them to God showing that we fully trust him to carry them for us.

Question: Do you suffer people younger than you or to obey and follow those older than you? Do you suffer from the tendency to want to be in control and carry your worries along?

DAY 24. Aloofness

Obadiah 1:10-11

The Israelites (descendants of Jacob) and Edomites (descendants of Esau) did not have a good relationship. Instead of helping Israel and Judah at their time of need, Edom allowed them to be destroyed and even Plundered what was left behind. This act of not helping and standing aloof at a time we should help and support is considered as pride. Many even in the Christian faith choose not to be involved in helping others who are either weak, wounded or down, because they do not consider it their business.

Question: Do you get concerned about the plight of the weak, wounded and even those that have backslide? Don't ignore to help or refuse to help those in need James 4:17

Proverbs 16:18, Psalms 36:2. The greatest challenge sometimes is actually thinking it's not our major struggle. Proud people take little account of their weaknesses and do not anticipate stumbling blocks. They think they are above the frailties of common people. Unfortunately most proud people are way too arrogant to recognize or acknowledge pride as their problem. Although most people around them are acutely aware of this appalling and annoying habit or trait.

Question: Do you consider pride as a sin that you continually struggle with daily?

DAY 25. Defensiveness

1 Samuel 15:10-23

In this passage of scripture, God gives Saul the King, specific instructions to carry out but the King carries them out to a certain level and doesn't completely obey God's commands. Yet when confronted by Samuel he defends himself profusely and partly blames the troops for disobedience. The result or consequence of disobedience is that God takes the Kingship away from him and his family. Truly pride comes before a fall. We tend to fall into this same trap as men and women of God and end up building up "great walls of China" whenever we are confronted with our sin.

Question: Is it easy or difficult to acknowledge a weakness or error?

DAY 26. Arrogance

Isaiah 66:2

Lacking a deep respect and awe for God's word is a great form of pride. As the word says, "He who God esteems is the one who trembles at his word and with a contrite heart". Many people acknowledge the Bible as the word of God but do not see why they have to obey everything it says, so they obey only those parts they feel or want to. There are even others who consider parts of the word of God as the author's opinion that we don't necessarily have to obey. It's very prideful not to acknowledge the powerful and eternal word of God through which everything in the universe was created and is sustained.

DAY 27. Mockery and Opposition From God

Proverbs 3:34, James 4:6

God does mock proud mockers and opposition from him is leveled against them, he has no place for them in his heart or family.

DAY 28. Punishments and Destruction from God

Proverbs 16:5, 18

God hates and detects all the proud, they will not go unpunished, he will ensure they are punished, and as it is written pride goes before destruction. Bad investment choices based on prideful decisions among other prideful practices leads to destruction.

DAY 29. Failure And Humbling From God

Proverbs 29:23

A man's pride brings him low.

Mathew 23:12. Whoever exalts himself or herself will be humbled by God. The Lord makes it his business to bring down those who pride fully think they have it all figured out.

DAY 30. Disqualifications from Salvation

Psalms 5:5

The arrogant cannot stand in the presence of the almighty God. The Lord cannot stomach their arrogance. It therefore is automatic that we must learn gentleness alongside humility

Examples of pride

DAY 31.

Daniel 4:27-33

Daniel the man of God pleads with Nebuchadnezzar the King of Babylon to change his ways and God gave him a whole year to do it. Unfortunately there was no repentance in the heart of this proud King.

This form of pride is very common in our day and in our lives. The desire for prominence and fame, wanting to build ourselves monuments, the satisfaction of our worldly accomplishment, goes into our heads.

DAY 32. Salvation

Saul son of Kish was appointed King of Israel. Though he was only a man the trapping of power and prominence gets to his head. He goes out and erects himself a movement (**1 Samuel 15:12**) and then blatantly disobeys the Lord's instructions (**Isaiah 66:2**) demonstrating a lack of deep respect for God's word. The result is he lost favour with God, lost the Kingdom and his life as well as his family.

DAY 33. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position.

When a caterpillar exists in its lowly state, it can get as close to others as it may want. They climb all over each other and share grounds and other things selflessly. But as soon as it spreads its wings and takes flight as a butterfly. It can never again get as close to other creatures as it once did. The beauty of wings, the very things prevent it from getting close. In the same way when we are puffed up with pride we cannot get close to those around us, our pride like the wings of a butterfly beats against them.

DAY 34. The Laodicea Church

Revelation 3:14-20

The Church struggled with Luke warmth and pride. They bragged that they were rich, that they had it, they had made it, that they needed nothing from anyone; oblivious to the fact that they were in fact pitiful, blind, poor and homeless and that they needed God. That we also struggle with today and the warning goes to his too not to be wise in our own eyes but to seek the Lords counsel

Question: Do you from the spirit of you do not need anyone?

DAY 35. Miriam and Aaron

Number 12:1-16

Miriam and her brother Aaron allowed a critical and proud spirit not only to develop in them but acted on it as well. They said very ungodly things about Moses their brother and the man of God. God overheard their talk and his anger flared up against them for their wickedness and pride and he punished them severely. A critical spirit against our superiors or leaders even in Church does dog most of us and we need to learn to catch ourselves and take captive of such thoughts and attitudes so we do not act on them but make them obedient in Christ.

Question: Do you ever struggle with critical attitudes and thoughts against others and even against your leader? Where you feel you are better than them or you know more than they do?

HUMILITY

Introduction

1Cor 3:10-15

We are all in the business of constructing our spiritual houses and the materials that we are all using will tell when the time of testing comes. Jesus is our foundation and no any other foundation to be laid down. For us to build well, we have several areas to consider, among those areas we will focus on humility. This is because unless we humble ourselves before God we will not be able to build well. Remember it's by the grace of God that we can build well!

What is humility?

It is the lowliness of mind." A humble person has a modest opinion of himself, viewing himself as small before God and small before men.

Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself." (Philippians 2:3, NKJV).

DAY 36

1Peter 5:5b/Rom 12:3

Being humble involves a proper view of ourselves, humble person is content with the position God has put him in. He is not trying to raise himself above those who are over him. Be content in the position God has placed you, and to not seek to be something He has not made you to be.

Question: Are you contend with the position that God has put you in?

He understands that whatever he is and whatever he has is only because of God's grace.

DAY 37

1John 3:16

Humble people are concerned about the welfare of others, and they are willing to lay down their own desires for the benefit of others.

They also recognize and rejoice in the strengths and talents of others. They are willing to submit to those over them and are courteous and yielding to those under them.

DAY38

What does the Bible say about humility?

2 Corinthians 8:9. Humility is selflessness.

What did Jesus do for our sakes?

Matthew 20:25-28. It's only through humility that one can become a servant of all. That makes him or her great before God. Who will be great? Only a servant or those who are humble enough to serve others.

What will happen to the person who tries to be first? [You must be a slave]. Did Jesus come to be served?

Did He deserve to be served? If Jesus, God's Son, was willing to serve, should we not, God's creatures, be eager and willing to serve?

DAY39

1 Peter 5:5-6

Whom should we submit to? Submission is to all not to particular persons.

We are all encouraged to clothe ourselves with humility.

Question: What does God do with the proud? What does He give the humble?

So what should we do?

DAY 40

Ephesians 5:21/Col 3:22-24

What should our attitude be toward others?

Our submission should be for Christ sake not for others sake; if we are not doing it for Christ sake then it would not last for long. True humility comes from inner being and only Christ Jesus will help us to submit from within.

DAY 41

Romans 12:16

How should we live with each other?

With whom should we associate?

It is in human tendency to associate themselves with those of their "class".

Submission has no class; do you have a class in your discipleship?

DAY 42

Who in the Bible was humble?

1. The Tax Collector:

Luke 18:9-14. What kind of people did Jesus tell this story to? What did the Pharisee say when he prayed? Was he humble? What did the tax collector say when he prayed? Was he humble? What happens to the person who exalts himself?

What happens to the person who humbles himself?

Humble people do not put others to be their standards; God is the standard of their lives.

DAY 43

2. The Roman Centurion:

Matthew 8:5-13

What is a centurion? Who is he telling Jesus about? What does Jesus say He will do? Does the centurion want Jesus to come to his home? Why? What does Jesus say about the centurion's faith? What happened to the servant?

With humility there is a feeling of... "I don't deserve it".

DAY 44

3. The Woman Who Washed Jesus' Feet:

Luke 7:36-50

Where was Jesus eating? Who came in with a flask of perfume? What did she do with it? Why do you think she was crying? What did the Pharisee think about this? What story did Jesus tell the Pharisee?

Which person in Jesus' story would love the moneylender more? What had the woman done for Jesus that the Pharisee, his host, had not done for Him? What did Jesus do for the woman?

With humility you don't really care much about people so long as you are right with God.

DAY 45

4. Jesus.

John 13:1-17.

What does verse 3 say Jesus knew about Himself? What did He do, even though He knew this? What did Jesus tell His disciples they should do, if He was willing to wash their feet? What should we do if Jesus was willing to die for us? Humility doesn't care about the position;

Philippians 2:5-11. What did Jesus do, even though He was God? How did He humble himself? What did God do after Jesus died on the cross? Who bows to Jesus now?

Humility doesn't insist on position rather gains it through his code of conduct.

DAY 46

How Humility is expressed?

Humility is expressed in three ways; Servant hood, Being Teachable and Submission.

Humility is essential to all of us as Disciples, in fact in the Kingdom of God; greatness is defined by humility rather than titles, positions and popularity.

a. In servant hood:

Mark 10:43-44

To Jesus servant hood & greatness in the Kingdom of God are synonymous.

V s 35-37. James & John were caught up with worldly attitude regarding leadership; they thought is all about advancement and promotion. To them it centered on being admired, gaining authority and exercising control over others "worldly attitude to leadership is about holding others down and use them to fulfill one's own personal ambition contrary to Jesus. Servant hood is all about ministering to the needs of others before your own,. Without these qualities it is hard to serve other people.

DAY 47

b. Being Teachable:

Philippians 2:3, Proverbs 10:17

Teachableness: is about admitting your own inability and need of others. It is the ability to "esteem others better than you". A teachable spirit is demonstrated in the willingness to admit "I don't have all the answers." If you are the kind of a person who doesn't seek opinion of others chances are you lack the humility to admit that you need the help of others.

DAY 48

c. In submission:

Humility is the ability to submit to authority

Submission is yielding your own will to those are over you

1Peter 5:5. You are either under authority or you are in rebellion, either you are of the spirit not my will (**Matthew 26:38-39**) or under Lucifer and say I will ascend to the hill (**Isaiah 14:12-15**)

2Cor 11:10-13

No one is exempted from authority.

John 5:31

You must be accountable to someone.

DAY 49

Look for ways to put others first:

Cheerfully put aside your own desires and activities when someone needs your help or attention.

Learn to humble yourself: It's difficult to practice being humble, because as soon as you think about being humble, it is probably good evidence that you are likely to become proud. When we're truly humble, we are not thinking about ourselves at all. We won't be proud of being humble. Make others more important than yourself. "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteems others better than himself." (**Philippians 2:3, NKJV**) .

How to Maintain a Humble Heart: **Proverbs 27:2a**

Assignment: Be keen to stop yourself whenever you are about to boast about something you have accomplished ("Let another praise you, and not your own mouth..." Remember that anything you have done, you have only been able to do because God has enabled you to do so.

HUNGERING AND THIRSTING FOR GOD

DAY 50: Introduction

Mathew 5:6. Hunger or thirst is a strong desire or craving for something. Jesus says to the people that Happy are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they will be filled. **Quote:** "You are what you eat". Nutritionists say, our appetite determines what we eat, and what we eat determines our intake, and our intake, our health. To build your spiritual health, then you should evaluate your spiritual diet.

Application: Take time to evaluate yourself in the last one week. Have you been feeding your spiritual body through bible study and prayer?

DAY 51: Top Priority

Mathew 6:33 "But seek first his kingdom of God and his righteousness..." (NIV)

We live in a world that does not have righteousness as top priority.

Question: Do you have priorities in your life? What is your top priority?

A hungry or thirsty individual knows what counts the most. While a person in a well-to-do family has the luxury to choose a meal, those from a needy family know that their priority is to fill their tummies and not which food tastes nice!

Application. Start your morning everyday with the Lord like Jesus did. **Mark 1:35.**

DAY 52: Righteousness

Mathew 5: 20 "Unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of Heaven." NIV

Question: How was the Pharisees righteousness? **Mathew 23: 5** "Everything they did was for men to see." (NIV). Your hunger and thirst should be to please God and not for a show. We live in a world where people hunger and thirst for recognition and attention from men and not from God.

Application: How genuine is your worship of the Lord. **Romans 12:9.** Righteousness has to do with hating sin and clinging to what is good.

DAY 53: The Power of Hunger And Thirst.

Psalms 42: 1 "As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God." NIV

A deer's thirst for water causes it to risk its life in the face of a Lion to quench the thirst. David's desire for his God brought out Jesus' focus as he spoke in **Mathew 5:6.** to an audience that never had the luxury of water or food.

Question: How much do you desire to be with God? Do you pant for God's presence as one whose life depends on it?

Application: Psalms 51:10. Take a day this week to pray and fast for God to renew your inner desire for him.

DAY 54: As For Me and My House.

Joshua 24: 15. It's a matter of choice. Joshua challenged the Israelites to make a choice, whether to hunger for God or other gods. You can lead a donkey to water, but you cannot force it to drink the water. Living a godly life, feeding from God's word is something you have to make a choice.

Application: What's going to be your choice this year? **Deuteronomy 30:19-20.**

DAY 55: My Soul Thirsts For You

Psalm 42: 2. David proclaimed in his Psalm that his soul thirsted for God, the living God. He says “When can I go and be with God?” He desperately needed his God. God was the food for David’s thirsty soul. His body longed for God: To feed from him. To learn from him. To be strengthened by him.

Question: Who or what fulfils these needs for you?

Application: Take some time today and meditate and pray through **Psalm 63:1-8**.

DAY 56: Broken Cisterns

Jeremiah 2: 13. The Israelites forsook the spring of living water and dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that could not hold water. People today look for solutions and satisfaction in many places, like porn, immorality, drunkenness, gambling. Nothing else can satisfy the hunger and thirst for righteousness.

John 4: 13. Jesus tells the Samaritan woman “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst.” NIV

Q. How is your spiritual condition today? Many disciples become malnourished because of feeding and drinking from the wrong source.

Application: Do you have a habitual sin today? What is it that you are trying to satisfy? True satisfaction comes from the Lord. Memorize **John 4:13-14**.

DAY 57: I Need Thee Every Hour.

We know the song “I need Thee Every Hour”. The song depicts the inner desire of a soul that needs God.

Mathew 5: 6. Hungering and Thirsting for righteousness never ends. It’s a continuous desire. You can never get enough. You need to continually eat and drink of Jesus. **1Peter 2: 2.** “Like new born babies, crave for pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have TASTED that the Lord is good.” (NIV). We know that something is wrong when we do not have any desire/appetite for food. In fact, we seek medical help. The same is true spiritually.

Application: Is something wrong? Have you lost your desire for spiritual food? If yes, seek spiritual help today from spiritual disciple.

DAY 58: Jesus the Bread of Life

John 6: 35. Jesus declares to the people and to you today that “He is the bread of Life”. He who comes to him will never go hungry and he who believes in him will never thirst. The source of your spiritual satisfaction should come from God. Appetites are not fulfilled unless you do something about it. St. Augustine quoted, “O God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find rest in you”.

Application: Has discipleship become a hard teaching to you? **John 6:51-63**. Is there life in your life today? This year can be your turn around. You can decide to eat Jesus’ body and drink his blood and regain your spiritual health again.

DAY 59: The Promise of Fulfilment.

Matthew 5: 6 “...for they will be filled. “Jesus promises that he will deliver. **Isaiah 55: 1-2.** You want true satisfaction? Go to God. **Isaiah 58: 11.** The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fall.

Application: Doing a personal evaluation of the last one week of the study, what’s your level of hunger and thirst for God. May the Lord continue revealing himself to you as you continue with this series of studies.

SIN OF GREED AND THE LOVE OF MONEY

Introduction:

Greed is Strong desire for more: an overwhelming desire to have more of something such as money than is actually needed, greed grasps, claws, reaches, clutches, and clings stubbornly refusing to surrender. While envy wants to have what someone else possesses, jealousy wants to possess what it already has greed is deferent, The word enough is not in the vocabulary of greed, its forever discontented and therefore constantly craving, longing, wanting, striving for more and more and more. Such is a person who is never fully at rest always constantly in pursuit of something else, something more beyond. Greed started in the Garden of Eden when Adam when they turned their attention from God to themselves and greed has contaminated human nature ever since. Knowing how serious greed is, let us examine what Jesus taught on it.

DAY 60. Judge for yourself where you stand

Luke 12:13-34 addresses greed

Out of the crowd emerges a man who boldly tells Jesus what to do. Neither asks a question nor makes a request. (How I wished that he came to Jesus and sort for advice instead). While this man talked about family inheritance, Jesus saw greed and took advantage to address this one old enemy of our relationship with God.

Question: As we pray, how deferent are we or am I from this man?

DAY 61. Greed: be on your guard against greed/ watch out/ be warned

Luke 12:15

Note: while in verse 14 Jesus addressed him but in verse 15 Jesus addresses them, meaning it was and is a problem that must be taken seriously by all of us.

Warning: Watch out and be on your guard against **every form** of greed. Meditate on the above verse and try identifying what forms of greed there are in your life, write them down.

Note: only proceed with reading once you finalize the above assignment.

Day 62. Faces/forms of greed: vs. 15

- a. ***Greed is an excessive motivation to have more money:*** This is the fast common face that greed wears, money, money, money; we see it all around us all the time, most people I see and know always want more and more money. Most are discontent with what they have, having a ruthless hanger to earn and get more.
- b. ***Greed is an excessive determination to own more things:*** This is the face of things, material possessions that right furniture, the right carpet, and the car we always want to own.
- c. ***Greed is also having excessive desire to become more famous:*** to make a name for oneself, stopping at nothing to be a star, to be known as the relative of who is who or to be seen in celebrity circle, Allowing our significance be determined by how people see us and not in the eyes of God. However not all who are famous fall into the greed category, it's the strong desire.
- d. ***Greed is also an excessive need to gain more control:*** To gain mastery over something or someone, to always be in charge, to call all the shots, to become the top dog, the king of the hill, **manipulating** your way to the top in any organization.

Meditation: issue is not weather am greedy or not, it is what form of greed am I strangling with?

Question: which one is it for you/me?

DAY 63. Why was Jesus warning them/us.

To illustrate this: Greed is like cancer cell. Imagine a fellow who is thirsty taking a drink of salty water, which only makes him thirstier. His thirst causes him to drink more, and ultimately results in making him terribly sick. And if he continues to drink he might die. That's the whole point of greed

1 Timothy 6:9-10. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. That's why Jesus warns, "beware, and be on your guard"

Meditation: what evil has love for money dragged you into? Write down and confess.

DAY 64. Enough will never be enough.

Whoever loves money, never has enough, we tend to think that if I only got more wealth, money and many other things, I will be the happiest man on earth.

Question: How much joy do I have from precious gifts I got a year ago?

Luke 12:17. "He thought to himself, 'what shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'" This man had more than he needed. Note that true joy comes only from God.

Meditate: How and where do I look for joy, that one thing that I think if I only got it, what is it?

Note: Write down your answers before reading the next point.

DAY 65. Is Prosperity good or bad?

Share your thoughts on this. **Luke 12:17.** Money was made by God to be used to help us, money is good, but it's the love of money that God condemns. When we love money more than God, idolizing money is the sin. In above story, the man was not wrong because he is successful and prosperous. Well-earned wealth or being successful individuals is not the issue here; he is clearly successful, worked long and hard. He is neither lazy nor dishonest. On the contrary, he is diligent and hard working as a farmer would. He realizes a bumper harvest at season end. What then is wrong with this example?

Meditate: What is foolish about the rich man? In what ways have you/I been foolish?

DAY 66. Lessons from above parable.

(Lesson A,) He didn't really know himself:

He talked to his soul as if he was immortal; he also never stopped to consider that his abundance would never, ever satisfy his soul down inside. **Luke 12:20.** We can have dreams that our work will bring us satisfaction, tiring ourselves and even bribing to get what we want. We are preoccupied with the temporal instead of eternity. James also says (**James 4:14**) why: you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.

Question: How do I see myself? Do I feel important because of my job? Or Qualifications? Where does my significance come from?

Assignment:

1. Write down your answers to the above questions.
2. Share with someone who knows you about your thoughts.

DAY 67. (Lesson B) He did not Care about Others:

Luke 12:18-19.

His remarks are completely about himself. Likewise in our statements when we notice too much of I, me and not we, then there is an aspect of selfishness, greed flows deep within our bloodstream. Winning the battle over greed is a lifetime assignment yet it only takes those who accept it as a weakness to overcome.

Question: Who will you care for this week? Write down the name and give them a call, set time and purpose to know their needs?

Question: What forms of greed do you suffer from?

DAY 68. (Lesson C) He did not Make Room for God.

Imagine the shock when the death angel told him you fool, today your life will be demanded of you. It is over and to whom do you live all these things. This is a good question to ask ourselves, what if I died today, what would matter the most? Try imagining yourself with bags full of money in front of you and in your backyard a fruitful maize field yet you have nobody to share with and an angel right in front telling you its time to go! **James 4:15** Instead, you ought to say, "If it is **the Lord's will**, we will live and do this or that."

Question: In your business communication, does your vocabulary bring out Gods will?

Meditate: On these, **Luke 12:34, Luke 12:21 and Luke 12:33**

Question: Are you rich towards God, where is your treasure stored up?

Question: How can a man get rich towards God?

DAY 69. Truth be said, Jesus gave them/us solutions

Luke 12:22-34. Jesus seats down with his disciples after that sermon giving them a solution to Greed.

Question: How can we fight and conquer greed and love of money based on **Luke 12:22-34?**

Luke 12:22. Do not be anxious,

DAY 70. Don't seek fast what to eat or wear:

Luke 12:23-24.

Satan always lies to us, telling us that we are not worthy without this and that, or by comparison with or like so and so.

Meditation: do you believe that you are valuable in the eyes of God than ravens?

DAY 71. Don't let your life revolve around your wardrobe.

Luke 12:26-28.

Do not have your life revolve around things that are going to burn up and be gone in a matter of minutes (**Luke 12:33**). Do not be afraid. (**Luke 12:32**)

The lesson above is that those who lose the battle with greed are characterized by anxiety, fear and pursuit of temporal. Why this warning?

Meditate: On this verse **Luke 12:29-30**

DAY 72, The Dos, solutions (positive)

Luke 12:27-31

“Do”. There are positive aspects Jesus brings in this speech,

“Do”. Consider the raven and lilies, question in, who feeds them?

“Do”. Seek first his kingdom (kingdom activities such as midweek, bible talks and many others)

“Do”. Increase my/your faith (**Romans 10:17** consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.) with a daily dose of bible study and not just reading,

Note: Those who win the battle over greed realize their value in God’s sight and simply trust him.

Vs. 33-34, in conclusion, this battle requires deliberate and assertive action. God says, “Don’t allow greed to creep into your life, kick it out because it will take my place”.

Note: there is nothing wrong with making a nice living or being wealthy if you earn and handle it correctly.

But there is everything drastically wrong with earning it and keeping all to self. God gives more so that in turn we can give it back to him, to others and in abundance. The only reason I can imagine for God allowing anyone to make **more than one needs** is to be able to give more.

DAY 73. Finally, Jesus said.

Luke 12:34

Personal and real valuables are sealed in our hearts, meditate upon it. The Greed in our lives will never be conquered without a fight; Paul says fight the good fight. When Jesus our lord faced the cross, it was tough for him, three times He pleaded for the cap to be taken away, but when he finally surrendered, it was a total- your will be done, not mine. But why... because I would rather be broken (suffer) on earth and reach in heaven than have my way down here and be poor up there.

A corresponding: story to think through is in **Luke 16:19-31** and **Luke 12:15**.

Are you able to give yet you don’t give? Meditate on this, may our father give you the wisdom to understand his wish for your life.

Question: What is your priority? Have you allowed your feelings to control your actions over Gods righteousness? How much time have you given to raising up your children in righteousness? What have you allowed to stop you from attending kingdom activities?

More reading: **Ecclesiastes 5:12-15, Proverbs 11:24-26, 1timothy 6:7-10, Acts 5:1-2, Mathew 6:19, Luke 12:33, Job 3:27 and James 5:1-3.**

CONTENTMENT

Introduction

Contentment is a state of happiness and satisfaction. It's being satisfied with what one is or has. What makes you happy and satisfied? Every day wants increase, desires multiply, needs weigh heavy on every soul. Unconsciously we do not enjoy what is in our hands because the grass seems to be greener across the fence. Here is the word of God

DAY 74

Psalm 37:3/5

Contentment is a choice to trust in the lord. How much is your trust in God? What does the psalmist mean by dwell in the land and feed on his faithfulness? Delight means a feeling of extreme pleasure and satisfaction. How would you describe your feelings towards God? There is a reward in being satisfied with God. What are your ways this day, week, month or year? (Do a list). Commit them before God. The lord says he will bring it to pass. Whatever you commit before God and wait patiently, he will answer in His time.

Task: Check in which areas of your life are you feeling dissatisfied and commit them before God.

Day 75

Ecclesiastes 3:12/15

The wisdom says God has made everything beautiful in its time. What is in your life that you feel is too slow, or not coming on time? Satisfaction is an issue of the heart and God looks at the heart. Are you satisfied with the reward God has given you today? It is God who knows what will happen in the end ... fear Him! It is very difficult to enjoy the much God has offered today, when we concentrate on what we do not have or the more we want. God will hold us accountable for all kinds of greed. Contentment is a key recipe for long life.

Remember: Contentment is the capital investment for heavenly dwelling. How is contentment sitting with you today?

DAY 76

Luke 15:15, 1 Tim 6:10/11

Jesus said possessions, is not what determines life, yet are quite close to our hearts and consume our thoughts most of the time. Wherever we turn the sing for more plays in in Gospel music. It is not easy to be content with what we have. BE WARE!!! Jesus is warning.

Have you witnessed the love of money in your life? What do you think of greed in your life? What do you fear more ... spiritual poverty or physical poverty? Passion for possession dissolves contentment. To run after possessions is a setup for many grief's and evil. Be aware

The task: Run after righteousness that has value for this life and beyond.

DAY 77

Proverbs 30:8-9 ESV / 44 helpful votes

This is the prayer of the psalmist. Give me only what is needful. What does the psalmist mean in saying only what is needful? What is needful in your life? Sometimes because of competition and comparisons that we meet in our lives we forget what is a need or want.

The balance can be elusive: Do you think God has given you enough for today?

Check the basics of your life and see which direction your prayers should take.

Day 78

Philippians 4:10-13 NIV

Paul rejoices in the lord because of the concern of the Philippians through their giving. But he quickly adds that it is not because of the giving but because of the lord. He boasts of the lessons he has learned in want and in plenty and has graduated with contentment. He ends by saying it is because God strengthens him. According to verse 1, from whom do we get our joy? Verse 13, who enables us to be content? Whom then should we dedicate our desires and longings to? If we want to attain contentment, it is only God who empowers.

Challenge: From where do you look for contentment?

Day 79

Timothy 6:6-11 ESV

Common sense is not common to everyone. Don't you think it's true that nobody leaves this world with everything? The rich and the poor have this in common, when they die whether buried or cremated they leave the world with nothing. Is money a temptation to you as it is to you? Have you identified where you put a full stop on running after money? The "love" of money seems to be a problem. What are its downsides?

Ponder: Have you experienced any pains because of loving money? If no, check. BEWARE! of the love of money. Paul tells Timothy to avoid much grief. It is wise to be content.

Day 80

Psalms 23:1

A psalm of David. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Faith in God is a great deal in contentment. To let God be our shepherd leads to great contentment. David says he will not be in want. How much of your life is God shepherding?

Action: Try to connect with David in this praise psalm by reading through it and own it.

DAY 81

Psalms 1:1-3 ESV

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

The lord grants abundant contentment to those who are committed to his laws.

- Which laws do you keep?
- What do you delight in?
- Who is in your company?

Acknowledge this: That true prosperity is with those that are content with God.

DAY 82

Ecclesiastes 6:7-9

All the toil of man is for his mouth, yet his appetite is not satisfied. For what advantage has the wise man over the fool? And what does the poor man have who knows how to conduct himself before the living? Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of the appetite: this also is vanity and a striving after wind.

- Please make a Comment on the scripture above.
- How does balance rate in your life in view of this scripture?
- Reality is a good place to visit but many do not like staying there.
- Watch out! Where is your appetite leading you to?

DAY 83

Isaiah 26:3 (NIV)

You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.

- Absolute peace is a reward from God.
- Who gets this reward according to the verse above?
- How much do you trust in God?
- What will you do start doing from today to exercise a steadfast mind in God.

DAY 84

Psalms 16:11

You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

- What does the psalmist mean by;
 - You make known to me the path of life?
 - In your presence there is fullness of joy?
 - At your right hand are pleasures forevermore?
- Who is the psalmist addressing?
- What could have been going through his mind for him to speak in this way?
- What is going on through your mind?
- What conclusion do you draw by your answers above?

DAY 85

Matthew 5:6 ESV

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.”

- How intensely are you longing for righteousness?
- God knows whether it's hungering and thirsting or just a desert after we are full of other things.
- God spiritually satisfies those who intensely long for him.

Question: Are you in the blessed group?

DAY 86

Isaiah 30:19-22/Colossians. 3:1/5 NIV

A day is coming promises the lord when adversity shall not exist. What are your circumstances and situations today? Are they texting you covet and lust at those that seem to prosper? The lord is gracious to the cry of our voices. He will surely listen. How often do you go to God? Keep the focus on God, and on Jesus. (Take time to put down your prayer requests) and commit them to God. Greed is idolatry. In which areas do you entertain greed and/or idolatry?

Task: Say to greed ... BE GONE! In Order to dwell before God, the heavenly Jerusalem, we must only worship God whatever the circumstances.

DAY 87

Psalm 63:1-8

“A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah. O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips”

- To use the time that we have to seek the lord, is foundational in our pursuit of contentment.
- It is through our seeking to experience his power that we get to be blessed with long life.
- And the soul gets satisfied as we continue to praise God.
- How can you practice today's lesson everyday henceforth.

THE POWER OF PRAYER

DAY 88: Building through Prayer and Fasting.

Nehemiah 1:1-11. When Nehemiah received news about remnants in Jerusalem and how the walls and the gates had been destroyed and burnt down by fire, he wept, mourned, fasted and prayed before God. He was moved by the great trouble and disgrace the survivors were facing daily.

Prayers infuse vision and fulfillment and fasting brings humility for God's glory. Like Nehemiah we all have walls to rebuild in our churches, sectors and Bible talks and even in our own lives. Rebuilding our broken relationships requires prayers.

DAY 89: Prayer Paves Way for Success

Nehemiah.2:1-8. After prayers and fasting, Nehemiah was ready and prepared to meet the king. The task was huge and expensive for a cup bearer like Nehemiah but the spirit of God was upon him. Amazingly God had prepared the heart of the king even before Nehemiah shared about his sadness.

Prayers and fasting can open and prepare ways that we can't believe or imagine

Question: What are the walls and challenges in your life this Year? God is able to open up ways for you just as he did to Nehemiah.

DAY 90: Prayer Builds Courage and Strengthens Our Hearts.

Nehemiah.4.1-23. Nehemiah faced opposition immediately the project began, Sanballat and his group were out to discourage and destruct the building process but, Nehemiah knew very well his source of strength and courage which was prayer

Nehemiah 4:9, 5:19, 6:9. The prayer of righteous man is powerful and effective despite threats and intimidations, Nehemiah and his men completed rebuilding of the wall in 52 days! (**Nehemiah 6:15**) Victory comes through humility and prayer.

DAY 91: Prayers Opened Prison Gates

Acts 12:1-16. God can do more than what we ask and imagine through prayers. When these disciples were praying in Mary's house, the death of James her son was still fresh. Everyone was scared on what would happen to Peter. Immediately the door was opened for Peter all Disciples were filled with joy when they saw Peter free from jail. The power of prayer is amazing and astonishing

Acts 16:22-30. Paul and Silas were set free by the power of prayer.

Question: What is really impossible with prayer and Fasting? We can open many prison gates of our life challenges through prayers.

DAY 92: Prayers Helped Many Disciples to Overcome Persecution

Acts 4:23-31. After threats and warnings, Disciples decided to go to God in prayers and Fasting. After powerful prayers they were all fulfilled with Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God Boldly. Our enemy the Devil doesn't want to see disciples progressing in advancing God's Kingdom, he will always bring distractive measures. No matter what you are undergoing, you can overcome through prayers.

Acts 5:17-42. God provides and prepares ways for our victory, even when we feel there is no way.

The apostle left the Sanhedrin rejoicing because they suffered disgrace for the name of Jesus Christ. They never stopped teaching and proclaiming that Jesus is the Christ.

DAY 93. Prayers of Faith are Powerful and Effective

James 5:17-18. Elijah was a man just like us but through him God communicates to us that nothing is impossible with prayer.

Joshua 10:12-14. We may wonder how this happened but the message is clear that God answers prayers

Vs14: There has never been a day like this when God listened to a man and stopped the sun and delayed it half a day. God is ready to handle all our prayers, even those we think are impossible. What seems to us huge and scary is simple to God.

DAY 94. Without Faith it is Impossible to go to God in Prayers.

Hebrews.11:6, James1: 5-8

Believe in God before going before him in prayers.

When we offer prayers yet doubt, it's like we are not sure about things so we must trust God's capability to meet all our needs.

Hebrews 11:8-12. Abraham believed that him who gave the promise is faithful to fulfill them. We need FAITH when we offer our prayers to God.

Mark 11:24-25. Faith is important in all we do as Christians

Question: How do you offer your prayers?

Conclusion: God answers faithful prayers offered in faith.

CHALLENGE:

1. TAKE TIME TO DO AN EVALUATION OF YOURSELF AFTER THESE NINETY FOUR DAYS OF DEDICATION TO BUILD WITH GODS' WORD.
2. WHAT IS THE LEVEL OF YOUR GROWTH?