"BUT HE WHO RECEIVED SEED ON THE GOOD GROUND IS HE WHO HEARS THE WORD AND UNDERSTANDS IT, WHO INDEED BEARS FRUIT AND PRODUCES: SOME A HUNDREDFOLD, SOME SIXTY, SOME THIRTY." - MATTHEW 13:23

Seed & Soil



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Glory be to God only

All glory to God alone! We praise Him for the privilege of being used to bring glory to His name. The heart of this book, Seed and Soil, is to guide readers and writers into a deeper walk with God, rooted in His Word. Our prayer is that every heart becomes fertile soil ready to receive His truth, grow in His love, and bear lasting fruit for His Kingdom.

As Jesus calls us to be new creations, we long to walk in daily transformation through His grace. Changed by Him, we hope to become vessels through which others encounter His renewing power.

Behind each page are dedicated hearts of individuals who made space for God despite busy lives. Their obedience has inspired others to step forward in faith.

This journey reminds us that God can use anyone. No gift is too small when surrendered to Him. Offer what you have, He will multiply it for His glory.

We ask for your continued prayers. Let us lay aside the old, step boldly into the new, and build His Kingdom together.

Let His name alone be glorified!

Prayer Is Essential, But So Is Positioning Yourself!



Have you ever heard someone say, “When God gives you a promise or a prophecy, all you have to do is **pray and wait”?** But is that all we are supposed to do? Of course, God can work supernaturally! But sometimes, while we pray and trust Him, we must also take practical steps in faith. Prayer is essential, but a promise doesn't cancel your responsibility!

A Promise Doesn't Cancel Your Responsibility! Imagine you believe God has called you to become a doctor. You pray every day, but when choosing your higher secondary subjects, you ignore the subjects required for your medical pathway. You don't prepare for NEET either.

Can you expect prayer alone to make you a doctor? You must pray, but you must also prepare and take the necessary steps. You cannot keep praying for a destination while refusing to take the steps that lead you there. Look at the People in the Bible!

Lydia — Acts 16:13–15

Lydia was gathered with other women at a place of prayer when **Paul** arrived and shared the gospel. The Lord opened her heart to respond. She was present to hear the message, and God worked in her heart.

Rebekah — Genesis 24

Abraham's servant prayed for God's guidance in finding a wife for **Isaac**. **Rebekah** came to the well, offered water to him and his camels, and became part of the answer to his prayer.

Ruth — Ruth 2

Ruth went out to gather grain to provide for herself and **Naomi**. She didn't know what awaited her, but her ordinary actions led her to **Boaz's** field, where she received kindness.

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The Shepherds — Luke 2:8–16

When the angels announced **the birth of Jesus**, the shepherds went to Bethlehem to see what had happened. They responded to the message they had received.

These examples remind us that God's work and our response can go hand in hand. How Should We Position Ourselves? If you believe God has given you a vision or a promise, ask yourself:

*** What practical steps should I take?**

*** What skills or knowledge do I need to develop?**

*** Am I preparing for the opportunities I am praying for?**

*** Am I waiting on God, or using prayer as an excuse to avoid action?**

Positioning yourself doesn't mean forcing circumstances or making things happen in your own strength. It means preparing yourself through prayer, godly character, wise decisions, and obedience to God's Word. If you don't know what to do, ask God for wisdom and seek guidance from trustworthy, spiritually mature people. Remember, waiting on God doesn't always mean remaining still. Sometimes, we must wait; sometimes, we must prepare; and sometimes, we must step out in faith.

A Final Reminder

"Don't just pray for the promise. **Prepare for it.**"Don't just ask God to open doors. **Be willing to walk through the doors He opens.** Don't just pray for the destination. **Take the next step in faith.**

We cannot control how God works or guarantee that everything will happen as we imagine. But we can remain faithful in doing what He has entrusted to us.

"PRAY. PREPARE. POSITION YOURSELF."

Trust God to do what only He can do, and faithfully do what He has called you to do.

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There Is Hope, Always.

In the passage that describes the events before **Jesus' crucifixion**, which we often read and hear about, we see that Christ was mocked openly by the soldiers. They thought that He had failed, and that His faith was in vain. Little did they know that God had plans far beyond anything they could imagine. In the very next chapter, we see that **Christ triumphs over all of them,** rising from the dead on the third day.

You may be someone who has held on to Christ strongly, someone who has openly proclaimed your faith in Him. But sometimes, certain situations may make it seem like God has let us down. Sometimes, people around you may criticise your faith because of your failures.

Do your circumstances give way for people to mock you for your faith today? Does it seem to the world that the God that you held onto so strongly has failed you?

Don't give up just yet. **Know that God's ways are not your ways**. **"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord (Isaiah 55:8).** Even though it may look like He has failed, He is paving the way for a greater victory. One day, the world will see that your faith in God was not in vain. And on that day, all who see you will glorify God.

So today, if your circumstances seem dire, hold on to the hope that the resurrection brings. **Remember that in Christ, there is always, always, hope.**

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."-1 Peter 1:3

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What Is Freedom For Christians?

In **1 Corinthians 10:23,** Paul says, **All things are lawful, but not all things are helpful.** Paul makes an important distinction between what is **permitted** and what is **beneficial**. Just because something is allowed does not automatically mean it is wise, helpful or even good for us. Christian freedom is not simply about asking, "Am I permitted to do this or that?" But we should also ask, "**Will this strengthen my faith, protect my character and help the people around me?"** It also reminds us that some choices may be lawful, yet still be unprofitable or spiritually unhelpful.

Many people understand freedom as having unlimited choices. We may believe that maturity means being able to do whatever we want, say whatever we feel or take advantage of every opportunity. But Paul presents a deeper understanding of freedom. **True freedom is not the absence of limits but it is the ability to choose wisely.** A mature person does not need to exercise every right or pursue every option. Sometimes the strongest and freest choice is to say, "I can do this, but I will not, because it is not helpful."

This principle applies to many areas of life. We may have the freedom to speak, but not every opinion needs to be expressed. Some words may be true, yet spoken at the wrong time or in the wrong way, they can wound rather than build up. We may have the freedom to buy something, use our time in a certain way or enjoy a particular activity, but we must ask whether it draws us closer to God or slowly weakens our self-control and purpose.

Paul's teaching also calls us to think beyond ourselves. In the very next verse, he also says that **no one should seek only their own good, but the good of others.** This means our choices affect more than our own lives. A decision that seems harmless to us may confuse, discourage or cause another person to stumble. Love sometimes requires us to give up a personal freedom for the sake of someone else's growth and well-being.

Therefore, **Christian freedom is guided by two questions: 'Is this beneficial?' and 'Does this build others up?'**

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My Partner

I am in a relationship right now that started a few months ago. I was very happy that I was able to find this person in my life. I always think about my partner and try to help through all the ups and downs of life. I also try to understand and extend my love to my partner.

From the start of this relationship, whenever my partner wanted some help from me, I was there to give my best. Later, as days passed, I received calls or texts from my partner only to send money, to buy something or to do some kind of work. I did not even receive a message to just check on how I was physically or mentally. It eventually shifted from a loving relationship to a need-based relationship. Now, I'm confused about what to say to my partner, and what to do or how to interpret these situations.

This is just a life example of how our relationship is with God in many of our lives. We just tend to seek God only during our trials, challenges, requests... and a lot more. **We never love Him or even think about Him as much as we think about our partner in this earthly world.** We often deviate from our Father and never acknowledge His love and compassion, and try to use Him as a problem solver.

So let us make a change in how we should love God and build a mutual loving relationship with Him. As mentioned in **1 John 4:19, "We love, because He first loved us."** Regardless of our greediness and treacherous nature, **God continues to love us,** so let us first be grateful and thankful for his everlasting love.

According to **Psalm 63:1-2** and **Deuteronomy 6:5,** let us express our true and wholehearted love towards our God more than any kind of worldly love, to be bound with Him in a solemn and spiritual relationship. Amen.

5 November 2026

The One Who Will- Part 1

"The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."- Deuteronomy 31:8.

Life often brings us into seasons of uncertainty. We cannot see what tomorrow holds, but we can trust the God who holds our future. When Moses prepared to leave Israel, God encouraged His people with a promise: He would go before them and never forsake them. **The strength of their future was not their ability, but God's faithfulness.**

1. The One Who Will Go Before You

God does not always show us the entire journey, but He calls us to trust Him one step at a time. Just as He led Israel into the **Promised Land,** He guides His people through unfamiliar seasons. When you face difficult decisions, seek His wisdom, obey His Word, and move forward in faith. **You may not know the way, but you can trust the One who leads you.**

2. The One Who Will Never Forsake You

Faith does not mean a life without suffering. **Joseph** faced betrayal, **David** experienced rejection, and **Paul** endured persecution. Yet hardship did not make God unfaithful. Jesus promised, "**I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20**). Even when prayers seem unanswered and circumstances remain difficult, **we can trust His presence.** God's silence is not proof of His absence.

As you walk through seasons of uncertainty, remember that you do not walk alone. God goes before you, and He will never forsake you. Trust His faithfulness, take the next step in faith, and keep your eyes on Jesus.

The One Who Will- Part 2

In Part 1, we were reminded that God goes before us and will never forsake us. But His faithfulness does not end there. He also fulfils His purpose, strengthens us in our weakness, and gives us the hope of His return. Let us continue to discover these promises and learn to walk forward in faith.

3. The One Who Will Fulfil His Purpose

In **1 Chronicles 22:10, Solomon** was appointed to build God's temple. This reminds us that God's purposes extend beyond our personal ambitions. **Not every plan will succeed as we expect, but our hope rests in God's wisdom and grace.** Through Jesus Christ's death and resurrection, God has provided forgiveness and reconciliation for those who believe.

4. The One Who Will Strengthen You

God told **Joshua** to be strong and courageous **(Joshua 1:9).** Courage is not the absence of fear; it is obeying God despite fear. **When you are weary, seek His strength, receive wise counsel, and remain faithful today.**

5. The One Who Will Come Again

Jesus promised to return (John 14:3). Until then, we are called to live faithfully, proclaim the gospel, and hold firmly to the hope of eternal life. You cannot control tomorrow, but you can entrust it to God. **Trust the One who leads you, sustains you, and promises eternal life through Jesus Christ.**

The One who will never forsake you is faithful. Walk forward in faith, and keep your eyes on Jesus. Amen.

7 November 2026

Gratitude Beyond The Good Days

"**Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." - 1 Thessalonians 5:18.** We often find it easy to thank God when life goes well, prayers are answered, and doors open. **But can we** remain grateful on ordinary days or when life gives us more reasons to question than to give thanks?

Perhaps we have made gratitude a response to good circumstances rather than a posture of the heart. Our spiritual lives too fall into similar routines. We worship when we gather with fellow believers, pray at designated times, and remember God's goodness when a sermon reminds us to be thankful. **But our relationship with God was never meant to be confined to particular places, hours, or occasions.**

In the letter to the **Thessalonians,** it is written: "**Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances."** These are not instructions for a particularly good day. **Indeed, we are called to live every day in the awareness of God's presence.** Gratitude is not merely something we practice when life is comfortable. As we walk with God, we learn to give thanks in all circumstances, not necessarily for them. Biblical gratitude does not deny our pain but reminds us that **our pain does not tell the whole story.**

Our deepest reason for thanksgiving is not that everything in life is going well, but that **God has given us Himself in Christ.** At the cross, we see a love we did not earn. Through the resurrection, we have a hope that suffering cannot destroy. Even when earthly comforts disappear, **our salvation remains secure in Him.**

We no longer need to wait for a special occasion or a sudden improvement in our circumstances to give thanks. We begin with the grace that has already reached us, the mercy that meets us each morning, and the eternal hope that is ours in Christ.

Gratitude begins to grow when we stop counting only what life has given us and remember what God has given us in Jesus Christ.

Three Lessons From The Fall

Adam and Eve were created in God's image and enjoyed a beautiful relationship with Him **(Genesis 1:27; 2:23).** But everything changed when they fell into Satan's temptation. Let us look at three mistakes that led them away from God.

1. They Listened to the Wrong Voice: The first mistake they made was giving attention to Satan's voice. They believed his words instead of trusting God's Word. God had clearly instructed them not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil **(Genesis 2:17).** However, when the serpent spoke to Eve, she listened to him, and eventually, both fell into temptation. Instead of holding on to God's truth, they allowed the enemy's words to influence their decisions.

2. They Disobeyed God's Word: The Lord had specifically commanded them not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Yet, they chose to **disobey Him.** They knew what God had said, but they failed to obey. Through their disobedience, sin entered the world, bringing consequences not only to their lives but also to all humanity **(Romans 5:12).**

3. They Ran Away from God Instead of Running Towards Him: When they heard the Lord walking in the garden, they were afraid and hid among the trees **(Genesis 3:8).** Imagine that! The very God with whom they had enjoyed such beautiful fellowship was now the One from whom they were hiding. Instead of admitting their mistake, they allowed fear and shame to drive them away from His presence.

But what does God want you to do when you make a mistake? He wants you to come to Him, confess your sins, and seek His forgiveness. The Bible reminds us in **1 John 1:9: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."**

So, as children of God, I want to leave you with this reminder: Do not repeat their mistakes. Do not give more attention to the voices of the world than to the voice of your Heavenly Father. Do not simply hear God's Word; **obey it.** And when you make a mistake, do not hide from His presence. **Instead, run towards Him with a repentant heart.**

Faithfulness In The Place We Are Now

Seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper." – Jeremiah 29:7. There are seasons when life does not look the way we expected. Plans fall apart, familiar routines disappear, and circumstances leave us wondering whether we can still live meaningfully in the place where we have been put. We may find ourselves waiting for things to change before we begin living with purpose again. **But what if God is calling us to be faithful right where we are?**

Jeremiah 29 was written to people who had lost their homes and been carried into exile in Babylon. They were far from everything familiar, living with grief, uncertainty, and the painful reality that their lives had taken a direction they never wanted. **Yet God's message through Jeremiah** was surprisingly to build houses, plant gardens, raise families, and seek the welfare of the city where they lived.

God did not ask His people to pretend exile was pleasant or put their lives on hold until they returned home. **He called them to live faithfully where they were.** We often wait for better circumstances to serve God, love others, and pursue His purposes, overlooking the opportunities for faithfulness right in front of us. Yet God can use ordinary things. A word of encouragement, honest work, a shared meal, caring for someone, or a small act of kindness that lightens another's burden. **We may not be able to change our circumstances immediately, but we can still reflect the character of Christ within them.**

We must also remember the context of Jeremiah's famous promise: "**For I know the plans I have for you" (Jeremiah 29:11).** These words were spoken to exiles who would wait seventy years for restoration. They were not a promise of immediate relief, but an assurance that God's purposes would endure even through a long and painful season.

We may not understand why we are where we are. We may still long for a different season. **But we need not waste the present while waiting for the future.** We do not have to be in the place we hoped for to faithfully serve the God who has never left us.

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More Than A Refill- Running On Empty- Part 1

"When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.'" (John 2: 3).

Something is unsettling about reaching the end of ourselves. We try to keep relationships together, work harder to secure our future, and search for things that might make us feel fulfilled. We tell ourselves that a little more money, recognition, success, or companionship will finally make things right. Yet sometimes, despite all our efforts, we find ourselves emptier than before.

Eventually, the wine runs out.

At the **wedding in Cana,** this shortage threatened to turn a joyful celebration into a moment of shame for the hosts. **Mary,** the mother of our Lord, brought the problem to Jesus. She did not arrive with a solution or explain how He should fix everything. She simply told Him what was missing.

Perhaps that is where transformation begins for us, too. When we stop pretending that everything is fine and **honestly acknowledge our need.**

We are often reluctant to do this. We would rather find another earthly remedy, make another attempt at fixing ourselves, or distract ourselves from the emptiness within.

We may even bring our problems to God only after exhausting every other option. Yet the first step toward change is not discovering that we are strong enough to overcome everything.

It is recognising that we need Someone beyond ourselves.

When we acknowledge our emptiness, we can begin to recognise our need for Jesus. **But Jesus offers more than a temporary solution.**

Let us look at the transformation He brings in Part 2.

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More Than A Refill- Running On Empty- Part 2

"When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine." (John2: 3).

In Part 1, we saw how Mary brought the problem to Jesus when the wine ran out. But Jesus offers more than a temporary solution.

The world tells us that when our wine runs out, we need more. More possessions, more achievements, more approval, more experiences. **But Jesus offers something far deeper than another temporary refill. He offers transformation.**

John tells us that **Jesus turned water into wine,** revealing His glory to His disciples. This was not merely a solution to an embarrassing problem at a wedding. **It was a sign pointing towards the abundance of grace found in Him.** It invites us to look towards the greater work He came to accomplish.

Our deepest emptiness is not ultimately solved by improving our circumstances or trying harder to justify ourselves before God. Sin has left us unable to restore our relationship with Him by our own efforts.

We need more than a repaired life. **We need redemption.** At the cross, Jesus gave Himself for us, and through His death and resurrection, **He opened the way to forgiveness and new life.**

Perhaps your wine has run out in an area of life you have tried desperately to manage. You do not have to hide that emptiness from Christ.

When we reach the end of what we can do, we discover that our hope was never in our ability to refill the cup, **but in the Saviour who came to make us new.**

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More Than A Refill- Obedience In The Ordinary

"Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim." - John2:7

Sometimes, what God asks of us does not seem to match what we need. We ask Him to change our circumstances, but **He asks us to change our direction.** We ask Him to open a door, but **He asks us to take a step of faith** before we can see one. We ask for a miracle, but He gives us an ordinary act of obedience.

And we wonder, **Lord, how is this going to help?**

At the **wedding in Cana,** the problem was a shortage of wine. Yet Jesus instructed the servants to fill six stone jars with water. It must have seemed like a strange response.

The wedding needed wine, not water. **But the servants obeyed,** filling the jars to the brim. What they could not understand, Jesus was about to transform.

I wonder how often we miss what God is doing because we are too focused on how we think He should do it. **We want Him to change our situation immediately, while He may be asking us to take the next faithful step.** We want to see the outcome before we obey, forgetting that faith often means trusting the One who sees what we cannot.

Obedience begins when we trust God enough to take the next step, even when we cannot see the outcome.

But what does it mean to obey God faithfully, and how does our obedience relate to the greater work of Jesus? Let us continue in Part 2.

More Than A Refill- Obedience In The Ordinary

The servants obeyed Jesus without knowing what would happen next. Their obedience reminds us that faithfulness means trusting God even when we do not understand His ways. But what does true obedience look like, and how does it point us to the greater work Jesus came to accomplish?

Obedience does not mean that every instruction we imagine hearing comes from God, nor does it guarantee that things will turn out exactly as we hope. It means learning to trust God's revealed Word, even when following Him requires humility, repentance, patience, or courage. Sometimes the step before us seems small and ordinary, but faithfulness is not measured by how impressive a task appears.

There is something significant about the jars Jesus chose. They were used for ceremonial washing, **yet Jesus used them in a miracle that revealed His glory.** The scene points beyond the wedding itself to the greater cleansing He came to accomplish.

External washing could not remove the guilt of sin from the human heart. Through His death, Jesus made the cleansing and forgiveness we could never achieve for ourselves available to us by grace.

Perhaps our next step is not the dramatic change we have been asking for. **Perhaps it is confessing** a sin we have been hiding, **forgiving** someone we resent, **serving** where we are needed, or **returning** to a truth we already know but have been avoiding.

We do not need to understand the whole process before we take the next faithful step. The servants filled the jars, and Jesus performed the miracle.

Our obedience does not create the miracle. It places us on the path of leaning on the One who can do what we cannot.

More Than A Refill-When The Best Is Yet To Come

Everyone brings out the choice wine first ... but you have saved the best till now." - John 2:10

Have we ever prepared ourselves for disappointment, only to be surprised by unexpected kindness? Perhaps we expected criticism but received encouragement, anticipated rejection but were welcomed, or feared that a mistake would define us, only to discover that grace had made room for a new beginning.

Sometimes, what we dread most is not what awaits us. And sometimes, God gives us a glimpse of goodness we could never have anticipated.

At the **wedding in Cana**, the bridegroom had every reason to fear embarrassment when the wine ran out. Yet after Jesus transformed the water, the master of the banquet tasted the wine and praised its quality. What had begun as a crisis became a moment of unexpected abundance.

There is something beautiful about this miracle. Jesus did not merely restore what was missing. **He provided something remarkable.** The master was surprised by the quality of the wine, but the servants knew where it had come from. **They had witnessed the ordinary water being transformed at the command of Jesus.**

I wonder how often we underestimate what Christ can do because we measure our future by our past experiences. We assume that our best days are behind us, that our failures have diminished what God can do through us, or that the emptiness we carry will always remain. We look for another version of what we have already known, **when Jesus calls us to something deeper.**

But what Jesus offers goes beyond our expectations. **He calls us to transformation.**

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More Than A Refill-When The Best Is Yet To Come

Everyone brings out the choice wine first ... but you have saved the best till now." - John 2:10

Previously we saw how Jesus turned a moment of crisis into unexpected abundance at the wedding in Cana. But this miracle points beyond the blessings we receive to the greater transformation Christ offers through His death and resurrection.

Transformation. He calls us to change our hearts, our lives and our destiny itself.

This does not mean that following Christ guarantees easier circumstances or that every painful season will end with the outcome we desire. The miracle at Cana points us **beyond temporary blessings to the identity and glory of Jesus Himself.**

Throughout the Gospel, He brings **hope** to despair, **forgiveness** to sinners, and **life** where death seems to have the final word.

John tells us that this first sign revealed Jesus' glory. Even the wedding's joyful setting points beyond itself. The One who provides the wine is the one who will **ultimately give His life for His people.**

Through His death and resurrection, Christ offers us something no earthly pleasure can provide: **reconciliation with God and the hope of eternal life.**

Perhaps the wine has run out in some part of our lives. We may feel that we have nothing left to offer, or that our past has already determined our future. **But our hope is not in our ability to restore what is broken. It is in the Saviour who is able to make us new.**

With Jesus, our greatest hope is not that life will return to what it was, but that His grace will lead us into the new and better life only He can give.

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The Blessing Of Waiting On God.

Isaiah 40:31- But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

The verse promises that those who wait upon the Lord will renew their strength. Consider an eagle soaring high in the sky. It uses the rising air currents to glide rather than constantly exhausting itself by flapping its wings.

In the same way, when we depend on God instead of relying only on our own strength, **He helps us face life's challenges with renewed courage.**

God's timing may be different from our timing, but He knows what is best for us. **Abraham and Sarah** waited many years for the promised son, **Isaac (Genesis 21:1–3).** Although the promise seemed impossible because of their age, **God fulfilled His word at the appointed time.**

Similarly, we may pray for a job, marriage, education, or a breakthrough and feel that nothing is happening. **We must remember that a delay does not mean God has abandoned us.**

Our responsibility is to remain faithful while trusting His plan.

Do not measure God's faithfulness by how quickly your prayers are answered. **Measure it by His unchanging character and His promises.** Wait patiently, trust completely, and walk faithfully with God."

When we wait on God, **He renews our strength.**

When we trust His timing, **He teaches us patience.**

When we remain faithful, **we can face tomorrow with hope.**

17 November 2026

Seen By Many, Known By Few

Psalm 139:1: O Lord, You have searched me and known me.

We live in a world where so many people can see us, yet so few truly know us. They see our smiles, hear our laughter, and know the roles we play. But they may never see the thoughts we keep to ourselves or the things we struggle to put into words.

Sometimes, we're so used to being who everyone expects us to be that we forget we can simply be ourselves, too. And there's a certain loneliness in feeling like people know us, yet don't really know us.

But here's something beautiful: **God knows us beyond all of that.** He knows our hearts, our worries, our unspoken prayers, and even the feelings we don't fully understand ourselves. We don't have to pretend to be okay when we come before Him. **We can simply be ourselves.**

And perhaps the loneliness we've experienced can teach us something, too. If we know what it feels like to be misunderstood or unseen, let's try to be the person who makes others feel heard.

Let's look beyond their smiles, listen without judgment, and make room for them to be honest. We may not understand everything someone is going through, but we can still make them feel that they don't have to go through it alone.

How beautiful it is to know that God knows us completely, and how beautiful it would be if someone around us felt safe enough to let us know them, too!

May we rest in the comfort of being fully known by God, and become the kind of people who help others feel truly seen!

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What Does Real Love Look Like?

If you were to ask ten random people to define what love is, you would most likely receive ten different definitions. We often define love by what we value or enjoy the most. But with so many different definitions of love that are often contradictory, Jesus' followers should desire the truth.

A true definition of love doesn't come from culture, our own values, or from within ourselves; it comes from God, because "**God is love" (1 John 4:8).** So, any right understanding of love must come from God. **1 Corinthians 13** is entirely devoted to defining what love is.

1 Corinthians 13:6 says that l**ove does not delight in evil.** Evil is anything opposed to God or His ways. When we disobey God's law, choose to do the wrong thing, or cause harm to someone else, that is evil.

Essentially, evil is when we fail to love God and love others.

For instance, if someone difficult does not know the love of Jesus, we shouldn't delight in that. Love should lead us toward sharing the truth about Jesus with them. Or, if someone who hurts you is suffering, we shouldn't rejoice over their pain. Instead, we should forgive them, just as God forgave us**. Love rejoices in God's truth being told, lived, and shared.**

So, take some time today to consider how your own definition of love is different from God's definition. What misunderstandings do you have? Also, what actions or thoughts can you change to be more loving? Most importantly, who can you share the truth of God's love with? Make a list of two or three people you can pray for and talk to about God and His love.

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Not Every Voice Deserves Your Attention

Nehemiah 4:1-6; 6:1-4.

When **Nehemiah** began rebuilding Jerusalem's walls, not everyone celebrated his efforts. Sanballat and Tobiah mocked the workers and questioned whether they could accomplish anything worthwhile. Later, Nehemiah's opponents repeatedly invited him to meet them elsewhere, but their intentions were harmful. They tried to ridicule. They tried distraction. They tried to draw him away from the work. **Nehemiah refused to let their voices determine his direction.** His response in **Nehemiah 6:3** was clear: **I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down.**

Think about how easily criticism can control us today. Someone questions our decision, and we spend hours defending ourselves. Someone misunderstands our intentions, and we become desperate to prove our point. Someone mocks our faith, and we feel compelled to answer every accusation.

We can easily spend more time responding to people than fulfilling our responsibilities. **Nehemiah teaches us to distinguish helpful correction from distraction.** We must be willing to learn from honest counsel without allowing every criticism or invitation to pull us away from what matters.

Nehemiah understood that leaving the wall every time someone called would prevent him from completing the work. You cannot give every voice equal authority over your life. Some voices deserve consideration. Others require boundaries. The next time criticism comes, pause before responding. **Ask yourself: Is this helping me grow, or is it pulling me away from my responsibility?** You don't have to answer every voice to remain faithful to your calling. **Sometimes the most powerful response is to keep doing what God has entrusted to you.**

Prayer: Lord, give me wisdom to recognise the difference between correction and distraction. Keep me humble enough to learn, but focused enough not to be controlled by every opinion. Help me remain faithful to the work You have entrusted to me and give my attention to what truly matters. Amen.

Moses-A Shadow Of Christ

Isn't it amazing when we see certain things coinciding and making us wonder how good our God, our Master, has been in guiding His people and how He makes their lives reflect Christ? The way people lived and the things Jesus did coincide so well that the words in **John 5:39** are so beautifully fulfilled in both the Old Testament and the New Testament.

It also reminds us that God calls us His children and His friends. The characteristics of the Father will definitely be expressed in the child as well. So it is in a friendship, too, as we often say, "**Tell me about your friend, and I'll tell you who you are."**

John 5:39 - The life of Moses is a shadow of Christ in the New Testament. They both reflect similar characteristics, especially in the way they pray to God the Father.

One such parallel can be seen when **Moses** comes down from Mount Sinai, but the people have drifted away and begun worshipping the golden calf. In his anger and grief, Moses breaks the tablets of the commandments. We see a similar incident in the New Testament when the place of God is being used as a marketplace, and **Jesus** furiously makes a whip and overturns the tables.

Soon after this, in the Old Testament, **Moses** pleads with God not to destroy the people because of their idol worship. He prays and fasts for forty days and forty nights **(Deuteronomy 9:18, 25–26).** He intercedes for the people, asking God to forgive them and spare them from destruction.

We see a very close parallel in the New Testament, where **Christ** fasts for forty days and forty nights. Later, on the cross, He pleads for the forgiveness of the people, saying, "**Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34).** Isn't it amazing to see how the life of Moses reflects the life of Christ in so many ways?

These parallels remind us that the lives of God's servants reflect the character of Christ, and it is time for us to self-examine if we are reflecting **CHRIST** in our lives.

The Fading Flowers

Isaiah 40:6,8: “People are like grass. Their beauty fades as quickly as the flowers in a field”. “The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the word of our God lasts forever.”

I remember these verses whenever I come across flowering plants across campus, in full bloom, such lovely colours, each petal a mark of beautiful craftsmanship. But **Isaiah** reminds us that all this beauty is so temporary. So too are the opinions of people around us.

To put our confidence in what others think of us is like putting confidence in a flower that blooms at sunrise and withers by dusk. Are others looking up to you, admiring you and asking for your advice?

Stay humble; do not think more highly of yourself than you ought to. Are you often forgotten, pushed aside or spoken ill of? **Lay your burden before God. He's a faithful friend who understands you like no other.**

Remember **Mordecai**? Despite having saved the King's life on one occasion, he was forgotten by a man. **But God never forgets.** He gave Mordecai his due reward through the very man who wanted him dead! What a mighty God we serve! He stands on the side of the humble and supports them so that they do not have to fight every battle on their own.

Dear readers, people's opinion about you doesn't determine your value in the sight of God. **"Not the fading flower, but the eternal Word of God.”** Be rooted in His Word, and continually filled with His Spirit to lead a fruitful life that will bring glory to His Name!

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Humble Yourself!

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time.- I Peter 5:6

Humility is a virtue held in high esteem in the sight of God. It does not mean making ourselves look small, or thinking less of ourselves. It reflects our willingness to **acknowledge God's grace** through every season, and acceptance of corrections when we go wrong.

There are so many verses highlighting the importance of humility, to the point that pride is described as a character that the Lord hates.

“But Hezekiah did not repay according to the favour shown him, for his heart was lifted up; therefore wrath was looming over him and over Judah and Jerusalem. Then Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride of his heart, he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of the Lord did not come upon them in the days of Hezekiah.” - II Chronicles 32:25-26

And a similar incident happened with his son, **Manasse**h. God does not tolerate pride, because **everything we have is from Him**. We can never claim that we are who we are because of our works.

He is merciful to forgive and restore us when we **repent,** and we also need Him to dispel the pride in our flesh.

“For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.”- I John 2:16

And He never holds back when we cry out to Him for help.

So, let humility be the way of our life in this world, and let us bring glory to God in every high and low.

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May Our Boast Be In Christ- Part-1

Jeremiah 9:23–24

"Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their strength or the rich boast of their riches, but let the one who boasts boast about this: that they have the understanding to know Me, that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight," declares the LORD.

The people of Judah were depending on human wisdom, political strategies, military strength, status and wealth. But in doing so, **they were neglecting GOD and failing to live in the way He desired.**

Human wisdom is limited and can be wrong. When we depend only on our own understanding instead of seeking GOD, we begin to think that we know what is best. **But our wisdom can never compare with GOD'S perfect wisdom.**

In the same way, strength and power can give us a false sense of security. We may begin to believe that our abilities, position, influence or strength can protect us and help us succeed. But human strength is temporary. **Our true strength and security come from GOD.**

Wealth can also make us feel independent and self-sufficient. We may begin to think that because we have enough, we do not need to depend on GOD. But money cannot give us true security, peace, purpose or eternal hope.

GOD therefore redirects our attention to what really matters:

"That they understand and know Me."

So, this is what GOD values above everything else. To know GOD is not simply to know things about Him. It is to trust Him, walk with Him, depend on Him and reflect His character in our lives.

May Our Boast Be In Christ - Part-2

In Part 1, we learned that human wisdom, strength and wealth are temporary, and that knowing God matters most. **God describes Himself as the One who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness.** These reflect His character and should also be evident in the lives of those who know Him.

Our worth is not based on how much we know, how strong we are, how much we have, or what we can achieve. **Everything we have our wisdom, abilities, strength, opportunities and resources comes from GOD.** So our confidence should never be, "Look at what I can do." Instead, our hearts should say, **"Look at what GOD can do."**

Boasting here does not mean being proud or arrogant. It refers to what we value most, what we depend on and what gives meaning to our lives. GOD says that if we are going to boast, let us boast that we know Him. **Paul echoes the same truth: "Let him who boasts boast in the LORD."**

And in **Philippians 3:7–8,** Paul says that whatever he once considered gain, he counted as loss for the sake of **CHRIST.** His status, achievements and personal credentials were no longer his source of confidence. Knowing **CHRIST** became his greatest treasure. There may be many things we can accomplish through our knowledge, strength, talents or resources. But none of these should become the reason for our pride.

Our wisdom may fail. Our strength may weaken. Our wealth may disappear. Our abilities may be limited. **But GOD remains faithful, powerful and unchanging.**

Therefore, let us recognise GOD'S ability above our own. Let us depend on Him rather than ourselves, give Him the glory for what He enables us to do, and remember that everything we have is because of His grace.

THE ONLY BOAST WORTH HAVING IS IN THE LORD.

May our lives say, not "Look at what I have done," but **“Look at what the LORD has done.”**

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The Journey Before The Promise

We believe in God's timing, but waiting is not always easy. Some struggle to trust His timing, while others grow weary of the journey towards His promises. The path is not always easy, but have you ever wondered why God allows difficulties along the way? It doesn't mean that God wants us to endure suffering, **but it He provides us this time to prepare our character for the blessing and for a deeper dependence on God.**

One great example was **David's time** in exile after being anointed as king of Israel. In **1 Samuel 22: 1-2, "David left Gath and escaped to the cave of Adullam. When his brothers and his father's household heard about it, they went down to him there…",** David fled from Saul, facing danger, rejection and years of wandering. His journey reminds us that receiving God's promise and being prepared to carry its responsibility are two different things. We all face seasons of waiting, disappointment and loneliness when life unfolds differently than expected. David's journey reminds us that trusting God and remaining faithful through hardships are essential as we wait for His calling to be fulfilled.

Apparently, **David's time in the wilderness taught him great leadership** even when there was no army or royal people beside him. There would be temptation for us to use some situation in our favour, push someone down, or even compromise our principles so that we might reach our destined goal much earlier than planned, like David, who had the opportunity to kill Saul. This reveals that something that is meant for us only comes in a way in which it is meant to be, rather than forcing it in our way.

Prayer: Dear God, I'm always grateful for picking me among a huge bunch for a successful journey. Help me understand the fact that the journey that you're taking me through is for my best, and give me a patient mind to endure your doings. I will remain faithful and entrust you completely with everything you have for me. Like David, give me a heart where I will stick to your calling and never fall for any kind of temptation in this journey. Amen.

Jehovah Jireh - My Provider

When I moved to a new workplace, I sent my belongings by courier and arrived ahead of them. Unfortunately, they didn't arrive on time. I had moved with my family, so life was difficult. I prayed to the Lord and started my new job, trusting that I would manage because my previous hospital had credited my salary.

On my very first day, my phone broke. I was distressed because I could no longer use Google Pay or make any other online transactions, and I couldn't even call anyone for help. As I unpacked my clothes, I found a notebook that one of my sisters in Christ had given me when I went to see her off at the airport. To my surprise, there was cash inside, more than enough to get by until my belongings arrived.

Because I was in a village, it took eight days to get my phone back, **but God sustained me through it all.** In a new place, surrounded by strangers, **I felt His love in my loneliness.** When I struggled to get a gas cylinder due to shortages, **God provided** one through a friend's aunt. Later, when I had no money to pay for a replacement, a friend's mother visited, prayed for me, and gave me the exact amount I needed.

When I tried to refuse, she said, **"This is for you, dear child of God."**

Wherever God guides, He provides.

Are you worried today? "**Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?" (Matthew 6:26–27).**

"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." (Matthew 6:34)

He who has led you this far all these years and through these 11 months of 2026 will lead you henceforth. Have faith, and keep shining for His glory. Have a blessed day!

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A Heart That Sought Jesus

There once was a man named **Zacchaeus who desperately wanted to see Jesus.** But there was a problem: he was little of stature, and the crowd was standing between him and Jesus.

He could have thought, “There are too many people. I won't be able to see Him.” He could have allowed his position or dignity to stop him. After all, he was a chief publican and a wealthy man. What would people think if they saw him climbing a tree?

But Zacchaeus didn't let any of that stop him. His desire to see Jesus was greater than his concern about what others might think. He simply wanted to see Jesus, and he was willing to do whatever he could to get closer to Him.

How great is our desire to be with the Lord?

Sometimes, we may feel that what we can do is very little. We may not have much time, much strength, or many opportunities. But when our hearts truly desire the Lord, even the little we do to draw near to Him matters. We should not allow our comfort, distractions, pride, or the opinions of others to stand between Him and us.

Zacchaeus climbed the tree just to see Jesus, but Jesus gave him far more than he expected. Jesus stopped, called him by name, and went to his home.

That encounter changed Zacchaeus. His changed heart became visible in his actions. He willingly gave half of his possessions to the poor and promised to restore fourfold what he had taken wrongfully.

Zacchaeus sought Jesus, and his encounter with Jesus changed him.

What about us? Do we have a heart that seeks Jesus? Are we willing to take even the little steps we can to draw near to Him, regardless of what others may think?

Let us seek Him not merely to know about Him, but to know Him, to be near Him, and to allow Him to change our hearts and our lives.

James 4:8- “Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you.”

Are You Done Waiting?

Trust me, I was in the same boat, tired of waiting for so long! My longest wait was when I had to join my course. I had to wait for two years to accept God's will in my life. It wasn't easy to answer the most difficult question: "What are you studying now?"

But I never knew God's timing was perfect! These two years refined me and made me face difficult situations, enabling me to handle my emotions. Yeah, God has a plan even in that waiting!

This verse in **Proverbs 13:12**: **"Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a dream fulfilled is a tree of life,"** was actually making sense. That joy comes rushing into a weary soul! Even now, it makes me smile. Yeah, that's His goodness in our lives. But during the waiting, we tend to miss seeing that rushing joy loading.

I often thought about how **Abraham** would have waited for 25 years.

What kept him going daily? Have you ever thought about how?

A lot happened during the waiting. Abraham had to face separation from Lot. In his pursuit of a peaceful endeavour, he faced a famine, and he had to handle Sarah's doubting of God's promises. **But yet, God was faithful!**

Similarly, waiting might throw us into many trials and temptations and put us through hard times. We do fail and stumble, **but our God is faithful even when we aren't.**

- Waiting **reveals** who **God** is.
- Waiting **tells** you how **patient** you can be.
- Waiting **calls** you to be **dependent** on Him.
- Waiting **helps** you **believe** in the unseen.
- Waiting **ends** with **unending** joy.

Prayer: Dear God, I know You have the best for me. Help my heart to be still and trust in Your timing. In Jesus' name, Amen.

29 November 2026

God Is Not Late

“The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.” - 2 Peter 3:9

Have you ever wondered why God is taking so long to answer your prayers? Perhaps you have been praying for a family member to change, waiting for a new opportunity, or asking God to guide you through a difficult season. Sometimes, when nothing seems to change, we may feel that God has forgotten us.

But **2 Peter 3:9** reminds us that God's delay is not a sign of His absence. **His patience reveals His love.**

Think about a parent teaching a child to walk. The child may fall several times, but the parent does not give up. Instead, the parent patiently helps the child try again. In the same way, God is patient with us. Even when we make mistakes, He continues to invite us to turn back to Him and grow in our relationship with Him.

Consider someone who has been avoiding God for years but suddenly begins to pray again during a difficult time. God's patience gave that person the opportunity to return to Him. What may appear to us as a long wait can also be a season of grace, transformation, and new beginnings.

This verse also challenges us to be patient with others. We may become frustrated when people fail to change, repeat their mistakes, or disappoint us. Yet, if God is patient with us, shouldn't we also extend patience, kindness, and forgiveness to others?

Today, instead of asking, “God, why is it taking so long?” let us ask, **“Lord, what are You teaching me during this time?”**

Reflection: Am I trusting God's timing, and am I giving others the patience that God gives me?

30 November 2026

God Of Comfort

2 Corinthians 1:3–4

Each day brings its own set of challenges. Sometimes, it is the uncertainty of the future; other times, it is the loneliness of being away from home, missing our loved ones and wishing we could have our favourite person beside us.

In such moments, even the smallest things can feel overwhelming, and our hearts long for the comfort of a familiar presence.

In **2 Corinthians 1:3–4, Paul** reminds us that God is the **"Father of compassion and the God of all comfort."** What a beautiful assurance to know that we have a God who understands our struggles and meets us in our distress!

I have experienced this comfort in the quiet moments spent in prayer, pouring out my heart before Him, and through His Word, which reminds me of His promises and faithfulness.

Even when the people we long for are not physically present, we are never beyond the reach of God's presence. **He meets us where we are,** gently reminding us that we do not have to carry our burdens alone.

But God's comfort does not end with us. **He comforts us so that we, too, can comfort others.** The comfort we receive from Him can become a source of encouragement for someone walking through a difficult season.

Sometimes, a listening ear, a kind word, or simply being present can reflect the comfort we have experienced in Christ.

So, let us encourage one another to draw near to God in faith, receive His comfort, and experience His healing touch in our hearts. As we find comfort in Him, may we also become vessels of His comfort to those around us.

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