But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

Acts 1:8
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A Message from Bishop Stephen A. Davis

How fitting it is that we began this year with proclaiming, “This is the Year of our Victory,” when we are at the same time facing some of our greatest challenges as a ministry. Our great Apostle, Bishop Eddie L. Long has transitioned to Glory, but we know that this is not the time to throw in the towel. Yes, in spite of all that we have experienced so far, we are trusting and believing that greater days lie ahead!

This season of Pentecost saw Jesus’ Disciples facing many of the same challenges that we find ourselves facing today. They had a great leader in Christ Jesus, who was suddenly taken from them. Next, they found themselves replaying in their hearts every word that their great leader had spoken. Individually, they were challenged with whether they would fall back in fear, sadness and doubt—or accelerate their journey and embrace the vision of Christ!

This time of readying themselves for the greater return of Christ, and the eventual meeting in the Upper Room when the Holy Spirit would come would be a time of great personal trials. Trials that would test the very fabric of the entire Christian movement. Fortunately for us all, the Lord prevailed in each of them and their response to evangelize the World continues even today.

Like the Disciples, New Birth has reached a similar conclusion: that we must continue to be about our Father’s business. During the 50 days of Pentecost, this will be a time period for each of us to take the time to search out the Lord God in order to prepare ourselves for a lasting season of great acceleration! The bar has already been set and we know where our destiny lies: double blessings and double honor are at hand!

During this time we are all called to be a part of this corporate move - both in prayer and in fasting; this is simply a way of saying to the atmosphere we must do this together! We are called to move as ONE great Body of Believers - as God ministers to us and pours in us His desires and His plans for us. It is a time for us to assess our spiritual giftings and ensure that we are connected to God’s vision for us.

As you enter into the sanctuary these next fifty days, look around you at the ‘tools’ the Lord will use. Those believers who stand on your right and left; that are in the front and back of you—they are the ‘bricks’ that God is using to shore up the very foundation of the Kingdom. Each time you enter into the sanctuary recognize that this work is too great to be done alone, but rather side-by-side; brick-by-brick, we can accomplish great things in the Lord!

My prayer for each of you is that you move closer to God and to one another as we journey together over the next 50 days. Don’t let anything (or anyone) rob you of this opportunity to be a part of God’s plan for His people! Be blessed in the Lord and remember this IS the year of our victory!

Amazed by His Grace,

Bishop Stephen A. Davis
And He said to them
"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."
Mark 16:15
The Road To Pentecost Guide

The Year of Victory
This is the Year of our Victory! Having a year of victory begins by daily claiming your victory in Christ. Surely hardship will come, but when we have Christ, the Victory of God is always at hand—even if it is just having our peace of mind.

This year’s Road to Pentecost Meditational Guide will focus on Victorious Living. Each week will have a specific area of focus as shown below:

- **Week 1 – Standing Strong on a Firm Foundation** – Days 1-7 (April 16 – April 22)
- **Week 2 – Setting Priorities at Home and Beyond** – Days 8-14 (April 23 – April 29)
- **Week 3 – Security in Times of Great Change** – Days 15-21 (April 30 – May 6)
- **Week 4 – Strategic Advancement Toward Destiny** – Days 22-28 (May 7 – May 13)
- **Week 5 – Standing Together in Unity** – Days 29-35 (May 14 – May 20)
- **Week 6 – Serving Others Selflessly** – Days 36-42 (May 21 – May 27)
- **Week 7 – Showing God’s Kingdom to the World** – Days 43-49 (May 28 – June 3)
- **Pentecost Sunday — Victorious at Pentecost!** – Day 50 (June 4)

Our focus will allow us to operate corporately, unified in our supplications to the Lord. In this Consecration Guide, each day is inclusive of specific biblical verses and meditational thoughts presented for your times of deep meditation.

Also, at the end of the week, there is an opportunity to study further into each of the areas of focus that are identified. We encourage you to embrace these elements as tools to take you deeper into the Word and the Will of God during your personal journey.

At the end of our collective journey we will all celebrate the greatness that is our God and how He has restored us during this time of consecration. Please, take this time to get all that God has for you along this Road to Pentecost.

Fasting Instructions
The Road to Pentecost requires a time of focus along with prayer and meditation on God’s Word. In addition, this year, we want to encourage everyone to journal! That is to record your victories throughout your fifty-day journey! While we will still participate in our corporate fast collectively—we want to begin a ‘new habit’ for some; and strengthen this habit for others! Our time of consecration is outlined below:

- **Week 1-2:** 14 days – *Intentional Acts of Kindness* – be mindful and include in your journal, how God uses you during this time!
- **Week 3-4:** 14 days – *No Negativity* – guard your thoughts, words and actions. Stay focused on the positive.
- **Week 5-6:** 14 days – *Media/Social Media Fast* – limit media and social media; use this time to increase your opportunity to study God’s Word—and journal what He says!
- **Week 7:** 8 days – *Daniel Fast* – avoid meats and sweets; what is God telling you as He cuts your flesh? or *Partial Fast* – no food from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Eat one meal after 6:00 p.m. Now, we should really be hearing from God—record the victories in your journal!

Meditational Music
Please use the following link for meditational music during this time of consecration:

Spotify Users: [https://open.spotify.com/user/12133788852/playlist/7spHJJx3C7wptwMZRoAj88](https://open.spotify.com/user/12133788852/playlist/7spHJJx3C7wptwMZRoAj88)

iTunes/Apple Music subscribers: [https://itunes.apple.com/us/playlist/2017-road-to-pentecost-playlist/idpl.70ef8e77eafa4ab4a39a70b4e6dd0c36](https://itunes.apple.com/us/playlist/2017-road-to-pentecost-playlist/idpl.70ef8e77eafa4ab4a39a70b4e6dd0c36)
Day 1: The Plan Revealed
God has a plan for your life! He didn’t just haphazardly put you here and say “go for it!” No, God has a purpose for you and you have to find out what it is. Establishing an intimate relationship with Him on a daily basis is the key to finding the unique plan He has for you. Your intimacy with God is not established by how many services you attend, the number of ministries you serve in, or your position in the church. It comes from spending quality time with Him every day through prayer, praise, worship, and studying His Word. It is through your daily intimacy with God that you find your identity and purpose. When God reveals who you are, you can stand firm on it! Declaration: Lord I love you! Today I purpose in my heart to know you in a more intimate way. I make a decision to spend quality time communing with you daily.

The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of His heart to all generations.
Psalm 33:11
Day 2: Jesus Christ Our Rock

Many times we structure our lives based on family traditions, the influences of friends, or even what is portrayed in the media. Traditions and opinions of man are built on a substance that can’t sustain us when we stand on the dangerous heights of testing and trials. We must build our lives according to how the Word of God instructs us. Jesus Christ is the rock of our foundation! Our trust and belief in Him brings an assurance that we are able to stand strong in the midst of every form of adversity. Reject the doctrines of man that lead to a path of destruction and stand strong on the solid rock of Jesus Christ. **Declaration: Lord, today I make a decision to reject the traditions of man and to allow you to structure my life according to your Word.**

Day 3: Keep Your Hands on the Plow

Don’t stop serving! Don’t stop working on the things God has you doing to advance the Kingdom of God! You matter! Don’t let anyone trip you up, or get you off course from what God has for you to do as his representative. The things that God has assigned you to execute are purposeful for the advancement of His Kingdom. You have been called to this; hand-picked; chosen and appointed. You may not get anything in return from the people you help; you may not get your name called, and even worse, no one may ever know all the good that you do for the Kingdom of God. However, rest assured my brother and my sister, God knows, and He is well pleased with you! **Declaration: Lord, I accept my place and position in your kingdom. I will do everything as unto you.**

Day 4: All Dressed Up

Every day we make a decision about how to adorn this temple that houses the Holy Spirit. We spend a great deal of time deciding what to wear, how to color coordinate, what shoes to wear, etc. When we have gone through our ritualistic routine, we sometimes look for the approval of others to validate our grooming decisions. Although it is important to look our best, God wants us to place upon ourselves, a covering that brings about a spiritual acknowledgement and helps us to come away from every attack of the enemy with a stance of victory. I challenge you to examine the attire that God admonishes us to put on everyday in Ephesians 6. You will surely be dressed for every occasion! **Declaration: We ask your help Lord in accepting the spiritual adornment that you desire for us to have on today. In Jesus’ name, amen.**
Day 5: Rock Solid!
Who are you leaning on? When someone dies, we often hear the words that that person was “my rock”. Now that they are physically gone, what are you going to do? Maybe close the book, attach to another person who will also die, or you will just sit there and do nothing? Think again, if you are a believer the Bible says- the LORD is your rock. In His sovereignty, HE is strong, solid! Nothing can get around Him, through Him or escape Him. He is a firm foundation. In this life you must be sure in whom you believe, trust, and with whom you will share all your concerns with. God the Father will not tarnish, decay, or change His mind about who you are. He won’t lose His value, or ever leave you. Our God is the eternal and sovereign God. Yes the Lord is your bedrock under your feet, the castle in which you live, your rescuing knight. He is, “The Rock.”

Prayer: Father I give thanks to You for Jesus, my rock Who will never leave nor forsake me, Amen.

Day 6: On Top!
Are you familiar with being discarded, seen as totally flawed or rejected? Have you ever been misunderstood, been ignored and passed over for another? They probably had no clue of who you were. The rejected one might have been the answer. Don’t worry, be you! Walk in your purpose. Know that some will, but all won’t receive you. Just stand strong. The situation has been fixed and yes you, you will be the capstone on top! Stand firm in who you are and in whom you believe. Stand on God’s Word and what He has spoken over your life. You are the head and not the tail. Let the weak say I AM strong! Walk in your Godly assignment and do great exploits for the Kingdom. I dare you! Prayer: Lord keep me day by day. Keep my mind stayed on Thee. Let me not be swayed by the opinions of others. In you I live, I move and have my being. I am fearfully and wonderfully made. I am above and not beneath. I am victorious in all that I do. Thank you, Amen.

Day 7: Fade Out...
Oh how we love smooth operators, hour glass figures in a red dress, and those with swag. How sweet is a floral bouquet? And who doesn’t like a freshly manicured lawn? Many people are just like grass, their love and their words are fragile as wildflowers. Just give them some time, you will see the weeds growing; the begonia bush needs pruning; and the wildflowers have gone wild! Yes, the flowers will fade away. What are you standing on or listening to? How solid, how firm is that thing that you spend time investing in? God promised that His Word won’t fail. It won’t return void and it won’t wither. The Word of God is revealing, appropriate, true, firm and strong. You are waiting on God: He is waiting on you! The Word, read it! Believe it! Speak it! True, the grass withers and the wildflowers will fade…but God’s Word stands firm and forever. Prayer: God give me a greater revelation of your word so that I can stand and live a victorious life, Amen.
Going Deeper: Standing Strong on a Firm Foundation

Are you still standing? Are you still holding on to what you believe? If you have fallen, it is time for you to get up, stand up and look up. No, dust yourself off and get to stepping! “Finally my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might.” (Ephesians 6:10) The word might is defined in the Strong’s Concordance as power, marvelous works, ability, efficacy, and energy. How refreshing it is to know that although the Word of God commands us to be strong, God does not require us to expend any of our own carnal (flesh, human nature, materiality) energy. We are to be strong in the might of God!

But wait, this doesn’t mean that we are to do nothing. No, our active participation is displayed by using the might of God in prayer; our trust and faith in God; and in our declaration of what the Word of God says about our situation.

So, let’s restrain ourselves from moving in our own power, ability, energy, and strength. This may be contrary to God’s plan for us to stand on the firm foundation that He has established for us. Draw your strength from GOD and be empowered by your union with HIM and in the power of HIS might! You can live a STRONG, SOLID and VICTORIOUS LIFE!

Make these declarations as a commitment to stand on a spiritually firm foundation.

- I AM strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.
- I AM standing on a firm foundation, the rock of Jesus Christ.
- I WILL nurture my personal relationship with the Lord everyday through prayer, praise, worship, and the studying of His Word.
- I SUBMIT to what GOD has chosen, appointed and empowered me to fulfill for His purpose.

Take time each day to search the scriptures for nuggets of wisdom to make your own!

Day 1: Proverbs 19:21; I Samuel 3:10
Day 2: I Corinthians 3:11; I Timothy 6:19
Day 4: Ephesians 6:11-17; Psalm 144:1
Day 5: II Samuel 22:32; I Samuel 2:2
Day 6: Isaiah 44:8; Psalm 62
Day 7: Isaiah 40:8; Psalm 119:105; James 1:22
Week 2: Victorious Living: Setting Priorities at Home and Beyond

Day 8: It All Begins With You...
Starting each day with an unencumbered mind gives us the opportunity to think with clarity. Begin your day by casting (throwing off or discarding) your burdens on the Lord so that you can think and hear clearly from Him. How can you set proper priorities for the day with an unsettled mind? Even Jesus would still away in the early morning hours to pray and to receive instruction from His Heavenly Father. Start each morning by casting your cares on the Lord and praying for direction for the day. 

Prayer: Father God, I pray remove any obstruction that would hinder or impede my hearing clearly from you today. Help me to organize my thoughts and plan my day according to Your Will and plans for my life. In Jesus name, amen!

Day 9: Chaos ÷ by Meditation = Peace
A major project was given to my team with unrealistic deliverables and time constraints. In every way, the level of effort required by our team would cause us to fail resulting in our clients looking for another team. While it’s a given that life throws us curveballs, the choice is in our approach to the situation. God is the essence of our peace and truly desires for us to connect with Him in prayer so that peace rules in our lives: that is His answer to dealing with stress. After spending time in meditation, our team developed an action plan to complete the project for our client. The lesson learned: analyze life’s projects from a spiritual perspective rather than a worldly view in order to avoid chaotic thoughts. When you spend a few minutes of prayer combined with meditation, a Spirit of peace is the inevitable equation. Sometimes, our situation may not change, but surely our perspective does. 

Prayer: Lord, not only is Your name peace (Shalom), but it’s offered in the package of salvation. Forgive us when we take issues upon ourselves. Amen
Day 10: Time Does Matter!
In Psalm 90:0, the scripture states, “The days of our lives are seventy years, and if by reason of strength they are 80 years.” When thinking about victorious living and determining priorities, our management of time plays a key role. Looking at this notion, the thought is often less of a distant future and more of a close tomorrow. Teaching us to realize the brevity of life means to know, recognize and/or understand which underscores the importance of numbering our days. Not in a numerical sense, but rather making each day count. What are we doing daily to make an impact in our sphere of influence? How are we displaying the character of God in the earth—today? When we become aware of how we manage our time whether it’s with the family, friends or in ministry, we learn that time is a commodity that cannot be wasted! Prayer: Father God, You’ve given us a seven day week, six days to work and the seventh day to rest. Help us, Father God, to organize our thoughts, plan out our day according to Your plans and to make wise decisions in how we manage our time. In Jesus name we pray, amen!

Day 11: Why Carry Concerns & Burdens?
In this verse Luke, the great physician admonishes us to focus on God’s provision by negating worry. A recent conversation with an old friend, led to past reflections of her journey discussing former concerns which focused on developing relationships and charting career milestones. Present date; her current concerns now included mortgage repayments, parenting children and work-life balance, making the past concerns seem quite miniscule. The burdens of life added unnecessary weights and old friendships were a distant third. With encouragement, I reminded her to take a moment to reflect on the fulfillment of God’s purposes in her life and the accomplishments He allowed her to achieve. Isn’t it amazing how easily we ‘stroke’ our concerns and burdens like badges of honor? This verse is a key reminder that God doesn’t “minor” on the problem – He waits for us to relinquish our concerns so that He can “major” in the impossibilities! Prayer: Lord, I place my burdens and tribulations on the altar and walk away knowing that You hold the answer key to assuage my concerns. My confidence rests in knowing Your plans precipitate my success. Amen.

Day 12: The Emergency Back-Up Plan
In the event of financial trouble, I have a savings account called “Emergency Back-up.” In the event of inclement weather and stores are closed when I am hungry, I have extra cans and boxes of food in my pantry so I can put together a meal at any time. These are a few of the little things that I do to ‘control’ my life, with practical and simple plans to reduce unnecessary stress. While emergency plans are a vital necessity, it is important to not embrace them with a false sense of security. Things happen! And life is subject to change without notice! The question we must ponder is should I continue to manage the controls—when God is the Chief Architect of my destiny? No matter how good emergency plans are, let us not forget He holds the Master Plan! Prayer: Lord, forgive me when I try to control every part of my life. Arrest my thoughts and push me back onto the right course for my journey because I know that You are the best back-up plan. Amen.
Day 13: The Stress Factor: The Stress Test

Have you ever been stressed? What an oxymoron! I can’t say that I’ve ever encountered anyone who has never been stressed. I would be first to raise both hands, wiggle fingers and toes and count the numerous times I’ve accepted and embraced the stress factor. If most of us are honest we have worn the garment of stress as if it were a life requirement. The misnomer about stress is that it creates feelings of anxiety. Those feelings in turn imprison the spirit; leaving its victim feeling helpless and perplexed as if the world’s weight has snatched their life. In hindsight, when you reflect on the situation, it wasn’t as bad as you remembered and you wonder how you made it through. What is God’s perspective on stress? Why do we engage in stress? The author clearly states don’t be anxious, but bring everything to God in prayer – make a list and present them to God. Prayer is the key that starts the engine; while praise is the spark plug to ignite fire for the vehicle to our Heavenly Father. Prayer: Father, You represent freedom and that is the ultimate solution for my peace. I refuse to be the pawn in the stress game because I know Your plan is perfect to refute stress.

Day 14: Thermostat or Thermometer?

We have been placed in the earth to not only be salt and light but to walk as living epistles. Jesus Christ sent us into the world, not to live as the world or consume the things of this world but rather to represent the character of God to the world. As the thermostat, we have been sanctified by the word of truth, meaning we can engage society in our day-to-day functions, set the atmosphere and not be affected by the culture. The truth of God’s Word should be our guide and our anchor, preventing us from being “tossed to and fro like the winds and waves”, or vacillate like a thermometer that continuously adjusts itself to the temperature in a room. We are called to set the atmosphere by being the thermostat in every arena that we enter into. Being the thermostat means not allowing the culture to affect us but rather we affect the culture around us. Declaration: We declare and decree nothing exterior of the core of who we are will be able to affect our thermostat. We are change agents sent by God!

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Philippians 4:6

They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them by your truth. Your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.

John 17: 16-18
Going Deeper in Setting Proper Priorities at Home and Beyond

Consider how you prioritize your time; is it fit and suitable for your present life? How do you go about prioritizing your time? Your day? How about your life? Do you treat your life and time, as if it’s important? Do you realize that you will never recapture that time? There’s a quote that states, “If you don’t prioritize your life, someone else will”. We cannot allow the way the world manages time and sets priorities to be our example, rather we must look to Jesus Christ who is our chief example of how to prioritize our day and implore time management strategies for victorious living. As you read this week’s devotions and meditate on the associated scriptures, consider how you manage your time when setting priorities.

Day 8: He’s knows what’s best -Proverbs 16:2-3 (NKJV) – “All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes but the Lord weighs the spirits. Commit your works to the Lord, and your thoughts will be established.” Too often we fall victim to the demands of this present culture. The “get it done now”, “needed it yesterday” lifestyle, while being driven by technology that demands us to always be on and to always be connected. Technology has its place and is necessary, however, let’s not forget the One who created it all. “Commit” is defined as “to put into charge”, trust or entrust. Just as Jesus found it necessary to trust our Heavenly Father for instruction, we too can take a cue from Him and begin our day by first putting Him in charge of our day so that we can receive guidance and instruction.

Day 9: Perspective does matter - John 14:27 (NKJV) - “Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid”. This is a promise from our Heavenly Father! As we think about setting proper priorities at home and beyond know we have a promise from God that He will sustain us with His peace. Whether at home, in the community or on our job, we must focus on the premise that God has us and wants the best for us. That’s why it’s important for us to “number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom.” (Psalm 90:12) In doing so, we can allow the peace of God promised to us to guide our hearts and minds in setting proper priorities.

Day 10: The 3 C’s – Matthew 11:28-30 (NIV) “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Tired of being stressed and need some peace? This scripture offers three C’s that are vital to your peace. Come to Him, Connect to His plan and Change is guaranteed. There is a better way if we subscribe to His channel and Like His page and most of all the plan is Free of Charge.

Day 11: Let it go! - I Peter 5:7 (NKJV) – “Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.” Time is a commodity that cannot be wasted… In order to live victoriously we have to remove any and all hindrances and blockages; which includes any cares that maybe weighing us down. Victorious living requires us to be vigilant in not allowing the time wasters or cares or even burdens to impede our growth and movement in the things of God.

Day 12: Put God in charge! - Psalm 37:5 (NLT) – “Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust Him, and He will help you.” God has the blueprint for our lives therefore we can entrust to Him every area knowing He will help us. God longs to guide us with love and wisdom in every area of our lives. He offers to teach us the best way to go.

Day 13: Sound counsel - Psalm 32:8 (NIV) – “I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.” Seeking the wisdom of God as our guide affords us the opportunity to achieve the priorities we have set forth in our day. When we surrender our will, seek the Lord and allow Him to teach and guide us we experience a great level of success.

Day 14: The Battle is Not yours – Psalm 46:10 (GW) “Let go of your concerns! Then you will know that I am God. I rule the nations. I rule the earth.” Daily, the journey of life positions us for a battle for control of the will. Opportunities and choices knock at your door to sabotage your destiny. Let the conflict, stress and control go – surrender your will because the battle isn’t yours – it’s the Lord’s.
Day 15: Left Behind
When you travel by air, there are regulations that must be followed. You can only check so many pieces of luggage. TSA could tell you that something you’re trying to take with you can’t go and must be left behind. They say this is for your protection. God did the same for the children of Israel. He protected them as they began their new journey. He kept them from being able to return to their past by closing up the Red Sea. God protects us the same way. Often we want to return to things from our past as we transition into new things. But God doesn’t want to taint our new experience with things that will weigh us down or keep us from truly enjoying the new promise. We have to take on a new mindset and release ourselves from the old, leaving our past behind us knowing that God is protecting us. Declaration: Lord, I trust Your protection. Even though my past was comfortable, I know that returning there will keep me from the promises you have for me. I release my past to you and embrace my future.
Day 16: Strong to the Finish
Popeye the Sailor was a lover. He loved Olive Oyl and would often find himself having to fight with Brutus (aka Bluto) to protect her honor. Brutus was huge in comparison to Popeye, but Popeye had a weapon that he used as needed…spinach. When he ate spinach, his muscles would grow and he would gain a supernatural ability to defeat anyone who attacked. Similar to Popeye, David was young and a lot smaller than the soldiers at war. But David was confident that he could take on and defeat Goliath. He proved that size doesn’t matter, especially when you are purposed by God to accomplish a task. God may use someone that doesn’t seem big enough or strong enough to protect or lead us, however they are used by God because they have a love in their heart for God, and they believe in His plan for us. Because of God’s love for you, they were created for this purpose. God will give them what they need to accomplish the task. Don’t get caught up in appearance. God gets all the glory. Declaration: I will not allow my personal expectations to hinder me from accepting who God has sent to lead and protect me.

Moreover David said, “The Lord, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine...”
1 Samuel 17:37

Day 17: Help Wanted!
When you face a change, it’s always good to have someone to support you. Someone who helps you avoid obstacles they may have faced going through the same thing - possibly without help. Ruth had Naomi to support her as she attempted to continue living during a time of change. Naomi wanted the best for Ruth and provided her with a plan to succeed. God always gives you what and who you need for your journey. You must give them an opportunity to help you. Trust God’s plan, He doesn’t make mistakes. Expect this journey to be Victorious as you allow your “help” to fulfill their purpose. Declaration: My help comes from the Lord. I will move my feelings out of the way to allow my help to assist me along this path.

Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, “My daughter, shall I not seek security for you, that it may be well with you?”
Ruth 3:1

Day 18: Building Your Holy Faith
As a Christian it is difficult to have a victorious life without strengthening our faith in Jesus Christ. How does you obtain increasing faith? After salvation, you must study the Word of God, learn to pray, then dedicate yourself to a life of prayer and study. It’s not easy, but, surrounding yourself with godly associates, praying saints, fasting, worshipping and constant prayer will keep you on track to building faith for a victorious life. More importantly, you must renew your mind in the Spirit. Mastering the above will help with “putting off the old man and putting on the new.” Liken this to taking off that old rugged winter coat and putting on that new beautiful spring attire that is comfortable and light. Suddenly, all things come together through the grace of God. Then you will truly notice an increasing faith and experience living a victorious life in Jesus the Christ. Declaration: I declare and decree all manner of the old me is put off and I adorn myself with the love of Jesus Christ and His everlasting mercy. I bathe in Your grace and mercy for increasing faith in You and Your finished work on the cross, Amen!

And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.
Ephesians 4:23-24
Day 19: He’s Got Us Covered
There are so many things happening today in our communities, our place of employment, our politics, our personal life, the world, etc. It’s hard to keep up! But, don’t worry! The internet and other technological advances help us stay on top of changing situations and times. The challenge however, is we can become overwhelmed by the pace and speed of it all, and when our flesh is challenged, it leaks into our spiritual man, undermining our ability to trust. Psalm 91 guides us back to that special place, the secret place where we find security under God’s wings. Declaration: We declare and decree that we are unbreakable and unshakable in this fast-paced world. We step back into the trust of God where He covers us as our shield and buckler. We TRUST YOU GOD THROUGH THE BLOOD OF JESUS! Amen

Sunday – May 7, 2017
Day 22: Trust Your Shield
“Nothing new under the sun.” This phrase is used in Christendom in reference to the temptations during Solomon’s sojourn. Additionally, Paul writes, in reference to temptation in I Corinthians 10:13, that “God makes way an escape.” James states that man’s desires are the force that lead to war and greed that feed purely personal desires. Most have experienced the guilt of following through when tempted, even when the Holy Spirit revealed a way He would be glorified. Likewise, many have felt an anchor lift from their spirit man when the revealed escape route, provided by the Holy Spirit, was chosen. Every experience allows the believer to hold to their faith and trust in Jesus during times of temptation; God shall reward us for persevering through temptation with the crown of life. Declaration: We declare and decree that we are blessed to endure temptation. We are more than conquerors and shall continue to Love Like Christ, Live Like Christ and Lead Like Christ!

Monday – May 8, 2017
Day 23: Trust
As for God, His way is perfect; The word of the Lord is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him.
Psalm 18:30

Tuesday – May 9, 2017
Day 24: I Will Trust You
“Initially, I thought, ‘God won’t make me do this’ but as I read the Bible, I realized that God does make us do hard things.” As believers, we are called to trust God and His promises. God’s Word is true and reliable. He will protect and provide for us. Declaration: I will love like Christ and work together with my brothers and sisters in Christ to make it through this time of great change.
As a trainer, one duty is to facilitate computer training classes to help the trainees learn how to utilize the computer system in their new job function. Typically, these are adult learners, so training is a lot different from teaching children. Two of the first rules the trainer will share with them and will set as expectation to “stay with the group” and “don’t work ahead.” The purpose of this rule is because new information is being provided and although their Participant Guide often has step-by-step instructions and screenshots of what their screen should look like, the information needs to be explained so that they understand the “why” of what they are doing.

It is always without fail that at least one trainee works ahead. This can cause problems because if they have input incorrect information or they have gotten lost, it becomes necessary to stop the class and help them catch back up with the class…when they could have already been in sync with the group had they followed the rules!

There is nothing that can or will happen to us that God is not aware of. He is so in tune with each of us that He has a plan of success for each of us. He is a great protector to us all!! Even if we choose not to “follow the rules,” He is faithful to “find” us and put us back on track.

In times of transition, it is easy to get off track because we aren’t 100% sure of what is going on and we “need” to know what is really happening. God has laid out a plan for us; we must trust His plan and follow it. True, we may have questions about it. We may not understand it or agree with it but know that it’s God’s plan and not man’s—therefore it will not fail, and we will succeed.

Our protection is in our obedience to God’s instructions. We find security in Him. God has never wandered off and left us…but we often wander off, looking for something more or something different, when everything we need has already been provided for us to make it through the transition. Yes, God will wait for you, He will even come look for you. But why delay—when we know that God’s way is the best way.

We must surrender our flesh, our mind and the “control-freak” in us to the Most High God and know that He only wants…and He only has planned, for us to experience His best. He will not leave us during this transition, but we need to hold one another accountable and to sincerely love one another and make sure that no one is left behind.

**LET GO OF WHAT YOU THINK IS SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN. JUST LET IT BE.** You may be wounded in your heart. But you must allow seeds of healing to be planted there by God and the person or people He sends to you. As of this day, at this very moment, you have all that is required to move beyond the past into the newness of now - under God’s protection. In Matthew 18:12-14 (Good News Translation) it is written, “What do you think a man does who has one hundred sheep and one of them gets lost? He will leave the other ninety-nine grazing on the hillside and go and look for the lost sheep. When he finds it, I tell you, he feels far happier over this one sheep than over the ninety-nine that did not get lost. In just the same way your Father in heaven does not want any of these little ones to be lost.” Colossians 4:8 says, “I am sending him to you for this very purpose, that he may know your circumstances and comfort your hearts...”

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**Day 15:** Malachi 3:6; Psalm 94:22; Deuteronomy 31:8  
**Day 16:** Psalm 91; Isaiah 51:3; John 14:27  
**Day 17:** Psalm 23:4; 18:1, 2; Jeremiah 31:13  
**Day 18:** Isaiah 61:3; Ezekiel 14:23; Matthew 11:30  
**Day 19:** Ephesians 5:15-17; II Corinthians 3:2-6, 18; Psalm 27  
**Day 20:** Psalm 119:50; I Thessalonians 5:11; Romans 15:4-5  
**Day 21:** Philippians 2:4,5; Psalm 55:22; 71:21; II Corinthians 13:11
Day 22: Set a Goal to Win

There was a long-distance runner that many people knew as Charlie, who never began a race in the lead. He would position himself in second or third place deliberately, because he was known for his award winning “kick” in the last lap. Charlie was a come from behind type of runner. He wore a cap during each race which was key to his signature move of removing his cap while still behind. As the crowd would begin to chant “Charlie! Charlie!”, he would accelerate past all runners, hat in hand, to win the race! “...And let us run with patience the race that is set before us.” (Hebrews 12:1) There is a heavenly host pulling for you to win every race each day you get up, and today is no exception. Know that God has sent the Holy Spirit as your daily coach to deliver the right strategies for you to act on today. Pray first for guidance from the Holy Spirit and receive a word from God concerning your strategies before you start your day. Pray a prayer now for wisdom and revelation about your situation. Prayer: Heavenly Father, I ask You for wisdom so I can strategically advance toward destiny.

Wherefore seeing we are also compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which does so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.

Hebrews 12:1
**Day 23: There’s No Such Word as Can’t**

When GOD spoke you into existence, you were, and are, a Word. A Word that must accomplish, and shall prosper is, You. God gave you vision for an appointed time, i.e., a distant future. That's why you keep dreaming about it, talking about it, speaking about it. God’s thoughts are higher than your thoughts for your success. He thinks of your peace, not of evil, to give you an expected end. An expected end means you shall see the manifestation. His Word spoken about you, your manifestation, your dreams, must come to pass. Wait for it says Habakkuk. It shall surely come! It must happen like—*just like you did!* Why? God says, *His Word cannot return unto HIM void, it must produce!* 

**Prayer:** *Father, I thank You that I am a Word that shall not return unto You void. Thank You that Your thoughts towards me are thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give me an expected end. Thank You for the vision to succeed. I know, I must bare forth much fruit. I ask You now Father for a 100-fold blessing on the Word of peace You have spoken over my life.*

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**Day 24: Work for God**

When Man was created, he was created to work and then God placed Man in the Garden of Eden. In the Garden, it was Adam who tended it and kept it in order. In your garden: home and work place, it is you who must keep it in order, and do good work heartily, as to the Lord. If you commit your good work unto God, He will order your thoughts towards success. In other words, you will prosper when you work, as though you are working for God directly as your boss, not man. For even greater success, pray with a fervent love for God, which is worship. When you worship, love on God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. The Bible is clear when it says, let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually. Give thanks unto God daily and worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for that is what the Father seeks. 

**Prayer:** *Father I commit my work unto You. You are my true boss. I really work for You. I love You Lord, You are my Jehovah Jireh, my provider, my sustainer, my wisdom, in Whom I trust.*

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**Day 25: Increase Your Faith in God**

Today search for, find and read scriptures concerning what you need today in your life. All scripture was breathed out by God, and are true. When God speaks, things are created. But you must believe. Your believing in the Word is faith. Without faith, it is impossible to please God. Know that He will speak a Word containing your answer. 

**Prayer:** *Father God, as I read Your Bible containing Your Word. I confess Your Word out loud, verbally, back to You. As I hear these scriptures spoken out loud in reference to me, I ask that You speak a specific Word about my situation from Heaven. I believe in You, Father. Like the blind man, I do believe that you are able to do this thing for me, my family, and my church. Now Father, touch my eyes that I may see with faith. Be it unto me according to my faith. Amen.*

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**For I know the thoughts that I think towards you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil. To give you an expected end.**

*Jeremiah 29:11*

**And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men:**

*Colossians 3:23*

**So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God**

*Romans 10:17*
**Day 26: You Haven’t Seen Anything Yet!**

Do you believe that God really is God? Do you believe He supplies all of your needs? Matthew 6:30 (KJV) reminds us that, “But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith.” The truth is that God does much more that that! By praying the Word back to Him, you are sowing the Word back into your future. **Prayer:** Lord, make my feet like deer’s feet to leap over walls and over obstacles in my life. Lord, teach me to lie down in green pastures, as You restore my soul. Lord allow me to suck honey out of the rock and oil out of the flinty rock. The Rock is Christ. The flinty Rock is God the Father, the honey is blessings and the oil is the Holy Spirit. So Father I thank You for all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus. Amen.

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**Day 27: Follow Your Calling**

You are called to be a Prophet by God. You are Victorious in this Jubilee season. You win in this season in the name of Jesus. Speak life as a prophet right now. All things are working together for my good. I activate the word of God in my life. I am the head and not the tail. I am above and not beneath. God, You ordained me to be a great me. I love me. God loves me. The Holy Ghost is working right now to heal me. He gives me wisdom; and the Word of God is working on my behalf. God has me in His hands and I cannot, I will not fail. I am walking in my destiny to exceed in every area of my life. The blessing of the Lord makes me rich and adds no sorrow. **Prayer:** Father, how I love You and believe in Your Word. You knew me from the foundations of the world. I am called by You. I am sanctified by You. Do Your good pleasure for my life. I now see my calling to fulfill Your spoken word over my life. I win in prosperity, I win in health, and I win in You. Amen.

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**Day 28: Give and it Shall be Given...**

You cannot beat God’s giving! No matter how hard you try! Do you know someone who has tried? Before each Sunday, there was a man who would write out his tithe and offering. He received blessings each time—before he could give— but He couldn’t out give God’s supply! Your destiny is tied-up in your giving. Give less. Get less. Give more; get more. But what? No buts. Here is our ‘but!’ “But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:19, KJV) Try Me, God says, in Malachi 3:10. “Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse (His church). That there may be food in My house. Test me now in this, says the Lord of Hosts, ‘if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.’” **Prayer:** Father, as a tither, I am putting You to the test. I will give more. I give more because I love Your precepts. I understand it is more blessed to give than to receive. Lord, I thank You in advance for opening the windows of heaven and pouring out a blessing for my family and I until it overflows in Jesus Name. Amen.
Going Deeper in Strategic Advancement Toward Destiny

Like Joshua, who encountered an Angel of God in battle in Joshua 5:13-15, you will have to talk to your situation. Position your foot hold, stand tall, and say: “The Captain of the Lord’s Army is with me. I did not come to take sides, I came to take over!” Here are some scriptures that the Lord may give you an open door of untold strategies for wealth! Amen

*Take the opportunity each day to search the scriptures for nuggets of wisdom to make your own!*

**Day 22:** Joshua 4:5,6, Jeremiah 3:13-14, Hebrews 12:1

**Day 23:** Jeremiah 29:11, Habakkuk 2:3, Isaiah 55:11

**Day 24:** Genesis 2:13-16, Colossians 3:23-25, Hebrews 13:12-16


**Day 26:** Philippians 4:19, Ephesians 3:20, Psalms 18:33, Deuteronomy 32:13, Matthew 6:30-36

**Day 27:** Romans 8:28-29, Jeremiah 1:5, Isaiah 46:10

Week 5: Victorious Living: Standing Together in Unity

Day 29: Agree to Disagree

Even as Christians we will take different paths on our spiritual journey. Victorious living MUST consist of authentic behavior and transparent dialogue in a loving manner in order to stand in unity. There will be experiences where we will not think or feel the same way about a specific outcome. Does that mean we need to abandon the relationship? No, instead we MUST continue to demonstrate the love of God! Our main focus should be to hold one another accountable by living out the kingdom of God while being obedient to the Holy Spirit. Declaration: We will be victorious as we learn how to deal with others and their differences with the strength of Christ, who dwells in us.

Do two people walk hand in hand if they aren’t going to the same place?

Amos 3:3
Day 30: Be Intentional
To be victorious, we must be intentional about getting to know the people God has placed in our lives. Being intentional implies little more than what one has in mind to do or bring about; or that which is done on purpose. Dealing with others requires us to be willing to accept their imperfections and understand that we have our own as well. We all have strengths, so let that be our focus. Don’t underestimate why God has placed a person in your life—be intentional; search the Lord for their purpose in your life. We all have something to give. We never know how we will need one another, but God knows how to orchestrate the right encounter. Declaration: We will be victorious because we believe God has placed certain people in our lives to make sure we stay on our spiritual journey, because we can’t do it alone.

Day 31: Made to Stand Together
It takes multiple bricks to build a solid foundation. Bricks are made up of clay and shale and heated to a high temperature. All bricks go through the same process, yet not one brick is alike. But it is only when they come together that they find their true purpose. As we stand together in relationships, Victorious living requires the same insight. We all have had our share of life experiences. Even as believers, we must still demonstrate our value to others—and respect the challenge when they pull out our weaknesses! And no matter what we wish to believe, it takes a living, breathing person to bring out our Godly qualities; not a car, a house or even a job! It takes human interaction to grow spiritually. Declaration: We are Victorious because we are thankful for the lessons we continue to learn about ourselves when dealing with others.

Day 32: Watch This!
Christians will make mistakes, but when they do, how should we react? Should we blast our sister or brother in Christ on social media? Or do you meet them where they are - in humility, and help work things out behind closed doors? We are living in an age where the World needs to see how we, the Body of Christ, should operate. Our modus operandi for all Christians should be to demonstrate LOVE towards one another. How would you like others to treat you? WATCH THIS: Today, let’s stand together in unity when dealing with challenges that are literally beyond our control. We know who our Savior is! So let’s start by covering one another in prayer so that we can ALL live a victorious life. Declaration: We are victorious because we will cover our brothers and sisters in prayer. We will be with them ‘side-by-side’ through any storm!
Day 33: United We Stand!
My brothers and sisters it is so good for us to do well together in unity (Psalms 133:1), as one with another in the same house (dwelling-place), as a family unit. So let's look at God's request for us to dwell together - with one another, as an expression of unity. When we operate in obedience to the Word of God, as a unified Body of Believers, God says that we shall experience both the “good” and the “pleasant.” And so our great founders believed that our greater good would be to call ourselves what we desired to be: united! That is, to always be mindful of what we desired to be as a fundamental aspect of what we call ourselves! United—has made America the most powerful nation in the world. Even though America has much work to do correcting the problems that impact its citizens, (such as issues related to equality, justice, fair opportunities, and good healthcare), we stand united and free to work together to right our injustices. This is our dwelling place. To have a complete home we must have all the required rooms to live in—the kitchen, living room and bathroom. If rooms are missing the home is incomplete. Yet when it is complete, we dwell in the goodness of our Lord! Prayer: Lord God, we plead the blood of Jesus over our Nation and we call forth the Spirit of Christian Unity, in Christ Jesus our Lord! Amen!

Day 34: Pray for Me…I’ll Pray for You
In our prayer time 90% of the time you should be praying for others. The other 10% should be for you. This shows us that it is a must to pray for one another - as God called us to do. When we look at James 5:16-17, Jesus asks us to pray for one another and to stand together. It says the effective, fervent prayers of the righteous avails much. So, as one family we must pray for one another side by side, brick-by-brick building a solid foundation in the Kingdom. Declaration: We are a Victorious yet sustainable family unit standing strong together, in Jesus’ Name!

Day 35: ‘One’ is More Than ‘Three’
While the word ‘ONE’ is formed of three letters, it means more than the sum of those letters!

- Only His love will cause the complete process of healing the hearts of the people and the Land.
- Nothing apart, can be accomplished; together everything is built.
- Everyone plays an important part; everyone serves a vital purpose. Every part of the ‘body’ is vital to our existence…the eye, the ear, the nose, the hand, the leg and even the foot.

In the book of John (John 17:20-21), Jesus prays that we will all be one. Jesus who is our brother prayed for us to live in unity. Victorious Living is not just a group of collective words; it is the Word and the Will of God for us to live standing together in unity. Prayer: Father, we stand united in Your Word. Teach us how to walk according to Your ways—according to Your example. Lord make us ONE, Amen.
**Going Deeper in Victorious Living by Standing Together in Unity**

We have to make sure our hearts and minds are aligned to the Word of God. Therefore, we have to constantly pursue righteousness by studying and showing ourselves approved, so we are equipped and prepared to know our part in the Body of Christ and our position on this earth. The Word does works according to His will.

Matthew 18:18-20 demonstrates clearly how we are to stand together in unity for Victorious living. We must trust God’s orchestration of our divine relationships with one another, so that we will know how to stay focused on why we are connected and the fulfillment of the divine assignment. If any part of the body gets out of place, the other parts will ensure its remembered because we represent a whole body. Shifts will happen when we deal with correction because growth is always a part of the process.

This is why communion is taken, so that we can re-member Christ Jesus. Jesus represents the Body of Christ. The Body of Christ is demonstrated by the believers of Christ, therefore we need to expect shifting. We have to be confident with whatever part of the body we are representing and stand together with another for the purpose of the kingdom of God and His righteousness. It’s necessary that we represent the Holy Trinity. They are our example of how to operate as one; we need to aim towards that type of unity. This is how we demonstrate Christ’s love to the world. We should know by now that it’s not about us, but it’s all about Him and making Him known.

We cannot effectively execute the strategies to subdue and have dominion over the Seven Mountains of Influence; if we are not constantly fellowshipping and going before the Lord to look like His body. In order to overcome this world we have to be clear and confident about the Word of God and our part.

*Take the opportunity each day to participate in the activities and scriptures below to enhance your experience!*

**Day 29: Agree to Disagree** – We are a team. Plan to watch the movie “Remember the Titans.” Organize a fellowship to invite others to attend. Then, discuss how this movie is a reflection of our differences and how they had to “Agree to Disagree” in order to stand together in unity. Identify what scriptures were demonstrated in the movie and discuss further. Please share your findings by sending a testimony to morningprayer@newbirth.org, Reflect on Luke 21:19 MSG.

**Day 30: Be Intentional** – Take time to identify and pray over any uneasiness you have been feeling when dealing with people in your life; and ensure your spirit is settled when it comes to all the relationships you are connected with in the Body of Christ and in the world. Meditate on 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 MSG. Listen to Hezekiah Walker’s song, “I Need You to Survive.” Write out what God is speaking to you. Share the details with someone before the Road of Pentecost is over.

**Day 31: Made to Stand Together** – Reflect on the word Re-Member. In order to operate according to the Word of God we have to re-member ourselves. There will be times where we get out of place. But we know He is always there with us. We need to believe we are exactly where we are supposed to be and trust His process regarding the use of our gifts and talents, side by side. We need to be in our place. Meditate on Genesis 2:18 MSG, 1 Corinthians 16:13 MSG and Ephesians 4:12 MSG.

**Day 32: Watch This!** – Reflect on Romans 8:28 and I Peter 5:7. No one said it was going to be easy. In your journal, create two columns and write out the pros and cons regarding the journey you and your church are on. Pray about everything. You are a part of the Body of Christ. What your church represents contributes to a bigger picture in the kingdom in the eyes of God.

**Day 33: United We Stand** – “Teach me Your way O Lord, I will walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your name.” (Psalm 86:1) As we are standing together -as one- holding hands, we must ask God to unite our hearts in Him. So, that our hearts and minds are in the right place to serve each other.

**Day 34: You Pray for me, I Pray for You** – We have to be strong and prepared to fight together as one army against the enemy.

**Day 35: Multiple Letters make up the word ONE** – “Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil” Ephesians 6:10 Reflect on Ephesians 6:10-11.
Day 36: Serving the With Gladness

This Scripture gives us instructions on how to serve the Lord. We are to serve the Lord with gladness! The greatest honor and privilege is to serve the Lord. The infinite list of God’s bountiful blessings of: love, salvation, provisions, protection, health and wealth cannot be matched by our service. However, we can show our gratitude by serving God with the right attitude of gladness. In His presence is fullness of joy that becomes contagious. This will cause others to want to serve God with gladness and Live Victoriously in the Kingdom of God. Prayer: Dear Lord, please forgive me for serving You with an attitude of complacency. Today, with the joy of the Lord being my strength, I commit to serving You with gladness in all that I do.

Serve the Lord with gladness: come before His presence with singing.

Psalm 100:2
Day 37: The Greatest Servant of All
Jesus the Christ is the greatest servant of all time. He came to the earth with the sole purpose to serve. While on earth He served the sick, the broken hearted, raised Lazarus from the dead and washed His disciple’s dirty feet. However, His greatest act of servanthood was His willingness to pay the ransom of our sins by humbling Himself and taking on the horrific brutality of dying on the cross. As John 13:16 states: “Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master.” As servants of the Most High God, serving is not an option for us. We must be about our Father’s business! Prayer: Dear Lord, thank You for being our example of a servant. I ask that You create in me a new passion to serve like You. Amen.

Day 38: Serving: All Lives Matter
In these scriptures, Jesus is making a powerful statement that it is our responsibility to love and serve all people, especially our less fortunate brothers and sisters. We have been blessed with more than enough to share with the hungry, naked, those imprisoned and sick. Many years ago, the late great Apostle Eddie L. Long taught us: “You never see an apple tree eating its own apples. We are blessed to be a blessing.” Today, I challenge you to Love, Lead and Live like Christ by donating food or clothes to someone in need or to a local homeless shelter. Prayer: Dear Lord, thank You for my abundant blessings! Forgive me for ignoring those in need and not sharing my blessings. Please help me to be intentional in being a conduit of Your blessings. Amen.

Day 39: The Ultimate Selfless Servant
Jesus showed us how to dedicate our lives to the selfless goal of serving others. That includes, building the church, training a team, demonstrating the Word, pointing the way, and many other acts. He saved us through the most important act – dying on the cross and bringing the kingdom of God to the earth, He fulfilled His purpose of being on planet Earth. Although, the world embraces the thought, "So what's in it for me," we as Saints, should instead transform that thought into "What's in it for the Lord's Kingdom?" Or said another way, will He, Jesus Christ, be satisfied or pleased with our serving? We already know what's in it for us: eternal life, blessings for generations and internal peace just to name a few! So, let’s begin to serve at another level of excellence, heart and dedication. Prayer: Dear Lord, thank You for showing us the real way to the top - by dedicating our lives to serving others and taking care of the responsibilities You have bestowed upon us.


**Day 40: Sacrificial Living**

We sacrifice our lives for the development and enhancement of our children's lives when we are in God's order. In the same way, Jesus sacrificed Himself for the lives of His people as He carried our sins to the cross. In Philippians 2:3-4 we are told: "... Let each of you look out not only for yourself, but also for the interest of others." Even the miracles He performed were not for Himself, but were instead to save the multitude, by glorifying the Father and pointing the way to salvation. Our daily prayer should be centered on equipping one's self to be an available tool in the Hands of the Father. **Prayer: Heavenly Father, You have shown us how to give ourselves as a sacrificial offering to You and Your Kingdom. Help us to walk in it day-by-day. Amen**

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**Day 41: Victorious Home**

Victory at home is the *source of life* for the next generation. This is important because the home is the favorite place for the enemy to strike. In fact, the strategy the enemy uses is based upon the intention of destroying the home. If he can destroy the home, then he can destroy the family – for generations to come. That’s why our marriages are so critical to setting the standard, because marriage and family were God's first institution created for sustaining and enhancing our lives. Victory at home manifests when harmony exists between the husband and the wife. A successful marriage means that this victory is extended into the next generation to use as a pattern for sustaining Godly lives and establishing a strong foundation for future generations. **Prayer: Heavenly Father, help us to see that the words of our mouths and meditations of our hearts truly matter when it comes to our families. That the power of life and death really stems from the words that come out of our mouths. Please let our words be uplifting and life-giving. We pray for our successful families to set the foundation of our future victories in Christ Jesus, Amen.**

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**Day 42: Legacy of Selflessness**

Jesus demonstrated the legacy of selflessness beginning with His 12 disciples. Just as a little leavening leavens the whole lump or a mustard seed grows into a mighty tree, with His acts of selfless service He ignited an entire movement, building His Church with some 3,000 believers joining with the disciples in one day - to the over 2.3 billion estimated worldwide now! Selfless service can win the hearts of mankind even today- extending the Kingdom of God for victory over the enemy. We can establish a legacy of selfless service even where we are today in our own families and communities. Through our acts of selflessness, generations to come will continue in the Faith because the foundation was laid; benefits of selfless service will be demonstrated; and victory has been won over the enemy. So indeed, a legacy of selflessness matters generationally. **Prayer: Dear Lord, Thank You for opening our eyes to Your lamp unto our feet that where we step, there is a younger one stepping in the same footsteps right behind us. The path we trod is a path of victory!! Amen**
Going Deeper as We Serving Others Selflessly

Jesus reminds us throughout the Bible, the importance and magnitude of serving others. The benefits of serving are greater for the servant than the one being served. As a matter of fact, Psychologists and Counselors all over the world have aligned themselves with this biblical principle. When a person comes to them depressed, they readily give them assignments to go out and serve others. As you live your victorious life, you must constantly ask yourself a few questions:

- “Who Am I Serving?”
- “Why Am I Serving In This Capacity?”
- “Am I Serving With The Right Attitude?”

Take the opportunity each day to search the scriptures for nuggets of wisdom to make your own!

Day 36: Nehemiah 8:10 – “...Do not sorrow, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.” Yes! It takes strength to serve others. Many times you may feel unnoticed and unappreciated for your service. Keep Serving! Serve With Gladness! Remember that your service is for the Glory of God. (1 Corinthians 10:31)

Day 37: John 13:1-10 – Jesus is our ultimate example of servitude. In these scriptures, Jesus, with love in His heart for His Disciples and knowing that it was time for Him to go to the cross, humbled himself to serve them in one of the lowest capacities of the culture of that time...JESUS washed their feet! When it comes to serving God and His people, there should be no assignment or job that is too low for us to complete.

Day 38: Luke 22:24-27 – As Jesus is explaining to His Disciples His imminent betrayal, an argument breaks out among the Disciples regarding who would be the greatest among them. With these scriptures, Jesus vividly teaches the principle of the Kingdom - that if you want to be great, then serve.

Day 39: Matthew 5:12; Matthew 10:41-42 – Everything that you do for God has a direct reward and God is faithful to perform His Word and His Will. God will not owe us anything! Even the smallest act of kindness or seed sown for the kingdom of God will sprout up greater than you can imagine.

Day 40: Philippians 2: 4-11 – Jesus sacrificed it all to come to earth to save humankind. He selflessly came to earth to die and save us. He is our example of esteeming others higher than ourselves!

Day 41: Joshua 24:14-15 – The prescription for Victorious living in the home is simply...SERVE The LORD! A Victorious home places God first and is filled with prayer, love and appreciation for each member of the household.

Day 42: Deuteronomy 11:18-32 – A true and lasting legacy can only be built upon the Word of GOD. His commandments must be revered and observed throughout all generations to live a Victorious life!
Day 43: Showing God’s Kingdom
If we are to be successful in any area of life, we must have a clear understanding about what our priorities are. Jesus instructs us that our first priority should be the kingdom of God. We must understand that the kingdom is not a religion, but a governing impact of a king’s will over a territory or a domain. It is the king’s influence over a people. The kingdom of God is established by the ultimate authority: Elohim, creator of heaven and earth. Jesus says when we give priority to what the Father gives priority to, everything else falls into place. If we are to have influence in the earth realm it must begin in the heavenly realm, not seeking our own will, but working to accomplish the Kingdom of God’s reign and rulership here on earth. As we fulfil the command to disciple nations, it can’t be by our words alone, we must become living demonstrations of how to operate in the Kingdom of God. We must show the world how to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly before our God (Micah 6:8). Declaration: We declare that our first priority in all areas of our lives is to seek the Kingdom of God and to live righteously. We are living demonstrations of how to operate in the Kingdom of God here on earth. We will show the world how to be a demonstration of justice, love and mercy as we walk humbly before God our Father, in the Mighty Name of Jesus! Amen

Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

Matthew 6:33
Day 44: Reflecting His Image in the Earth

When God decided to extend His Kingdom reign and rulership into the earth, He started by establishing the family unit. Genesis 1:27 says He created them male and female to be a reflection of His Image. The world desperately needs to see and understand covenant relationships in action. Our world is changing, but God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. If we are to show the world what a Kingdom Family looks like, we must be living demonstrations of speaking and living the truth in love. Husbands must love their wives as their own bodies, and wives must respect their husbands. Our children must not be provoked to anger, but raised in reverence and respect. Declaration: We call our families back into the Divine order of God. We declare and decree that we will reflect God’s image here on earth. We will be in God’s Divine order by loving our wives, respecting our husbands and by not provoking our kids to anger, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Day 45: Doing Business Until He Returns

Most of us are familiar with the parable in Luke 19, in which the servants were given minas or money (3-month’s wages per person) to go and do business in the marketplace on their lord’s behalf - with their earnings going back to their lord. We, like the servants are expected to go into the business world using what our Lord has given us. We are to do business in a manner that reflects God’s Kingdom Principles. Doing business in a manner that reflects the character, integrity and high moral standards that Kingdom living requires. We go into the marketplace not just to make a living, but to be a living demonstration of the Kingdom of God. If we are business owners, we influence our employees and the communities and clientele we serve. We impact the Kingdom by bringing the fruit of our labor into the House of God - supporting the mission of expanding Kingdom rule and reign on earth. Prayer: Father God, thank You for the opportunity to be in the marketplace. Help us to influence every life that we will have the opportunity to come into contact with by reflecting Kingdom Principles until You return, in Jesus Name, Amen.

Day 46: Influencing Government

Sometimes while we are in a moment of meditation there are other influences trying to get our attention – they may even try to make us think they are too big to be handled. Habakkuk 3:19 reminds us that God IS, He is our Rock, our Strength, our Power; and it is He who makes our way perfect. God makes our feet like the feet of deer. Why deer feet? Because, deer have great leaping ability. Deer are able to jump 8 feet into the air! And just like the feet of deer can be set on high places: SO IT IS FOR US!!! So, let’s ask ourselves who is greater than the Kingdom, Authority and Power we already have? Now Really...Who IS? No one but GOD! Declaration: We declare and decree that we have great leaping ability over every obstacle that tries to distract our time with You. We declare and decree that we are focused on our high place of Kingdom Authority and Power! AND IT IS SO!

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**So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.**

*Genesis 1:27*

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**So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them, 'Do business till I come.'**

*Luke 19:13*

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**“And the government shall be upon his shoulders”**

*Isaiah 9:6*
Day 47: Influencing Education

In 1963, the United States Supreme Court ruled that schools could no longer require students to pray. Spiritually, this was the tipping point in our educational system. Even so, it was truly impossible to completely remove prayer from schools as long as Kingdom Citizens were and are a part of our educational system. Currently, teachers and administrators are restricted from any formal religious instruction, but they still influence the system through the presence of the Holy Spirit. This means that Spirit filled men and women can affect the cultural mountain of education without ever praying publicly. The Spirit-filled person’s life speaks volumes—without ever uttering a word! And while public prayer may be forbidden, private prayer is not! Prayer: Father we thank You for The Holy Spirit Who dwells in us and we pray that the students, teachers, principals, counselors, clerks, nurses, administrators, school council members, custodians, and other staff members in our schools are Spirit-filled believers who demonstrate the Kingdom. We will pray without ceasing for all those who have contact with our students, in Jesus’ name. Amen!

Day 48: Influencing Arts & Entertainment

Few things impact our culture more than Arts and Entertainment. Hollywood’s influence is felt around the world, setting the tone that shapes and dominates the accepted cultural norms. At the same time, Christianity has become a sub-culture that is more often known by what we don’t like rather than what we actually believe. We have failed to effectively deliver our message in a manner that is consistent with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Jesus modeled love and mercy seeking to change the hearts of people—before expecting to see change in their behavior. We must be like the sons of Issachar, understanding the times and knowing what to do to impact the culture. We must engage first rather than protesting first; we must develop genuine and caring relationships with decision makers. We must use our influence in subtle but powerful ways to be able to impact, transform and dominate the culture. Declaration: We declare that we will develop genuine and caring relationships with those who are decision makers. We will influence the arts and entertainment world by subtle but powerful ways that permanently transform the culture. In Jesus name. Amen

Day 49: Influencing Media

Per Author Oz Hillman, one of our first acts required to begin reclaiming the media sector is to repent as believers. Believers in the national media must repent on behalf of the larger media industry. Repentance by those who are reporting a worldview focusing on a humanistic foundation without the reverence of God's role in society is essential. We must repent of for propagating fear and inaccurate reportings about people and situations. We must have representatives at a national level willing to stand up for righteousness when they are confronted with bowing down to the god of power and influence that contradicts what is morally sound. Yet, we must also follow Jesus' instructions to live as sheep among wolves and be wise as serpents and harmless as doves (Matt 10:16-20). This is not an easy assignment in such a pressure packed industry, but we have come to the kingdom for such a time as this. Prayer: Thank You Father for making me a person of influence. Open my eyes to the ways I may use this influence for the advancement of Your Kingdom! Amen
As we go deeper into being agents of change who have influence in the earth by first starting in the heavenly realm, we must do as Jesus instructed in Matthew 22, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind,” He says. “This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.” We need to love God with everything, holding nothing back, bringing the Kingdom of heaven to the earth. God designed us to love Him by loving others. In John 13:35, Jesus said “...By this everyone will know that you are my disciples...if you love one another.” Following God is totally supposed to change the way we do everything else. If you love God with all your heart and soul and mind, you will love Him in the way you serve your family, the way you do business until He returns, the way you build friendships, and the way you stand up for righteousness in government. God wants to be the substance of every part - the reason behind every choice you make. Whether you’re singing a worship song or running for office, God wants His kingdom to be your ultimate goal. As Paul says in 1 Corinthians 10:31: “So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.” Give Him everything. We should have passion for the Kingdom of God.

**Take the opportunity to search the scriptures to show God’s Kingdom to the world!**

**Day 43: Mark 10:14-15 Entering God’s Kingdom.** We must be like a child to enter into the Kingdom of God, meaning that like a child, we must be humble, repentant, and teachable. We must be willing to learn so we can teach others, standing side by side.

**Day 44: Daniel 1:8-9 Kingdom Parents teach obedience to their children.** We all pray for favor, compassion, and blessings. But when we do not give our kids the proper formula for receiving this great favor, we are not imparting into them the foundation of the kingdom life. In raising kingdom kids, always remember that Daniel had to make up his mind, then act on it before God responded.

**Day 45: Luke 13:18 Kingdom business** should invade every area and eventually take over every realm. We are to make money while expanding and branching out into our communities with services and products that enable the world to see His Kingdom established in the business realm.

**Day 46: Proverbs 29:2 Influencing Government:** Government policies can allow behavior, restrict behavior or promote behavior. To show God’s Kingdom through government, we should care whether those in charge are promoting human prosperity or human misery, whether they are restricting evil or restricting good.

**Day 47: Isaiah 54:13 Influencing Education:** As we influence the mountain of education, we must educate in all areas - physical, intellectual and moral. We need a complete culture - the development of the whole man needs teaching and the impartation of truth. It is not God’s will that man remain in ignorance. This teaching shall result in enlightenment to live a Victorious life.

**Day 48: Proverbs 16:3 Arts and Entertainment:** God wants His Kingdom expressed completely through the lives of His people.

**Day 49: Romans 12:1-2 Media** – We can influence the media by our refusal to conform to the world. However, we must go even deeper than the level of behavior and customs – it must be firmly imbedded into our minds to influence others.
Victorious at Pentecost

Day 50: You Have the Power!
Well, today is Pentecost Sunday! We made it! Today is the time to celebrate! Yes it is a glorious time in the Kingdom of God, because on this day, a couple of thousand years ago—we received power from Heaven! What kind of power? Great and glorious power! Power to do what you ask? The power to witness Christ!

Hmmmm, still not that excited? Perhaps that’s the challenge of the age that we live in? We live in an age where so many—including Christians—operate each day under the false impression that we can do much on our own—apart from God! All we need is enough belief in ourselves (intellect) and enough money in our pocket and there is nothing that we cannot do! The sad thing is that the apparent success that they have is supposed to indicate that all is well even though they are operating in contradiction to the Word of God. (Matthew 6:33). This is sadly one of the greatest acts of guile by the enemy.

That is, the enemy always shows us another way—a way that is never God’s chosen way. And in that, we allow our focus to be on the wrong things—the things that are nice for a season—but don’t move us closer to the Heart and Will of our Lord and Savior. It causes us to lose sight of the fact that the things of God are eternal—but the things of man are fleeting. (2 Corinthians 4:18).

So, what about this “power to witness Christ?” The power to witness Christ allows us to do a couple of things that align us with the Will of Christ. First, the Power equips us supernaturally to move just as Christ did. To go into all the earth and make disciples, teaching the plan of God for Man. (Matthew 28:19-20). Second, that Power was also to do greater things in the earth than Christ did—all available to draw Men back to God!

This whole thought of “power” might still not sound like a big deal—but it is! This power also allows us to stand in the “evil day.” It allows us to overcome trials and tribulations; it allows us to fall down—and get back up again! It is the power to teach the Word of God; to preach the Word of God; to cancel curses and perform miracles in the Name of Jesus Christ! To speak to sickness and to death; to hopelessness and to suffering; and to call that which is out of order—back into order!

The only thing that could give us pause to celebrate right now—would be if we were not tapping into that power—because we aren’t doing the work of the Lord. So let’s make a point to first, join in the great celebration of Pentecost today! And then, from this moment on, begin to step out into the greater Work of the Lord. You don’t have to be a great preacher—or teacher to just let God use you to be a witness for Christ...after all, you have the power!

Going Deeper
The reminder that we have the power is important because it gives us all the opportunity to get a little kick in the pants. Why? Because, very few of us are in the position to think that we have nothing more to give or do for the cause of Christ. So, today we encourage you to take an assessment of where you are. Reflect on if you are tapping into the fullness of what God desires you to do? Often we get hung up on what we have need of before we are willing to allow God to use us fully. The truth is that it really only takes obedience and a willing heart to be instrumental in the Kingdom of God. Believe! When you do it with your heart in the right posture, it will always be more of God...than it is of you! Be strong in The Lord and let's advance the Kingdom of God!

Day 50: Acts 1:8; II Corinthians 4:18; Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 2:17-21; John 14:12