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As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty

Matthew 13:23



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Praise God for using us to bring glory to His name. The purpose of this book, "SEED & SOIL", is reflected in it's title—to help both the readers and all those involved in its creation become deeply rooted in His Word. Our aim is to cultivate hearts that are good soil, allowing us to be firmly planted in Christ, grow in Him, and bear fruit for His kingdom.

As Jesus calls us to be new creations in Him, our first goal is to be transformed by His love and grace. In turn, we hope to help others experience that transformation as well, becoming new creations for His glory.

If you read through our daily devotions, you'll notice the diverse involvement of people. This reminds us that God can use anyone, regardless of age or background. If He can work through us, He can certainly work through you. So, don't hide the gifts and talents God has entrusted to you—use them for His kingdom. Let's leave behind our old ways and become new vessels for His glory.

We humbly ask for your prayers as we continue this journey.

Let His Name Alone Be Glorified.!!

1 February 2025 - Saturday

"Are You The One?"

The Bible says, ***"You shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free."*** As believers, we know what is right and wrong, yet we often fail despite our best intentions. We decide not to lie or indulge in things that displease God, but eventually, we falter—sometimes thinking no one sees.

However, ***Psalm 53:2-3*** reminds us that ***2 God looks down from heaven on all mankind to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God. 3 Everyone has turned away, all have become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one.***

Many times, we fail to understand **God and His purpose**. As a loving Father, He longs for us to truly know and seek Him. When we understand Him, our actions align with His will. Our hearts are like soil—whatever we see and hear takes root in us. If we fill ourselves with God's Word, we become firmly planted in Him. **But if we chase worldly desires, our hearts harden.**

As this month begins, let us pursue true love by seeking God wholeheartedly. When we do, His truth will set us free from everything that hinders our growth in Him.

2 February 2025 - Sunday

"Are We Ready"

1 John 2:2 ***And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.***

There are times when you and I have made some mistakes in life, and it makes us feel that we have gone too far for Jesus to forgive us or even the fact that we can ever get back to Him. **Will He accept me as His own again?** And we wallow about in our negative thoughts and the lies of the enemy until every ray of hope is gone! Feeling hopeless and unredeemable!

This is the time to take His Word and remind ourselves of what Jesus said," in ***"Luke 5:32, I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance,*** and that He came exactly to ***save His people from their sins*** - Matthew 1:21.

And He didn't come just to save me and you, **but the whole world!** There are many people in the world who, because of the effects of sin and their own sinful habits, think that they are the most hopeless case. **Are we ready** to go out to them with this good news of Jesus wanting to save them as well?

But first, let's receive His message for ourselves so we can share this truth with others also.

3 February 2025 - Monday

"Engrafted in Christ"

John 15:4 ***"Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me."***

During school days, we likely learned about grafting in science class. Grafting, a vegetative propagation technique, joins two plants into one. The shoot (scion) of a desired plant is cut at a sharp angle and sealed to the rootstock of another plant using grafting wax.

In our spiritual lives, we are called to be **grafted onto Christ.** Life often brings sharp cuts—through others' words or actions, or the choices we make to cut off sinful habits. These moments **allow us to unite with Christ**. To grow and thrive as one with Him, we need the "grafting wax"—the Word of God—to bind us securely.

Missionary Geraldine Taylor said, "There are not two Christs—an easy-going one for easy-going Christians and a suffering, toiling one for exceptional believers. There is only **one Christ**. Are you willing to abide in Him and thus bear much fruit?"

This challenges us: in both easy and difficult times, **are we willing to remain in Christ?** Let us reflect, pray, and commit to the Spirit's call to stay grafted onto Christ, bearing fruit for Him.

4 February 2025 - Tuesday

"He Receives us With an Open Arm"

Many wonder, "Will God accept me as I am?" or "Am I worthy of His forgiveness?" The Blunt answer is yes. In **Luke 15:11-24** talks about **the parable of the Prodigal son**. The younger son, having received his inheritance, went far away and lived recklessly. When he became broke, he repented and returned to his father, who, to his surprise, welcomed him with the same love and affection.

You might think you are not worthy enough to return to God like The Prodigal son, but we can see in **verse 20: *"And he rose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion and ran and embraced him and kissed him."*** He eagerly waits for our return. The Prodigal Son's father welcomed him with abundant love, despite his mistakes. Similarly, our Heavenly Father embraces us with great love and the best He has planned for our lives.

The Almighty is always ready to receive us, but the question is 'Are we ready to get back to Him, leaving all the guilt of sinning against Him?'. **Throw away the guilt that stops you from getting back to your Father.**

Let's take a moment to pray and confess all our sins and return to our Father who is still waiting to embrace us with the unimaginable love we have ever seen.

5 February 2025 - Wednesday

"Abba Father: The Covenant of Grace"

Jonathan made a covenant with David **because he loved him deeply**, like his own soul. After Saul and Jonathan died, David became king. Jonathan's son, Mephibosheth, crippled and fearing retaliation, lived in Lo-debar, a place of isolation. David, remembering his covenant with Jonathan, asked if any of his family remained. He learned of Mephibosheth and sent for him. Expecting punishment, Mephibosheth was astonished when David said, "I'm restoring your inheritance. ***Dine at my table and be like my son."*** David explained, "It's not because of anything you've done, but because of the covenant with your father." From then on, Mephibosheth dined at the king's table as one of his sons.

Like Mephibosheth, we live in fear and isolation, ***but Jesus made an unbreakable blood covenant with humanity.*** Through His scars, God redeems us, making us heirs with Christ and inviting us to His table as His sons and daughters.

So, don't be afraid. Despite any fear or mistakes, remember God's love. Look to the scars of Jesus, return to Him, and draw near to the throne of grace, our **"Abba Father".**

"Not By Might, But By My Spirit"

Zechariah 4:6 says, *"Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit,"* a reminder that our strength does not come from our own efforts, but from the Spirit of the Lord. When we walk in His Spirit, we can conquer the challenges and struggles of this world, and do things that will marvel others.

Samson, chosen by God to save the Israelites, was given specific instructions from birth, including prohibitions on wine, unclean food, and never cutting his hair. These rules **set him apart for God's work**. However, when his hair was shaved, the Spirit of the Lord left him. In Judges 16:17, Samson mistakenly believed his strength was in his hair, not in God. But in ***Judges 16:28, when he prayed, "O Lord God, please strengthen me only this once," God's power returned, and Samson defeated the Philistines.***

Like Samson, we often place our trust in things like careers, degrees, or money, thinking they will secure our future. **But true strength and peace come only from God**.

Let's shift our focus back to Him—casting our burdens on Him, submitting each day to His guidance, and trusting the Holy Spirit. When we rely on God, we will experience peace and walk in His wonders.

"Returning to God's Embrace"

In Isaiah 62:4, God declares, ***"No longer will they call you Deserted, or name your land Desolate. But you will be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; for the Lord will take delight in you, and your land will be married."***

The book of Isaiah highlights the repeated sin of the people of Israel. Despite all of God's warnings, they had turned away from Him. God had even declared that He would destroy them for their sins, yet He did not. In their fear and shame, the people were reluctant to return to God, thinking He would reject them and no longer provide for them. ***But when they confessed their sins, God delighted in them and welcomed them back with love, like a husband who lovingly accepts his wife.***

Proverbs 28:13 affirms this truth: ***"Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy."*** How often are we like the Israelites? We sin, and our shame makes us afraid to approach the Lord. But just as God welcomed Israel back, He is waiting for us with open arms, ready to love us once more.

Let us come to Him with a heart of repentance, confessing our sins and renouncing them, knowing that He will show mercy and restore us.

8 February 2025 - Saturday

“Time to Give It to Him”

Matthew 11:25-30 *In t*his passage in the Bible is often referred to as ***"The Father Revealed in the Son.”***

As I reflect on verse 25, it reminds me of our present generation, where many young people are being drawn closer to God and receiving visions and understanding of Him. It almost feels like God has given a special "golden ticket" of understanding to the children. Verse 26 affirms that it pleases the Father when this happens.

In verse 27, Jesus describes the deep relationship between the Heavenly Father and the Son. He also shares that the Father has chosen certain people to whom He will reveal Himself. Are you one of them? **Do you desire to be one of them?** Of course, we all do. The answer is simple—give all the burdens you are carrying on your shoulders to Him. It's that simple!

And the best part? God offers us rest and peace in return. In verse 29, Jesus invites us to learn from Him, to find rest by embracing His gentleness and humility in bearing our burdens. Verse 30 reassures us that His yoke is easy and His burden is light.

We often carry heavy burdens in our daily lives. **But it’s time to give them to Him** and take a moment of rest. God will work on your behalf—there is no doubt about it!

"Jehovah Jireh"

Worry is a mental struggle, giving way to anxiety and troubled thoughts. How many times have we found ourselves worrying about various things in our daily lives–food, clothing, relationships, money, or careers? ***In this world, there is always something to worry about.***

Have you watched a sunset, breathed fresh morning air, or admired grazing cattle? The Creator provides for all of this! ***Are we not more valuable than birds, cattle, or lilies? They neither toil nor spin, yet God feeds and clothes them***. In seasons of lack, it's easy to worry but harder to trust in His faithfulness. Trials test us but also plant seeds of faith.

Jesus asks, ***"O you of little faith," reminding us to trust Him***. If we rely on earthly parents to provide, how much more will our Heavenly Father, who knows our needs, care for us? Jesus said, ***"Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."*** The word "first" emphasizes priority and trust. While it's tempting to worry in mundane moments, true strength lies in trusting **"Jehovah Jireh," our Provider**.

Take heart–He is faithful. Let us not worry about tomorrow, for each day has enough trouble of its own. Instead, place your faith in the One who never fails.

10 February 2025 - Monday

"Loving Without Expectation"

It is easier to be kind to someone who can do something for you in return, isn't it? The teacher who gives us good grades. The grandparents who give us generous gifts. But what about those who can never repay you?

In 2 Samuel 9:1-8, **David showed extraordinary kindness to Mephibosheth**, who could never repay him—everything Mephibosheth had came from David. And Jonathan could never repay David, as he had died years before.

The Bible says, ***"But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and to the evil."*** **(Luke 6:35)**

As followers of Christ, **we are called to imitate God's kindness** by loving our enemies and expecting nothing in return. It's easy to be kind to those who can benefit us, but we should also love those who cannot repay us. Jonathan's kindness to David was repaid through his son, Mephibosheth.

Let us pray and ask Him to give us a heart to love others without any expectations, just as Jesus demonstrated on the cross.

"Pains for His Plans"

Hannah was not alone. She was deeply loved by her husband, Elkanah. He always gave her a double share of the meat, even though his other wife, Peninnah, and her children were present. **Hannah received all the comfort, love, and care from Elkanah**. She was in his comfort zone. But that was not God's purpose. The Lord had shut her womb and allowed Peninnah to provoke her year after year, causing Hannah to become upset and cry out in the Lord's presence. **This led her to dedicate her son to the Lord's service.**

Do you think Hannah would have done this if her womb hadn't been shut or if Peninnah had treated her with love and kindness? In the end, Hannah rejoiced in the Lord and said, ***"My heart rejoices in the Lord; in the Lord, my horn is lifted high. My mouth boasts over my enemies, for I delight in your deliverance."*** **(1 Samuel 2:1)**

When God has bigger plans for us, He allows bitterness, pain, and suffering to intervene in our journey. But always remember that the **Lord is with us even in these times of trouble**. He is shaping us for the bigger plan, and each step we take is under His control. **Rejoice in your troubles, and remember that God is in control.**

"Surrendering to God's Perfect Plan"

Everyone has plans–plans for life, school, work, and many other aspects of life. But have we ever given **thought to God's plan?** In this life, our plans might seem like the best. We might think we have it all figured out. But when have we truly surrendered to God's plan for our lives?

God says, ***"For I know the plans I have for you,"* declares the Lord, *"plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future."* (Jeremiah 29:11)**

God already has a plan for us, and it is the best plan. He knows what we need, and He orchestrates the events in our lives, the people we meet, the opportunities we receive–all according to His perfect wisdom.

At times, God's plan may not seem right to us. We may think we know better than God's will, and we may have the pride to question His plans.

My brothers and sisters, let us pray that all such thoughts are cast away and that **our minds are filled with thoughts of the heavenly purpose, for that is our calling in this world.** Furthermore, let us pray for God's plan to unfold in our lives, for it is the best plan.

13 February 2025 - Thursday

"In HIS Love"

Romans 8:35, 37 says, ***"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ... No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us."***

When you walk with God and are His child, you may fear trials or be experiencing them now.

However, you must consider this truth: **you are more than a conqueror in Him who has loved you.** The Lord's love overcomes all things. It outlasts every foe that seeks to rule you, lure you away, and destroy you. **His love is greater than all destructive forces**. It protects, nurtures, and produces victory when we rely on it.

You shall conquer when you have Him who loved you, loves you, and will continue to love you. Trust in His love, not in your own strength, to finish the faith He started and the life He gives.

14 February 2025 - Friday

"The True Love Story"

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth (Genesis 1:1). He made Adam and Eve in His image, but their disobedience separated them from His presence. Yet, **God did not abandon humanity**. From **Adam to us**, His eyes have always been upon us, longing for our return.

When humanity's wickedness grieved Him, God chose to destroy the earth but **Noah** found favor. He instructed Noah to build an ark, saving him and his family. Afterward, God made a covenant with Noah, symbolized by the rainbow, promising never to destroy the earth with water again.

When He judged Sodom and Gomorrah for their sin. The Lord made a covenant with **Abraham**, promising to bless his descendants. Later, when **Joseph** was sold into Egypt, God used him to deliver His people at the right time.

Despite humanity's failures, God's love never wavered. **In His ultimate act of Love**, He sent His Son, Jesus, to save us from sin and offer eternal life. Our role is to ***accept Jesus as our Savior, turn from our old ways, and follow Him.***

Jesus, like a lover longing for His beloved, waits for us to accept His invitation. Let us repent and turn to Him, ensuring our names are written in the **Book of Life** to live with Him forever.

15 February 2025 - Saturday

"Victory Over Temptation"

Trials and temptations can be obstacles in any believer's life, especially when we have a strong relationship with God. Satan often brings trials and temptations to make us falter in our spiritual journey. ***More often than we realize, we give in to these temptations, which disrupt our relationship with God.***

Many times, we try to overcome sin ***by our own willpower, but we fail miserably.*** But why does this happen, and how can we overcome temptations? **Matthew 26:41** says, "***Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.***"

When we read **Matthew 4**, we see that Jesus, when tempted, used the Word of God to overcome Satan. The answer, then, is **prayer and the Word of God.** In **1 Corinthians 10:13** says, ***"No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can endure it."***

Therefore, when we try to overcome temptations on our own, we fail. But when we commit ourselves to God through prayer and His Word, He will provide a way for us to endure, because of His faithfulness and steadfast love toward us.

16 February 2025 - Sunday

“Trusting God's plan”

Ecclesiastes 7:10 reminds us: ***"Say not, ‘Why were the former days better than these?’ For it is not from wisdom that you ask this.”***

When life pulls us down, **we might be tempted to think the past was better and dwell on it**. However, dwelling on the past can **block us and blind us** to God’s plan for our future.

Paul encourages us in **Philippians 3:13-14** to ***“forget those things which are behind and reach forward to what lies ahead.”*** This doesn’t mean completely ignoring the past, but rather learning from it without allowing it to hold us back.

At times, **God removes things from our lives to lead us toward something far better.** If we continue to long for what God has taken away, **we risk missing out on the blessings He has prepared for us**. Instead, let us look forward with hope and faith, trusting in God’s favour.

Don’t turn back. Hold fast to God’s plan, live in the present, and pray for the future He has promised.

17 February 2025 - Monday

“Calm in the Storm”

One of Jesus' most well-known moments is **calming the storm**. As a sudden storm terrified the disciples, they panicked while Jesus slept peacefully. Instead of trusting His presence, they let fear take over and begged Him to act. After calming the storm, Jesus gently asked, “Why are you afraid?” reminding them to trust His power and faithfulness.

The disciples knew Jesus was with them but didn’t fully grasp His power. He was their strength, provider, protector, healer, and source of peace. **The same God who calmed their storm is with us today**. No matter what storm you face, Jesus is near, enduring every moment alongside you.

Jesus was, is, and will always be. He was there at the beginning of time, and He will be there at the end of it. He has witnessed every event in human history, and He has never forsaken anyone who cries out to Him and trusts in Him. Nothing is impossible for God, and His character remains unchanging. **He is for you, not against you—that’s why you have nothing to fear.**

That is why today, you can make **Isaiah 41:13** your personal promise: ***"For I am the LORD your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you."***

18 February 2025 - Tuesday

"Family -God's Greatest Masterpiece"

Family is a precious gift from God, providing a foundation of love, support, and companionship. The greatest relationship you can have is a personal walk with Jesus - **He is a father to the fatherless, and He will never leave you nor forsake you.**

Proverbs 22:6 says, ***"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it."*** It reminds us of the vital role parents play in shaping the lives and character of their children. It encourages parents to impart godly values, teachings, and guidance, with the assurance that it will have a lasting impact on their children's lives.

The Bible emphasises the importance of nurturing family relationships, highlighting the value of unity, love, and honouring God within our homes. By prioritising our families and fostering bonds rooted in grace and faith, we align with God's design and leave a lasting legacy of love for future generations.

Let this verse inspire us to make faith an integral part of our lives, passing on devotion and obedience to God as a heritage.

“Unfailing Presence in Every Season”

Joshua 1:5 says, ***"No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.”***

This powerful promise from God speaks to **His unwavering presence and faithfulness**. Joshua was about to lead the Israelites into the Promised Land–an intimidating task. Yet, God reassured him that, just as He had been with Moses, He would be with Joshua every step of the way through each challenge.

This verse reminds us that **God's presence is not temporary or conditional.** He is committed to being with us in every season of life–through moments of victory and in times of struggle. When we face uncertainties or overwhelming tasks, we can take comfort in the truth that **God will never leave or forsake us**. His faithfulness is constant.

So, let’s have faith and trust in Jesus, and start our day with prayer. Just as He was with Moses and Joshua, He is with us now.

20 February 2025 - Thursday

"Doing Good With Patience"

Galatians 6:9, the apostle Paul says, ***"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."*** We need to wait on the Lord and not become disheartened by our circumstances.

In a world of instant gratification, where services like Swiggy and Zomato deliver quickly. But, patience is needed in our spiritual lives. Our walk with God requires time, trust, and waiting on Him. When we go through tough times, we often feel that God has forgotten us, especially if we don't see His work in the immediate future. But **Deuteronomy 31:6** reminds us: ***"God will never leave nor forsake His children."***

As children of God, we are called to trust Him and continue doing good, even when results are not immediate. Take Joseph, a man of integrity, who faced unjust punishment and imprisonment. Despite his discouragement, **he waited on the Lord with unwavering hope.** In time, Joseph was not only freed but elevated to rule the land.

Do we feel forgotten by God in tough times? Can we overcome those feelings by patiently trusting Him and persevering in good works?

21 February 2025 - Friday

“Saying ‘No’ to the World, ‘Yes’ to God”

Titus 2:12*"It teaches us to say ‘No’ to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in this present age.”* The phrase **“in this present age”** from this verse made me reflect on how challenging it must have been for God’s children even during Paul’s time to overcome temptations, adhere to His ways, and walk by faith rather than by the fleeting sights of the world around them.

In our present age, filled with judgment and distractions at every turn, the decision to stand firm for His Word, no matter what the world says, is even more critical. Far too often, we get lost in the sin of the world, fearing rejection–whether by friends, colleagues, or even family.

How often do we pause to consider **the ultimate "end game"–His return?** Instead of seeking worldly acceptance, let’s focus on being faithful servants of our Creator. Rejection, hatred, and ridicule may come, but the choice is ours: ***fall for Satan's schemes or stand firm in faith, free from guilt.***

Remember, the world hated Jesus before it hated you. Stand strong–you are called to something greater.

22 February 2025 - Saturday

"The Waters of Meribah"

Numbers 20:2-13 The waters of Meribah was a place where God showed the Israelites that he is a holy God, by giving them water out of rock. Yet it's the same place where Israelites grumbled against the lord, which led Moses and Aaron to disobey God by striking the rock, ***instead of talking to it, which in turn cost them the blessing to enter the promised land.***

Sometimes, in life, when we walk along the path of the wilderness, we tend to forget the goodness of God and disobey him by not believing in his promises for us and resort to our ways of finding solutions. Yet the Lord blesses us, showing that he is a faithful and holy God.

As **Hebrew 3** says today, if you hear his voice, let's not harden our hearts as in rebellion. Let's leave the ways which are not pleasing to the lord, be it a grumbling spirit or unbelieving heart or the desires and lust of the world. Let's learn through our Lord Jesus Christ to ***listen to His voice and obey him and choose his ways*** for us till the point of suffering and even death itself, and let's enter the eternal life he has for us, when we finish the race.

As **Charles Spurgeon** said, ***suffering is better than sinning.*** There is more evil in a drop of sin than in an ocean of affliction. Better burn for Christ than turn from Christ.

23 February 2025 - Sunday

“Do We Truly Pray?”

"But when you pray, go into your room, close the door, and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you." Matthew 6:6

Visiting a disabled children's care center was an eye-opening experience. These children, who could barely speak, **never hesitated when asked to pray.** Though we couldn’t understand their words, God did. It made me realize–**we should never refuse to pray.**

Too often, we treat prayer as a routine rather than a heartfelt connection with God. Do we take the time to genuinely converse with Him, as we do with a close friend?

John "Praying" Hyde was a man who dedicated his life to prayer. **Burdened for revival in Pakistan**, he prayed for one soul each day, leading thousands to Christ. After his death, an autopsy revealed that his heart had shifted slightly to the right–perhaps due to years spent in fervent prayer.

God calls us to an intimate relationship with Him, and prayer is one of the most powerful ways to draw near. So, let’s ask ourselves–do we truly pray as God desires?

24 February 2025 - Monday

"In Uncertainty Be Certain On God"

"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord.-*Isaiah 55:8*

A lot of times in our lives, we find ourselves in situations where **we can't feel any certainty around us**. Everything either feels like it's falling apart or standing still. The questions we ask are:

"God, what are You doing?
God, are You there?
Are You listening to me, God?
Why me, God?"

But what we often fail to notice is what He has already been to us–***His grace that is more than sufficient***, His love that is never-ending, and His mercies that have brought us this far. Today, be certain of God. ***Find His immeasurable love that holds you close and calls you His own.*** Your future, which may feel uncertain now, is securely rested in the hands of an all-knowing, all-powerful God.

Know that His ways are higher than our own. Trust His plans, and He will lead you miraculously toward His will.

“The Cost Of Discipleship”

"Do you love me?" He asked. "Yes, I do," I replied without hesitation or doubt. What else could I say when I had chosen to submit my life to Him? I saw myself as a soldier for Christ, vowing, "Come what may, I will stand with You, Lord." Like Peter, who was proud of his faith, he wore it on his sleeve–bold and loud of his understanding of who Jesus was: **"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”**

He was proud of his faith: **"Lord, if it’s you, tell me to come to you on the water.” (Matthew 14:28)** And yet he was impulsive, weak, and inconsistent. When God asked if I loved Him, I realized I didn’t understand the cost–I only thought of grand gestures for Him. But instead: in **Psalm 51:16-17** ***"You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.”***

It took me time to understand that God doesn’t ask for great sacrifices or grand gestures. No, the cost of discipleship is ***to love the Lord with all my heart, all my soul, all my mind, and all my strength.***

It is to stand on the highest peaks, look at what the world has to offer, and still choose Him. It is to hear God asking, "Do you love me more than these?"

26 February 2025 - Wednesday

"By Prayer And Petition"

Philippians 4:6 says, ***"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."***

Often, when we face tough times or critical situations in our lives, we tend to worry or complain. **We focus more on the problem than on the Lord** and what He wants to say. When we dwell on our struggles and immerse ourselves in them, it only increases our anxiety and prevents us from looking to and waiting upon the Lord. As a result, **we often fail to reflect on God's mercy and grace in our lives.**

Whatever the situation may be, **we should turn to His Word.** As Scripture says, "**Faith comes from hearing the Word of God."** This faith enables us to view our circumstances with confidence, trusting that no matter what happens, **God works all things for our good.**

So, instead of worrying when we face challenges, let's **begin by praying and thanking Him** for all the blessings He has already given us.

"Glory to God, who lifts us up!"

"We're On The Winning Side!"

Christianity has faced mockery for ages, and it's easy to feel hesitant when our faith is ridiculed. But Paul encourages Timothy in **2 Timothy 1:8-12** to stand firm, reminding him that God has called us with a holy calling and given us eternal life through Christ, not by our works but by His grace (v.9-10).

If we've tasted redemption, shouldn't we boldly live for Christ, even if the world sees us as foolish? Shouldn't this drive us to our knees in prayer for others and a deeper passion to share the gospel? Paul declares in verse 12, ***"I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day."***

- Do we truly believe God's promises? (Philippians 1:6, Romans 8:28, Psalm 103:12, Jeremiah 31:33-34, Psalm 91, John 3:16)
- Matthew 5:14 reminds us that ***we are the light of the world. Does Christ's light shine through us? If not, what's hindering us***? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Application: Keep a prayer notebook–list people to pray for and lift them up daily. Ask God to help you nurture the fruit of the Spirit and grow in Christ.

28 February 2025 - Friday

“Overcoming Life's Storms with the Holy Spirit”

Matthew 14:22-33 describes Jesus walked on water amidst strong winds. Peter, seeing Jesus, asked to join Him: “Lord, if it’s you, tell me to come to you on the water.” Jesus said, “Come.” Peter walked on water but, noticing the wind, he grew afraid and began to sink, crying, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out His hand and took hold of him, saying, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?”

Peter’s fear arose despite the wind blowing from the start. **He initially walked by faith** but sank when he focused on the storm instead of Jesus. Likewise, in our spiritual journey, fear and distractions may weaken us, but Jesus is always ready to lift us with His grace.

To overcome life’s trials, we must: **Have unwavering faith in God**–never doubt Him. And **Become a new creation**–letting old fears and sins pass away through salvation. The Bible refers to water as the Holy Spirit (John 4:14). Immersing ourselves in the **Holy Spirit transforms us**, helps us conquer trials, and leads us to the throne of God (Revelation 22:1). The Holy Spirit intercedes for us, strengthens us, and enables us to fulfil God’s purpose.

So, let us pray for the Holy Spirit to fill us each day. So, we could run the race we have called for.

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