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DEDICATION



I dedicate this book, first and foremost, to our Lord and Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who has been so faithful in my life. I commit my life to stand with Him in agreement to intercede for unity among the brethren.

Also, I dedicate this work to my dear sister in the Lord, Christine Speir, who is the first-fruits of this ministry. She has faithfully stood with me in intercession to accomplish intimacy among the brethren. Together we have sought the Lord and pressed in for breakthrough of God's glory, the mighty River of Love, to bust loose through God's people.

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Also, to my precious son, Levi, who is a mighty man of God by faith. I covet your prayers to see him through his trial with autism and epilepsy that he will be set free. At this point at the age of thirty, he is totally dependent upon us and has very limited speech. He has received prophesy from the Lord that he is God's spokesman to the nations; that he would speak forth the will of the Lord and it would come to pass. The Lord also said that many gifts of His Spirit are within him and he would touch many lives and bring much glory to His name.

The bottom line is that without each and every one of you, God's perfect will cannot be accomplished. As we come together in unity and intimacy with the Father, many things will take place. So I encourage you and appreciate you immensely. Hallelujah!



INTRODUCTION



This is to encourage those who have struggled for so long to find their place in the body of Christ and to be able to function in it. This is to those who have not been able to break through the barriers built around themselves by the enemy of their soul and also by their own doing.

To those who have been locked in the midst of fears, insecurities, hurts and pain, there is hope. There is life for you in the Lord of Lords and King of Kings. The Lord Jesus Christ died to give you life. He promised you an abundant life here on this earth.

Turn over everything to Him, and He will give you a new beginning. He will show you your purpose and the call you are to fulfil. Never give up. Just believe.....

For We Need To Start Somewhere.



PREFACE



I chose these scriptures because they best described what the Father put on my heart as the vision behind this message.

Psalm 42:1-2 As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for You, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the Living God.

Psalm 42:7 Deep calleth unto deep at the sound of Thy waterspouts.

John 4:14 Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.

John 7:38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.

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portrays one who is thirsting after the Lord. During times of intimacy with the Father, we are able to receive breakthrough in our spirit and are able to press in for breakthrough for others through intercession in prayer. The intensity of the breakthrough experiences break down the walls within us enabling us to release the travail of the Lord for the lost resulting in a great harvest of souls for the kingdom of God.

The deer portrays our hearts at the beginning of our walk of intimacy with the Father. At this point there is much work needed within our hearts and spirit to bring us to the place where we are able to catch the vision of how to press in for true revival.

The breakthrough experiences portrayed as waterspouts, growing in intensity during times of intimacy with the Father, result in a waterfall experience that is strong enough to break down the walls within us enabling us to receive healing through His love. This brings us to the place where we are receptive to the river of God's love. In return we are able to release His love back out radiating His glory repelling powers of darkness in order to draw in the lost.



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THE FAITHFULNESS OF THE FATHER

Chapter One



Deep within the recesses of man there is a calling. "Deep calleth unto deep at the sound of thy waterspouts....." (Psalm 42:7, KJV). The calling within my heart is to bring glory to the Father by writing of the faithfulness of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the heart of the storm, there is peace. I have been through many storms or trials where the evil one has put upon me various circumstances that, in the natural, pointed to death and destruction. But God is so faithful, even in the storm, to put in my heart of hearts an inner peace that surpasses understanding (Philemon 4:7). That inner peace is like a warm glowing feeling deep in my heart because I know that my life is in His hands completely. He will take care of me no matter what circumstances arise. We have the assurance that as we walk through the storms, He sustains us, restores our health, increases our strength, and brings us closer to His presence each time we are tested.

I must share with you: the Lord is so faithful! No matter what circumstances you face, He is always there with you. Truly all things work for good for those who love God and are called according to His plan and purpose (Romans 8:28). We must read, stand on, and live the Word completely. God means what He says and is faithful to keep His promises (Numbers 23:19). Never fear that He will not keep His word.

He will allow His purging fire to go only so far. He will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able to bear (1 Corinthians 10:13). The fire will transform you into His image, and His glory will transcend all that you could ever imagine to be done in your life. Believe me, God is faithful to complete the perfect work that He has begun in you (Philemon 1:6).

The Lord will cause us to become willing to allow Him freedom to bring the purging fire into every area of our hearts (Philemon 2:13). Holiness is our calling and He is faithful to cause it to manifest in our lives. The Word of God will reign in our lives if we allow the Lord to shine His love and glory upon us, and purge every trace of impurity out of our hearts. He wants to move through a pure and spotless vessel, a broken vessel, cleansed by His blood.

It is necessary to pray for the baptism of brokenness and be willing to pay the cost, whatever it may be, to have Jesus freely live His life through us. We are to have singleness of heart and of eyes so that we know His heart and see through His eyes. We must let Him use our hands, go where He needs to go; and as the Church, we must carry His burden.

Allow yourself to draw close to Him, intimately, so that He can share His heart with you and transform yours. He wants us to pray and stand in the gap for those He has a burden for, and be so sensitive to His Spirit that we move in any direction He desires.

Deep calleth unto deep at the sound of thy waterspouts. He longs for our presence and our undivided love and devotion. He wants us to draw close to Him so that every wall of division can be demolished allowing Him to freely move through us.

Oh, Church, be faithful to your calling. Be faithful to your place in the body of Christ, for He loves you with an everlasting love. He is faithful to bring your life to the potential it needs to be so that He can touch others through you with His glory.

What is our calling and what is our mission? It is to share God's love to a lost and dying world. How can we share His love if we don't know of it in an intimate way? He longs to heal us in a way where His love can freely saturate every pore and then radiate from within. Allow His Spirit to go deep within your being, to touch every area of your heart and heal every suppressed hurt. We need to be able to trust Him and be completely open to Him. We must allow His Spirit to tear down the walls that we've put up to protect ourselves. These areas of fortification are only causing us to be in bondage to our own fears and insecurities. Be willing to come out from within these walls. It isn't God's will for us to be bound by the enemy. We cannot serve the enemy any longer.

We have a choice between life and death, blessing and cursing (Deuteronomy 30:19). I know that in your heart you want life. But we're accustomed to, and comfortable with these enslaving habits. Most of us don't recognize them or don't know how to break away from them. Our thought patterns, emotions, and actions have been rooted in the world for so long that we don't know how to change. We Need To Start Somewhere, and not set such high goals that are impossible for us to meet all at once.

Make a commitment to get before the Lord every day to read His word and to draw close to Him. He will do the rest. Believe me, He is faithful. Never give up! He will give you your heart's deepest desire, which is to love Him more intimately. Be faithful in the little things and He will be faithful to bless you beyond what you could ever hope or imagine.





INTERCESSION - KNOWING THE FATHER'S HEART

Chapter Two



Oh, the Lord longs to share His heart with us and to pour out His innermost burdens upon His people. But how can He do this unless we draw close to Him? Unless we lay our heads upon His breast and feel His heartbeat, we cannot hear His heart's cry to His Church. To know and pray the perfect will of the Lord, we need to draw close to Him!

Fear not that you cannot fulfil the heart's cry of the Father, for you can. Each of us has a specific function to fulfil in intercession and, if we all draw near, every desire He has will be brought to fruition. How rewarding it is to know exactly what the Lord wants us to do for Him. He might not give you much to pray about at times, but if you are faithful with the amount He gives you for the length of time He requires, then He will pour out more of His heart upon you because of your obedience.

I might not be speaking to those that are already involved in deep intercession and functioning well, but to those who have struggled drawing close to the Lord and functioning (being used in service, body ministry, or fellowship) in the body of Christ. I know there are many that fall into this category. I had a difficult battle overcoming and taking a stand against the enemy. I want to encourage you to never give up. The Lord has you in the palm of His hand and always has. He understands how you feel.

He is there with you every step of the way, pouring out His grace to bring you to the place where you are able to stand. You may feel that you will never reach the place you need to be in Him. Perhaps many years have gone by and you are still in great need of ministry; you may wonder "how will I ever become free?" Don't ever give up on the Lord's faithfulness in your life, for through His love, grace and mercy, He sets us free as we abide in Him.

Each day seek after your heart's deepest desire in the Lord. Mine was to be able to delight in reading God's Word and to bask in His presence, drawing close to Him. I have been a Spirit-filled believer in Christ for close to twenty years, but could not make a commitment in these areas. Because of the many problems in my life, I allowed myself to become hindered in doing what I truly desired to do. I had so many deep hurts, insecurities, and bondages, and so many struggles to overcome to even halfway live a normal life. Even so, I never gave up on the faithfulness of the Lord.

No matter where you are at in the Lord, you have to believe that He has a plan and purpose for your life in the kingdom of God. We all have a specific calling from the Lord upon our lives and are all very important to Him. He needs each of us to fulfil this calling, no matter how small we may feel it to be. Believe me, there is so great a calling

upon your life that if He revealed it all at this time you would never imagine that you could fulfil it. I am sure it would be overwhelming; and sometimes is overwhelming. But take it as it comes. Be faithful right where you are, and minister to those close to you in the ways He shows daily. Then the Lord will show you more of your calling as you overcome trials and grow in His love.

Be determined to not punish yourself with feelings of unworthiness, which keep you from receiving His love. Allow His love to penetrate deep within your being. I know it is not easy to let go of the pain you have experienced all of your life, but it isn't doing you any good. We need to trust the Lord to heal those innermost hurts, even the ones we deny and suppress daily. We need to trust Him by opening up completely to the Father. He loves us deeply. Only He can truly understand and meet our needs. The ways in which we try to cope with these hurts only bring confusion, bitterness, and more grief. The Lord will never leave us nor forsake us (Deuteronomy 31:6, Psalm 9:10). He is faithful. He will never let us down. Therefore, we can truly trust Him with our lives.

The Lord encourages us to come into His presence and seek His face. He wants us to press into intimacy with Him and to allow Him to pour His deepest burdens from His heart. We need to cast off all that would sidetrack us. Don't work it out in your own strength. Trust in the grace of the Father, and He will bring you to the place you need to be in Him. Allow the Lord to heal you by receiving His love and everything that He has on His heart. His burdens will be carried by His Church, prayed through, and brought to fruition.





GOING THROUGH THE FIRE - THE ACT OF ENDURANCE

Chapter Three



Church, we need to be willing to go through the fire, for it is good. The Lord has allowed me to go through many "fiery" trials. I have seen so much good come from being obedient and faithful, committed to God's truth no matter what price I had to pay. In the fire is where the Lord transforms us into His image, and this is where many fall short. We go a short distance, then run back for safety away from the flames. We try to preserve the flesh, which needs to die anyway.

Trust me, just like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, Jesus will be right there with you, protecting you every step of the way, but you will not come out the same (Daniel 3:20-30). The glory of the Lord will shine upon you more and more; you truly will be going from glory to glory every step of the way (2 Corinthians 3:18). The fire purges everything that is not of Him out of our hearts and soul. Every impurity will be removed.

The Lord never allows the severity of the trial to go beyond what we are able to bear (1 Corinthians 10:13). Believe me, it will go way beyond what we think we can handle, but this is a good thing. We need to know, beyond the shadow of a doubt, that God is faithful and that He keeps His word. How do we know unless we are first tried? We must be firmly grounded in His Word so that nothing can shake us. His timing is perfect. Therefore, we should not try to hurry the process by turning to other areas for provision. Believe me, the fire gets hot and sometimes you may feel you cannot endure. Even so, we must remain focused on God's promises rather than look at the circumstances facing us. The Lord will bring us through to victory if we do not listen to any voice other than His.

This is to be our testimony as the Church: "They overcame by the word of their mouth, the blood of the Lamb, and they loved not their lives unto death" (Revelation 12:11). There is great power in this willingness to die in order to prove the Lord faithful. "Though He slay me yet will I trust Him" (Job 13:15). Examples throughout the Word show God's people willing to go through the fire, allowing Him to prove His faithfulness, no matter what price they had to pay (Daniel 6:16-24). Those who hold on to their life will lose it, and those willing to lose their life for the sake of the Kingdom will save it (Matthew 16:25).

The Word gives many promises proving His will for our lives (3 John 2, Psalm 41:3, Philemon 4:19, Psalm 91:3). But we are afraid to prove His faithfulness by laying down our lives. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:8); so what do we have to lose? The glory is there for us if we are willing to go through the fire no matter what the outcome. All that will be left in us is the Lord Jesus. We'll be completely yielded and broken vessels through whom His power will be able to freely flow. That is what we long for. We may not know what the hindrance has been in our lives because the enemy has deceived us, but God is setting us free. We are beginning to see the Truth - the light of God's Word is penetrating every hindrance.





PIERCING THE DARKNESS - THE REVELATION OF TRUTH

Chapter Four



We read God's Word, but do we really see what it says? The enemy has blinded us to the truth for so long that it has become a way of life - the only way we know how to live. We have accepted a mixture of truth and error, because it has been passed down from generation to generation. God's perfect will is in His Word, and the Early Church has been our example. But are we willing to receive the truth - the undefiled Word of God?

A greater amount of God's power would be flowing through the body of Christ if we were willing to die to our ways and walk in Truth. The devil knows this, so he sends out many types of spiritual cancers to destroy the faith in our hearts. Fear and deception run rampant throughout the camps of God's people. Not many are willing to stand on His Word alone, because they were taught that God supplies needs by other means. We must be careful that we are not turning to Egypt - the flesh (Acts 7:39, Philemon 3:3, Jeremiah 17:5). It is so important to know the Lord's will for our lives and not give into the enticements of the world.

The testing of our faith through our trials is not just to see the Lord provide all our needs, but to do a deep work in our spirits. That work is to teach us of the Lord's faithfulness and help share it with others. Through deception the enemy causes us to escape the purging power of the Holy Spirit, tempting us to leave the Lord's will for our lives and to follow after the ways of the world. These are easy paths, but they are all in vanity. Believe me, God's ways are not our ways for they are so much higher (Isaiah 55:9).

I know if we truly seek after Truth, the Lord will reveal it to us and cause it to transform us into His image. We should be willing to change so that God's perfect will is fulfilled. I am not saying it won't be painful; that's why this walk is referred to as living the crucified life (Galatians 2:20). We serve a Holy God and holiness is our calling.

The closer we come to the Father, the more His light shines through the darkness in us. Change should be considered normal, just like an ever-flowing river. We must press in for Truth because the Church is not where it needs to be. The enemy has dammed up

the river of God's Spirit. We need to press through by faith, and bring down every stronghold in our lives. So many distractions are taking precedence over the Lord's perfect will. We need to be willing to pierce through the darkness to receive the revelation of God's Truth.





OVERCOMING FAITH

Chapter Five



We have a desire to stay in the center of God's perfect will. In the midst of the battle His will is that we overcome the onslaughts of the enemy, boldly without wavering. Oh, Church, we need to be immovable, our head set like flint, so that no wiles of the enemy can shake us (Ezekiel 3:8-9). Yes, the Lord's perfect will for our lives is that we overcome. Many of God's promises are to the overcomers (Revelation Ch. 2 and 3). The Lord is encouraging us to courageously take our stand against the armies of the enemy, pressing them back while taking the land. We're to take what is already ours. But we cannot do this if we don't take our post in the mighty army of the Lord.

Be bold; be strong, for the Lord thy God is with thee. Do not be afraid or dismayed but walk in faith and victory! (Joshua 1:9). We sing so many praises from God's Word that encourage us to overcome. The Lord knows us better than we know ourselves, and He knows what we are capable of. We cannot even imagine what we can do in Him.

I have always been a very fearful and timid in the natural, but the Lord is changing me, building my boldness by allowing me to go through trials. He's been purging this fear and giving me greater confidence so that I can stand bold and courageous in the face of battle.

Everything the Lord allows us to go through is for our good (Romans 8:28). He is using each trial to cause us to grow stronger and stronger. We need to trust Him completely with our lives, because He is doing a mighty work in us. We are being prepared so that He can move mightily through us. Believe me, God makes no mistakes. Everything we go through is for a purpose. From the time He has set us on the path of holiness following His dear Son, Jesus, no time has been wasted.

Every step of the way He is allowing situations that cause us to choose to die to our ways of doing things and to put His will first. This is a painful walk to our flesh, but great glory results as we see ourselves conforming to the image of our Lord and Savior (Romans 8:29). The nearer we draw to His side, the more we see traits in us that are not like Him. This can be disheartening, but we must remember that we cannot conform in our own strength. Because of His grace He loves us right where we are - full of sinful attitudes and imperfections. We need to accept ourselves and know that God is extracting

from us all that is unlike Him. He will not leave us in this state. He is purging it out by His love, grace, and fire.

Believe me, the Lord loves us right where we are. He wouldn't bring us this far just to leave us stranded and defenseless without Him. The more we see that He loves and accepts us, the more we are willing to change. We are the ones who see our imperfections then judge and condemn ourselves. We need to love and accept ourselves and have peace in our hearts that God is doing a purifying work in our lives. We are to be content in this truth and never feel that our situations are hopeless, for there is nothing that is impossible for the Lord (Luke 1:37). He is our miracle-working God and Father who loves us.

Many of God's people want to function in a specific place in the body of Christ. Yet they are afraid that they are inadequate for this calling, and therefore, remain on the outskirts of what is happening. Even so, the Lord pours out His anointing upon us, and when there is a true calling for us to fulfil, He gives us the boldness and confidence to stand up and accept it. Yet there are times we confuse His calling with a false sense of responsibility. We see a need and feel that we should meet it without first seeking the Lord's will. When we step out of the Lord's perfect will, the results can be devastating. There is no fulfilment or accomplishment. The work is done in vain.

To overcome works done in vain, we need to ignore the temptation to be constantly busy, and spend time drawing close to the Lord to find out what He wants us to do. Remember the passage referring to Martha and Mary? (Luke 10:38-42). Martha was busy with things that truly needed to be done, but Jesus desired that she attend to what really mattered at that time; being at His side. Too many of us have become involved in things that distract us from our highest calling; delighting in His presence. We need to be sensitive to knowing God's perfect will for our lives because when we don't, we then end up falling into the snare of busyness and complacency. We should stay in the center of God's perfect will in His presence. During times of intimacy with the Lord, we receive strength enabling us to overcome the mighty onslaughts of the enemy, and we also receive what is on the Father's heart. We need to draw close to Him so that He can show us the tactics and schemes the enemy will use to try to defeat us.

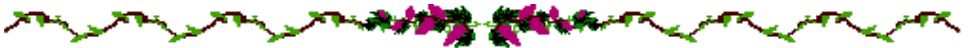
If the enemy can keep us caught up in the busyness of religious works, then when we finally find time to get before the Lord, we are too tired from the busyness to make the time with Him effective. The enemy will either try this tactic, or he will distract us with the pleasures of the world so that we don't desire to come before the Lord. We need to be aware that both tactics would ensnare us with complacency.

Many of God's people have submitted to a nonchalant attitude towards resisting the enemy's attacks against our faith. Many have become complacent and unwilling to

intercede for the needs of God's people. If the enemy can keep us in a lazy frame of mind, he can run all over us. We need to take a stand against the schemes and maneuvers the enemy is using to attack and destroy our faith. We must position ourselves against complacency and this deadness in our hearts toward what needs to be done in the camp of God's people. Don't let this continue in our lives.

Rise up, O Church! Awake from your sleep. Take your stand and fight, for the enemy is going about as a roaring lion devouring all in its path (1 Peter 5:8). Be vigilant. Cover yourselves completely with God's armor and Jesus' blood (Ephesians 6:11-18). Stand firm and resist. Press the armies of the evil one back, and take your ground. Conquer all that is yours for all of God's promises are yes and Amen (2 Corinthians 1:20). The nations are your inheritance. Claim the land and its people for the Lord Jesus. The Lord says that we are His faithful and committed people, and that He is going to use us mightily in the end times. Again, I encourage you to keep your armor on for we need this equipment for the battle. Put on the Lord Jesus. He is all that we need. He is your Captain. Just stand in rank and follow Him. When the Lord says "March!" then march! March into battle. We are to take the land tearing down strongholds and principalities over the land. March on...into the victory!

Prepare your hearts for the Lord is ready to manifest unto groaning creation His sons - the mature sons of God (Romans 8:22-23). We are His chosen people, and He will move mightily through us. Keep praising your Lord. Keep pressing in on the enemy for his armies are being scattered in your midst! (Psalm 68:1). Halleluiah!





SEASONS OF PRAISE

Chapter Six



The Lord encourages us to rise up over our circumstances and onslaughts of the enemy by praising Him. He reminds us that we are seated with Him at the right hand of the Father far above all powers and principalities (Ephesians 1:20-21). We are to stay in this realm, because this is where our victory presides. The Lord conquered the enemy at Calvary, and anything that the enemy puts in front of us is a lie. Therefore, we are to take our authority over the situation and cast down vain imaginations that set themselves up over having the mind of Christ (2 Corinthians 10:5, KJV).

When we dwell on the negative circumstances, we believe the deceiver. We need to get a hold of ourselves; immediately cast down the thoughts the enemy feeds us before they build a stronghold in our hearts. The battle is in the mind, and at times we fail to walk in victory in our thoughts. But if we repent, cast the enemy out of our hearts, and claim our hearts totally for the Lord, the victory will be restored in our lives. The Lord is faithful to manifest His victory in us. Holiness is our calling, and the Lord prepared the way for us to walk in it. All we have to do is to trust Him and cry out for more grace. (Hebrews 4:16).

The enemy seeks to rob us of our joy. One way he tries to take our joy is by fiercely attacking us in our thoughts until we forget our position in Christ. Not only do we forget who we are in Christ, but we also forget about praising Him. The enemy wants us to walk in the earthly realm, never looking up to see the victory, but looking down only to see the negative circumstances. But, praise the Lord! He has delivered us from that realm into His victorious kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy (Romans 14:17). No longer will we portray the image of a chicken scratching in the dust. We will rise up as eagles and soar far above that realm with healing, love, and victory in our wings (Isaiah 40:31). Remember that all things work for good to those that love God and are called according to His plan and purpose (Romans 8:28). Our calling is to rise above the circumstances and praise our God. Halleluiah!

I know what it is like to give in to the enemy and walk in the earthly realm. The writing of this chapter came after an attack where I felt like I could not rise up over the circumstances. After kicking and screaming, and confessing things I shouldn't, I finally cried out for grace and repented for not trusting the Lord. One thing we need to be aware

of is that after mighty victories, the enemy is right there ready to attack again to rob our victory. This is where most people fall short. They become laid back and at ease and neglect to keep up their guard against the enemy. In the battle there is never really true times of peace. We are always at war, but not in actual combat. If we seek Him, the Lord will give us discernment of the schemes the enemy uses to try to rob our joy and praises to God.

No matter what faces us in the natural, we need to stay centered on God's promises. Prosperity and divine health, two of His many promises to us, are ours as we grow and prosper spiritually (3 John 2). Everything contrary to this is a lie. This is our inheritance. We should praise Him for it, no matter what circumstances lingers before us. Be diligent to look forward, through the eyes of faith, to the victory - His will established in us.

The Lord allows us to go through seasons where we don't feel like praising Him. There may seem that we have no praise in our hearts. Be assured that this is when the Lord does a deeper work in us, through our praise sacrifice (Hebrews 13:15). God gives us the ability to praise Him even when it is so hard in the natural to do so. No matter what we feel, we are commanded to praise Him. It is by faith (2 Corinthians 5:7). It is an act of sacrifice. Sometimes we don't feel like praising Him, because we don't feel His presence. But He is always with us. Draw close to Him. Despite all feelings and circumstances, believe that He is with you.

The way the Lord stretches our faith is similar to the way an eagle trains its eaglet to fly on its own. The Lord allows us to not feel His manifest presence at times during trials, and we might feel tempted to believe that we are on our own. After experiencing this dry season, the Lord will restore His presence. Then He might allow a trial more severe and allow this same testing. He is strengthening us in spite of the way we feel during this process. Always be patient knowing that He is doing a perfect work in us; preparing us for the calling He has on our lives (Philemon 1:6).

We are assured that we can always rest in the faithfulness of the Lord. Remember that tests occur in order to purge out of our hearts all that is unlike Him. His ways of doing things are not like ours (Isaiah 55:9). Never grow weary in the battle, because we fight from a place of victory in Christ. We can rest in peace knowing that the Lord allows each trial to conform us into His image (Romans 8:29). No matter what we face in the natural, no matter what we are going through, we need to dwell on the truth that He is worthy to be praised.

The Lord wants us to draw close to Him; to come to our destined place in Him. It is a place of victory, love, fulfilment, and joy. A place where we allow Him to have His will and way. We must cast off the wrong attitudes and mindsets that distract us from staying

in His presence and from praising God.

This is a fight for your life in Christ. The enemy wants to keep you from drinking from the wells of everlasting joy, peace, and anointing in Christ. Don't become discouraged. The enemy seeks to rob your hope. But don't let him. Remember that in the battle, the Lord will not allow us to be tempted more than we can bear, and He will provide an escape (1 Corinthians 10:13). Fight to keep your place in Jesus. Fight to stay strong in His power. Fight, by praising Him always.


The Lord wants us to know that He is always with us and that we are to be encouraged that as we walk in His perfect will, we are in a place of safety. He says in His Word not to fear because He is with us; not to be dismayed because He is our God. He will strengthen us; He will help us; He will uphold us with His righteous right hand (Isaiah 41:10). With this in mind, we are to rejoice always for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning us! (1 Thessalonians 5:16).





TRIUMPHANT THROUGH DYING - THE CRUCIFIED LIFE

Chapter Seven



Most Christians desire to break through all bonds of slavery and allow Jesus to live His life through them unencumbered. This can only come through the process of emptying out of ourselves, the kenosis experience, also known as the crucified life. The flesh is our greatest enemy and most difficult to conquer. But our souls will find it easier to allow this process if we remember that dying brings life.

Dying to the flesh was even difficult for our Lord and Savior. He went to the Garden of Gethsemane and struggled with it before His final walk of victory over it at Calvary (Matthew 26:39). He is God and He experienced every temptation the flesh had to offer (Hebrews 2:17-18). Yet He was completely victorious over it (Hebrews 4:15). Jesus kept the flesh under subjection to His Father's perfect will by continuously drawing strength from the Father. How much more we need to consistently draw strength from our Lord!

We need to know the schemes and tactics the enemy uses to ensnare us to our fleshly ways. Victorious living comes only from abiding in the power we receive through grace as we walk with Jesus in the crucified life. He made it possible for us to walk in this victory because of His own death and resurrection. The veil has been torn in two (Matthew 27:51). The way is now clear for us to enter into the throne room of grace.

Jesus has made it possible for us to come before the Father and receive the anointing of God. This anointing is the strength we need to overcome the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life (1 John 2:16). Oh, such freedom, when we get a hold of the victory in dying to ourselves and reigning with Jesus through His love. Living according to the carnal nature allows many traps of bondage to our soul and spirit. We need to break away from the hindrances so we can freely run the race (Hebrews 12:1).

Jesus is our victory and our liberty. But we must allow His Spirit to do this work in us. Pride is our greatest enemy. It will control us completely if we give into the carnal nature. We are warned; where pride is comes a fall (Proverbs 16:18). The Lord will not allow anything to come against His rule and reign in the throne room of our hearts. We must determine to allow the Holy Spirit to work in our hearts, causing us to completely and continuously die to the flesh.

We need to continuously humble ourselves before the mighty throne of God and not allow the flesh to rise up and control us. There are many deceptions that we face daily that try to ensnare us into areas of legalism, self-righteousness, control, and manipulation. Grace is the key to life and it frees us as well as everyone with whom we come in contact.

One tactic the enemy uses to ensnare us to pride is independence. It causes us to believe that we are becoming more righteous through our own strength. Independence leads us to death by ensnaring us into the bonds of slavery, keeping us from drawing close to Jesus. The Spirit of God brings life. Oh, we need to hold on to this truth and experience the freedom in allowing Jesus to live His life through us.

The resurrected life can only come through a daily crucifixion of the flesh. We need to receive a revelation of this truth so that we will be aware of this deception and overcome this error in every area of our lives. We can only receive life as we abide in the vine: Jesus (John 15:4-5). Independence causes us to fall into the deception that we can receive strength in ourselves to walk the crucified life. Jesus is the only person able to overcome sin. We need to draw strength from Him.

In reality our righteousness comes by our daily act of total dependence upon the Father for His grace and mercy. We must be sensitive to His Spirit so that we recognize anything tainted with this error of independence before it takes a stronghold in us. The enemy wants to destroy our walk of love and grace. He wants division between us and God, and us and our brethren. Therefore, our hearts, actions, and words must be sanctified by God's purifying grace: the cleansing blood of Christ.

Even in relationships with others, our ways are not God's ways; His are so much higher (Isaiah 55:9). We cannot understand them with the carnal mind. For an example, if we try to figure out a plan to help someone, it will often be the opposite of what God wants us to do. But, if we would just get quiet before the Lord and examine our hearts, we could discern whether we are moving in the flesh or by His Spirit concerning the situation. The Lord wants us to be completely pure in our motives, thoughts, and actions so that His love can freely flow through us to touch others.

Be assured that the Lord is working in us, enabling us to yield to Him so that He can truly move through us (Philemon 2:13). It is a process of learning and discerning what is right for our lives; a process of us growing smaller while He becomes great in us. He must increase and I must decrease, as John the Baptist portrayed the example in God's Word (John 3:30).

One secret to a victorious relationship with others is humility. We need to be able to admit when we have failed to walk in the spirit of love with others. When we discern that the enemy has attacked, and we have given into the ways of the flesh, we need to immediately confess it and repent of it. Pray for grace to be able to preserve God's love among the brethren. We need to be closely knit, one to another, and this can only come through humility through God's love.

The enemy loves to control and manipulate to eventually destroy relationships. We need to be so free in God's grace so that we can allow others the same freedom. Only the Lord can bring freedom and change into another person's life. Only He can convict others of sin and liberate them. When we try to be the Holy Spirit in someone's life, we fall into a great deception. If we had such a burden to see them walk in freedom, then we'd get on our knees and travail for them. When we see fault in others, it is usually because we have criticism and judgment, which are sin.

Just because we don't have the same convictions as others doesn't mean that the Lord isn't working in their lives, or that they aren't yielding to His Spirit. He does not work the same way in everyone's life. We are all so unique, having completely different needs. The Lord has a special plan to conform everyone into His image. Let us abide in Christ; only then will we be able to walk in love with others, because of His grace and truth (John 1:17). Only by His Spirit will we be able to walk in this balance of love. Remember, freedom can only come by dying and walking in the resurrection power of the Lord Jesus Christ, and only by His grace can we walk in this revelation of truth.

Never become discouraged or believe that you will never be able to die to your old ways or that the pain in dying will be too much to bear. Be assured that as you obey the voice of the Lord and bring your flesh into subjection to His Spirit; that His joy, love, and grace will far exceed any struggle that you face. You truly will be going from glory to glory as the Lord transforms you into His image (2 Corinthians 3:18).

It is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure (Philemon 2:13). We can never glory in our own strength, for it is only by His grace that we overcome. He started the good work in you, and He is faithful to complete it (Philemon 1:6). So rest assured this day that the Word is working mightily in you!





HEALING THE HEART

Chapter Eight



God's people want to rise above the flesh and walk continuously in His Spirit; but they cannot do this if they are busy struggling with deep inner hurts. God's Word cannot penetrate deep into the depths of the heart if you don't allow Him. Open your heart that the Lord may enter and heal all that is wounded. God will not enter into these areas of deep hurt unless we invite Him in to do the work. By His Spirit, the Lord is constantly drawing us close to pour His love into us, but we have to willingly respond to it and receive His love.

Many of us have been so deeply wounded that we have built strong defensive walls around us. Because of these fortifications, allowing God to enter and trusting Him with our hearts and lives is difficult. But we cannot hide behind walls of fear, resentments, and bitterness any longer. We are locking ourselves up with our greatest enemy; the flesh. We are constantly allowing Satan to build strongholds of ungodly habits in our lives. Worry and anxiety are by-products of not allowing God to pierce our hardened hearts. We choose to carry our own loads, and not receive God's love and grace. But by faith through salvation we have committed our lives into God's hands. Therefore, we can be sure that in God's timing and by His grace, He will bring us to the place where we will feel safe enough to remove the walls and open up to Him. Then the Lord will be faithful to do the needed work in us that we are desperately crying out for.

Many have received help through others in the body of Christ who allow God's love to flow through them. So many are hungry for love but don't know how to open up and receive it. Pride gets in the way. Pride keeps us locked behind our own prison walls. It makes us afraid to truly admit who we are and what we are experiencing. We cannot get help if we give in to this fear and not allow ourselves to be vulnerable. God's love is the answer. He is so willing to shed an abundant supply on us. He is faithful to provide all our needs and innermost desires. We can rest in His faithfulness. God wants us to trust not in man, but in Him alone. He will keep us and direct us to the sources of His healing power.

Because I needed so much healing, I understand the feelings of desperation and hopelessness. But God is faithful. There is nothing too big for Him. Never give up on His faithfulness. He deeply loves you.

Jesus experienced the turmoil of emotional upheaval that man faces daily. Yet He overcame by drawing strength from His Father. We must also draw from this source. We cannot be independent from the Lord, and run into a life of emptiness and constant torment. Jesus is our only hope of recovery.

We need to make an honest effort to take steps to overcome our weakness. Make a commitment to draw close to God daily. Read His Word and listen to His voice as you get quiet before Him. Allow Him to fill you with His Spirit. If you take the first steps to draw close to Him, He will be right there to lift you into His loving arms. Never give up on drawing close to Him. Don't believe the lies of the enemy when he tells you that the feelings and emotions you may be experiencing prove you are getting worse. The way we behave at times in the natural may look like we will never be able to get better. But we are not to walk by feelings or by sight, but by faith (2 Corinthians 5:7), knowing that God is faithful to complete the good work that He started in us (Philemon 1:6).

During the healing process the Lord will dig into our hearts and remove the roots of ungodly seeds that have grown into a huge tree. Usually rejection has set in which has so many branches of defensive and offensive reactions. Fear and anger are the main outshoots. We turn to these devices when trying to cope with our deep seated hurts and fear. But they are only opening us up for more oppression. We can never overcome the pain in our own strength.

As we yield to God's healing power, we are able to let go of these strongholds and trust wholly in His Spirit to bring us to recovery. "Not by might nor by power but by My Spirit saith God" (Zech 4:6). Love is the answer. God's ways are higher than our ways (Isaiah 55:9). When we hold on to the hurts and choose not to forgive those who have done us wrong, we are turning our lives over to the oppression of tormenting spirits (Matthew 18:32-35).

Trust the Lord and allow His will to be done in your life. By trying to cope in our own strength, we are only bringing ourselves more harm. Choose abundant life; walk in God's love, follow Christ's example. "Forgive them for they do not know what they are doing," said our Lord in the midst of persecution (Luke 23:34). You can see this same heart of forgiveness displayed through Stephen. As he was being stoned, he let out this same cry to the Father to forgive them (Acts 7:60). And also through Joseph, you see this same heart of mercy and compassion (Genesis 45:1-15).

We are to be more than conquerors through Christ (Romans 8:37). Stay on the victory side where Jesus reigns. Do not give into the schemes the enemy uses to deceive and enslave you. Shake loose the chains that bind you by one easy step: Forgiveness.

Commit all into God's hands. Allow love to penetrate every area of your heart and become free; and stay free, once and for all! Halleluiah!





EXPOSING THE ENEMY

Chapter Nine



Veiled within the midst of darkness the enemy lurks within our beings. This is not to come across as a negative confession but as a revelation that the enemy is trying to stay hidden as long as he can. But as long as we stay in God's presence, the enemy doesn't have a chance and has to pack his bags and move on.

This chapter is to encourage and bring hope to those who have struggled with deep emotional turmoil, deep-seated fears, and torments. To those who have endured many years of their expectancy rising and falling, going from one prayer and deliverance session to another. Never give up. The Lord will never fail you. Press forward under the anointing of our wonderful and powerful Savior; for the anointing does break the yoke. As the fire of the Holy Spirit purges and burns down the walls, the deep roots of the enemy within is being loosened. The light of His truth is piercing the darkness causing the enemy to become exposed.

Our greatest foe cannot continue to hide because our Father God is so faithful to set us free! I know from experience. I have had this struggle, and I know that God's timing is perfect. The Lord is in control of all situations that we face for He is working all things for good toward the culmination of our mighty and glorious deliverance (Romans 8:28). As the mature sons of God arise, the enemy is being defeated (Romans 8:19). Satan has no legal hold on our lives for it was broken at the cross of Calvary.

All we need to do is to trust the Lord. He will manifest this victory in our lives. Remain faithful to your calling at this point in time, and praise Jesus with all your heart. We know deep within that from the time we made Jesus our all, everything we have faced in life is in preparation for the work He will do through us. He needs a completely yielded and broken vessel, and He is accomplishing this in us.

For many years I have suffered much torment of not being able to let go and truly allow the Lord to have control of every portion of my life. Many people have tried to encourage me to trust the Lord with my son, husband, and my entire life. I could not understand why I couldn't let go and let God have control. The Lord has revealed much truth to me after going through severe attacks from the enemy. Although it might have

appeared like I had been defeated, by the grace of God, I have always been lifted back up, restored to the path of righteousness and strengthened. What the enemy means for harm always work for our good (Genesis 50:20).

It is not by anything that we do, but by the shed blood and resurrection of our Lord and Savior that we are saved. Our righteousness is as filthy rags (Isaiah 64:6). We obey and walk the path of holiness only because we love Him. Oh, such glorious victory to receive revelation of truth. The Lord revealed to me for the first time that it is no longer I, but Christ, the hope of glory (Colossians 1:27). I no longer am in charge of my life. Now I truly can let go and retire from all the toil I bore all of my life. I can rest in Him. This is a wonderful revelation of deliverance to me. I want to encourage you to just rest in the faithfulness of our Lord and Savior, that He will expose the root of bondage in your life.

Maybe this is a good time to share part of my testimony. I have always been an extremely fearful person, unable to do anything that involved other people. I avoided grocery shopping, eating with others, having people over to visit, or any other association. I couldn't make eye contact with others or even get a coffee cup up to my mouth without shaking. I wasn't able to take the Bread and Cup at church without feeling unworthy. I struggled praying with others. And there's many more problems I had.

Night time was extremely hard for me, because I was afraid of the dark. This is when I had the worse mind battles. When I finally would sleep, I'd have a nightmare. The effects of it would last throughout the following day. At times I would actually experience the sensation of rising up from the bed, because of being so terrified by the spiritual attack.

I tried to stay close to Jesus by staying in His Word. As I did He delivered me more and more of the fear. Later in life my son experienced grand mall seizures, and because of the root of fear that was left in my life, the trauma began all over again. I could not completely let go and trust Jesus with this situation, and I could not understand why.

After weeks of being under attack by spirits of insecurity, frustration, fear, and rage, I experienced feelings that I couldn't go to the Father for forgiveness. I felt so hard and stubborn, and I had a strong need to be in control. My husband tried to explain to me by the Holy Spirit that I needed to give it all to Jesus and to humble myself before Him, but I felt like I could not do it.

Then the Holy Spirit revealed to me that the root of bondage in my life was pride, the deceiver. It had me so convinced that I had to be in charge of my life. I felt like I had to watch over, protect, work out, and be responsible for everything. It had me believing that I was strong enough to be in control. But I knew deep in my heart that I couldn't keep

everything in control. This caused me much torment.

After pride was exposed and cast out, the void was filled with the strength of Jesus. It is no longer I but Jesus (Galatians 2:20). I actually felt strong and confident in Him for the first time when He filled me. All glory to God! Such joy came over me at the thought that what Satan meant for harm worked out for my good. I felt in the Spirit that while I was experiencing such joy, the enemy was actually running away wounded like a dog with its tail between its legs.

We can never give up on the faithfulness of the Father. His timing is always perfect. We need never forget that all things work for good for those who love God and are called according to His plan and purpose. There is, therefore, now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:1). The enemy fights being exposed so that he can have complete control over our lives. Satan will do anything to hinder our intimacy with our Lord Jesus, because he doesn't want to forfeit control of us to Jesus. It truly is a fight for each of our lives in Christ (1 Tim 6:12).

We wrestle not with man or with carnal weapons but with principalities and powers in the heavenlies sent out to destroy our lives and our walk with Christ, and to cause us eternal suffering (Ephesians 6:12). If our lives are secured by the shed blood of Christ, there's nothing the enemy can do to destroy our faith. Whatever the enemy does to try to defeat us will always work out for our good, because God is on our side, and He truly battles for us (1 Samuel 17:47). In time the enemy will reveal his stupidity, by setting his own trap that will reveal his identity.

He will try to stay hidden so that he can bring torment and control in our lives, but the Lord will not allow this. In time, the Lord will allow various situations to arise that will cause the enemy to become exposed. Because of the faithfulness of the Father, we can rest assured that the roots of bondage in our lives will become exposed and glorious liberty will become manifested in our lives.

No matter where we are in the Lord, we are in transition. Whether it is a matter of deliverance or crucifixion of the flesh we are in transition. The Lord is bringing each of us to the place where we relinquish control over our lives to Jesus so that He can release His glory through us. The enemy's chief mission is to hinder us from answering God's call. We need to be aware of this. Make sure you're off the throne of your life completely so that Jesus can live His life through us freely, to touch a lost and dying world, to heal the sick, and set the captives free (Mark 16:15-18).





BREAKING AWAY UNTO LIFE

Chapter Ten



The Lord Jesus Christ wants to bring us as the Church into a dimension we did not know existed. There is so much unfolding of revelation in the areas of truth and grace that the Lord wants to introduce us to (John 1:17). No one will ever be at the place they need to be in Him completely. It is a process of going from glory to glory as we transform into His image by feasting upon His Word and receiving more and more of His power through the infilling of His Spirit (2 Corinthians 3:18).

I want to share with you a life-changing experience which began as a result of receiving a dream from the Lord. After having the dream, I awoke with the feeling that something was different about it; but at the same time, I thought it might have been from something I ate before going to bed. Still, days later, I thought about it and started seeking the Lord for the dream's meaning.

The dream consisted of a large house with many large compartments in it. Many people were in this house. A large dining area was filled with people who were eating contaminated fruit. Word was out that we were not to partake of this fruit or even associate with the people eating it, or we would be contaminated also.

Another large area of the house was a banquet hall with many men sitting around a large, long table. I flew into this room and was rebuked that I was out of order, so I graciously left. Throughout the other sections of the house, people were eating something appearing to be paper and cardboard.

The Lord revealed to me that the people in the house represented the Church as a whole. There are areas of legality in my life and in the Church, portrayed by the eating of bad fruit, which represents the knowledge of good and evil. (The letter of the law kills, but the Spirit of grace brings life and truth (2 Corinthians 3:6). When Adam and Eve partook of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil against God's command not to, sin and death entered the world (Romans 5:12).

It is interesting to notice that the sections of the house that were clearly recognized were those we were to avoid. Those who partook of the life of Jesus (those who were

feasting on His Word) were in areas where little attention was given. This could refer to areas in the body of Christ where God's Spirit is now being quenched. There are many large beautiful churches in the land where there is no life at all; and at the same time, many places where saints meet together under a mighty anointing are small or not given a second glance.

In the dream, flying into the banquet hall portrayed being free in the Holy Spirit. The hall represented areas of my life and the Church where formality is the dominant factor. The Lord encourages us to be so free in Him that we move only by the leading of His Spirit. Only then will we have His perfect will in our lives rather than the bondage of precise law and order.

The Lord revealed an area in my life where He wanted to set me free and bring the breath of life into my being. I know this is only the beginning of a new freedom the Lord wants to bless me in as He shows me other areas of my life that need this same type of change. I spent most of my Christian life in a church where there was a lot of the same type of form and precision as in the dream . I received much truth during those years, but because I was so bound, I could not receive the full measure of freedom through the revelation of God's grace.

The Lord is blessing me now in the area of reading His Word. My whole life as a Christian I desired to feast on His Word but did not know how. I would study occasionally by gathering scriptures relating to a certain topic depending on my need at the time. This helped me some, but it was only bringing the Word into my mind, and not into my heart. Later in life, I disciplined myself to stay in the Word for one year, by reading the Bible according to a schedule. Each day I tried to keep up with the schedule, but there were days I fell behind, and I had to really buckle down to catch up. I realized at times that I wasn't even paying attention to all that I was reading.

Through all this I developed a good habit of wanting to stay in God's Word and a desire to receive more from reading it. All things work out for good for those who are called according to His plan and purpose, even our mistakes work out for our good. I started to enjoy getting before the Lord and spending time with Him, but it was so empty compared to what the Lord wanted me to receive.

After receiving this dream, a sister in the Lord shared with me that I should break away from my reading chart and just feast on the book of John in the Bible. She said to just go slow and pray in the Spirit, and then ask the Lord to speak to me. I had showed that even though I was reading in the Word, I was not benefiting as much as I would have if I had been before the Lord feasting on His Word.

In the dream where others were eating what appeared to be paper and cardboard, this represented the need to eat of the Bread of Life, the Living Manna (John 6:48). The Word of God is our only true sustenance. We need to partake of it in a way that will bring nourishment and growth in our lives. Now I am beginning to receive a glimmer of the light the Lord wants me to have, resulting in definite change in the way I receive from His Word. For a week I struggled to break away from the ritualistic pattern of reading the Word and to partake of the grace the Lord had for me in this area. This is only the beginning of a journey with the Lord as He unfolds His perfect will to me by showing me different areas of my life where I am not completely free. The Lord loves us so much and He has an abundance of blessings He wants to pour out upon us where we will be fulfilled in Him beyond what we could ever hope or imagine (Ephesians 3:20).

I am just amazed at how much I have received from Jesus by reading just a few verses from the beginning of the book of John the way He intended me to read it. As He unveiled revelation and understanding of His Word to me, His anointing and His awesome presence has encouraged me to press in for more. I have missed out of so much by not partaking of His Word His way.

We need to always guard against the tactics the enemy uses to try to rob us. Many are deceived and place importance on how much they read, rather than how they are reading the Word. Others are ensnared by the religious practice of adhering to a schedule rather than being led by the Holy Spirit in what they are to read.

Balance is so important. Whatever we use to help us develop the good habit of staying in God's Word should never hinder us from being led by His Spirit. Always remember to not partake in your own strength but to ask for the grace to receive the blessings contained within His Word.

Be still and know that He is God and that He is faithful to lead us into all truth (Psalm 46:10). Slow down. Really come before Him and let Him nourish you with the sustenance that He provides through His Son. Jesus is the Bread of Life (John 6:35). Partake of Him daily as you partake of His Word!





THE CALL TO ARMS

Chapter Eleven



Most likely, every Blood-bought believer in Christ will come to the place he needs to be where he will be willing to lay down every weight and entanglement with the world, and be ready to pick up his battle arms, and really begin to fight the enemy (Hebrews 12:1). No more allowing the distractions of the world to cause him to have cold, disinterested, nonchalant, and uncaring attitudes toward what is happening all around him.

The enemy is on a rampage; out to destroy and hinder all the work the Lord has begun in His kingdom. Every new believer in Christ is being attacked right and left. Many of the overcomers are being grievously slaughtered. All because the true intercessors have not picked up their arms to fight for the wounded.

I am not saying there aren't the faithful few who have remained committed to their call no matter what. But I am admonishing those who have a calling to be intercessors, yet have allowed the enemy to bring them to the place of not just defeat, but of not even beginning to fight. The enemy knows these precious ones are a threat to his kingdom. That is why he is constantly bombarding them, trying to keep them from coming to their place in the Lord where they are able to stand against him. I am persuaded that they are a mighty army, and that their time is coming where they will stand bold and unwavering, with head set like flint, against the evil one (Ezekiel 3:9).

Although it may appear that this camp of saints is defeated, the Lord is in control. He has them where they need to be at this point. They are going through a period of training that might be one of the hardest things they have ever faced. Yes, the evil one has come in like a flood at every angle, but they are being preserved and strengthened. And yes, like a mighty oak tree, through every storm they face, their roots are going deeper and deeper into the nourishment of the Word of the Lord (Psalm 1:3).

Yes, they are going through many tests and mighty onslaughts, but they are being prepared for war as never before. So, do not be discouraged if you feel you haven't been able to stand and take your place in the army of the Lord at this point. The Lord has you in the palm of His hand, and you are precious to Him. Faithful are those who will not give up in spite of all their apparent weaknesses. Only when they accept that they are

weak can they truly be strong in Him (2 Corinthians 12:10). That is when great strength comes.

Many have fallen away because they have looked in the natural at the fruit of their life at this point. They have thrown up their hands and said that they can't go on; that there is no hope of ever reaching the place they need to be in Him. Don't let that be you. Don't give up! Stand on God's promises that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it (Philemon 1:6), and He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world (1 John 4:4).

Pick yourself up and brush yourself off and equip yourself with the armor of God (Ephesians 6:11). Sharpen your sword and place your shield where it needs to be. Be clean. For the Blood of Christ washes you of all your impurities (1 John 1:7-9). Look to the righteousness of Christ, not to your own (Titus 3:5, Philemon 3:9). Draw close to Him and be willing for Him to transform you (Romans 12:2). Do not be defeated for the Lord thy God is with you. Don't allow yourself to become robbed any longer.

Today is a new day. Let the past melt away and let today become a new beginning for you - a fresh new start. Let this year be one of the most overcoming years in the Lord that you have ever experienced. Fulfill your destiny in Him. Go from glory to glory as you reach out for renewed strength from God's Spirit each day. Put on the Lord Jesus for He is your Captain (Hebrews 2:10, KJV). Stand in rank, follow Him, for you are more than a conqueror in Him (Romans 8:37). The nations are your inheritance. You will stand undefeated in Him.

All things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28). So, don't let your circumstances defeat you; they are for your good. The fire from your trials is purging all traces of dross and impurity out of you. Allow the Lord to do this work in you. Don't draw back when the fire looks severe. You will not be burned by it. Always remember Shadrach, Meschach, and Abed-Nego (Daniel 3:26-27). The Lord Jesus was right there with them and delivered them completely unharmed but totally transformed.

Be faithful to His Word by allowing it to do its work in you. Be transformed into His image daily (Romans 8:29). As you go from glory to glory, your flesh is being stripped off, and His glorious radiance is being poured out through you to touch a lost and dying world: those who truly need the Lord Jesus (2 Corinthians 3:18). So, be assured this day that the Word is working mightily in you (Colossians 1:29). And, no matter how you feel about your progress in Him, the Lord is pleased with you. Everything is in His timing, and He is in complete control of your life.


So, rest in Him and be refreshed for the Lord is about to bring you through a mighty and conquering battle. The victory is the Lord's!





THEY LOVED NOT THEIR LIVES UNTO DEATH

Chapter Twelve



More fulfilment has been drawn by appeasing the flesh than by any other method since the beginning of mankind; but oh, what a deception to fall into, for the flesh is man's greatest enemy ever. This fulfilment is not a true fulfilment. It is all vanity, leaving in us a never-ending void, causing an insatiable craving for more. An ever-increasing lack of satisfaction is produced from appeasing our flesh.

The flesh is always at enmity with the Lord (Romans 8:7). Before receiving God's saving grace, the ignorance that we possessed drove us to please the flesh. Even after becoming born-again, we have to be on guard to the tactics of the enemy. He constantly tries to ensnare us to the old-man nature that was crucified with Christ at Calvary (Galatians 2:20).

The more we draw close to Jesus in times of temptation, the more we are able to put down this nature and victoriously rise up as more than conquerors in Jesus (Romans 8:37). The fulfilment that we receive from crucifying the flesh is so much greater in value than pleasing the flesh (Romans 8:6). So much greater that we can hardly believe it when we allow ourselves to be driven in the wrong direction. The Lord wants us to love ourselves and have respect for the vessel that He dwells in by His Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19). How can we allow ourselves to be robbed in this way any longer? We have the opportunity to experience God's overcoming grace by fulfilling His will in our lives.

All His riches are attached to our being as we walk in His victory always. Put on the full armor of God which is the Lord Jesus Christ. The helmet of salvation signifies that all that He purchased at the cross is ours just by believing it. We have His name upon us, which is His authority over us that delegates to us His power over the enemy. We have the mind of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:16) and we need not receive any of the lies of the evil one (John 8:44). Everlasting freedom through His grace, joy, and love is ours just by our simple act of obedience to the mind of Christ and carrying our cross daily following Christ in His will and ways (Mark 8:34). The resurrection power we receive, by identifying with the Lord Jesus in His own death and resurrection, is our victory (Romans 6:4).

One of our greatest weapons against the evil one is that of loving not your life unto death, along with the power of the Blood of Jesus and the words of our testimony (Revelation 12:11). The enemy defeats us in every area of faith only if we allow him to ensnare us to the flesh. It is not Satan who robs us of the victory.... it is ourselves. We are our greatest enemy.

When our attitude towards our trials causes them to look greater than the promises of God, then we aren't allowing the Lord to do the work He intended to do in us through the trial. When we allow our thoughts to take over, and figure out our own way of escape from the fire, then we have given into our greatest enemy again. We are disobeying the Father if we are not staying behind our shield of faith and using our sword, the Word of God, to bring defeat to the enemy. We are looking at the circumstances, allowing more and more fiery darts to hit us, destroying our faith (Ephesians 6:16). Doubt, unbelief, and fear soar in this realm strengthened by our flesh. Prosperity, healing, overcoming through persecution, great anointing and manifestation of Gifts, power in witnessing drawing many into the Kingdom, and all other areas of victorious living in Christ can only come through living the crucified life.

Complete rest in knowing that Jesus is in control and that we don't have to struggle to work things out is a precious blessing God promises us, if we obey His will. We can't be concerned with time, space, symptoms, or any other aspect of the natural (flesh) realm for God is not limited by any of these things (2 Pet 3:8). He will manifest the answers to our needs only in His timing, (which is always perfect). We need to trust Him completely in this.

Our trials can cause our flesh to panic if our eyes are not centered upon God's promises in His Word. The problems are not ours any longer if we have asked Jesus to come through and provide for us. Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen (Hebrews 11:1). Our faith actually takes the place of what we are believing for until the manifestation of the promise is brought to pass. Our faith has great value in the spiritual realm when we confess what we believe in our hearts, and take steps of faith directed by the wisdom of God (Romans 10:10).

Whatever things that you desire, believe that you have received them at the time you have asked the Father (Mark 11:24). Continue to thank the Lord, resting, knowing that in His timing they will come forth. The time of endurance through the trial, between the times of asking and receiving, can be full of rejoicing if we allow Him to do this deep work of faith in us. We need to be patient and trust that whatever He has allowed is only for our good. The Lord loves us and is on our side even if the circumstances look like everything is against us. If God is for us, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31).

When we allow ourselves to look at the circumstances and become tempted to turn to the flesh, we lose our position of victory in the natural realm temporarily, until the Lord, by His grace, restores us. One example is debt. We need to remember that when we allow ourselves to become indebted to another financially because of lack of faith, we are no longer the head but the tail, because we did not heed the commandment of God to trust Him (Deuteronomy 28:13). The Lord wants us to be prosperous where we have abundance to help others in time of need (2 Corinthians 8:14). We are to be blessed in every area of our lives, and the price to pay is minimal. Jesus wants us to yield ourselves to His safety and provision, not to look to the arm of the flesh. Be yielded, for He will give you the grace and wisdom needed in every situation (Jam 1:5). God is faithful to complete the perfect work He began in us. He has already given us all that we need to be able to live a victorious life in Him (2 Peter 1:3). The enemy is a defeated foe, and we are more than conquerors over him in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:37).

Our lives are no longer ours, so we need to completely entrust everything into His care. The Lord gives and takes away (Job 1:21), and all things work for good for those who love God. We need to be in agreement with the Apostle Paul to count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of the Lord Jesus (Philemon 3:8). We are to be willing to suffer the loss of all things that we may gain Christ.

The final outcome in our lives will always be in agreement with His Word that we are to prosper in all things and be in health, just as our soul prospers (3 John 2). Be assured this day that the Word is working mightily in you and that all God's promises for you are yes and Amen (2 Corinthians 1:20). If we are faithful to His Word, He will remain faithful to us. He even gives us the grace that we need to become willing to obey His will (Philemon 2:13). We have all we need to live a victorious life in Him.

The battle is the Lord's and we carry His victory banner. The enemy is already defeated and we are taking the land. Always remember the victory is in dying to our flesh and walking in His resurrection power daily, not afraid of losing all for the Kingdom. For God is always faithful to restore now or in the Kingdom to come. We live in agreement with the multitude of saints rejoicing that the accuser of the brethren has been cast down (Revelation 12:10). We continue to overcome the enemy by the Blood of the Lamb, and by the word of our testimony, and we do not love our lives unto death. Having done all to stand (Ephesians 6:13); therefore, we triumph in Jesus knowing that we cannot be cursed for the shout of the King is among us! Halleluiah, the King is coming!





BREAK THROUGH TO VICTORY

Chapter Thirteen



God's perfect will for our lives is that we walk in His glory one hundred percent of the time. His will is not for us to have just a fleeting experience here and there, but to walk in His glory where even our passing shadow radiates His love and anointing, convicting, changing, healing and delivering people around us. Yes, God wants to bring us to a level in Him where He is able to touch those around us through His anointing and to freely flow through us to reach others with His saving power. The Lord has a ministry to complete through us; to touch a lost world and reconcile them unto Himself. But He needs yielded vessels, those that have been prepared completely by the Father for this purpose.

So many of God's people are hurt and wounded, and lack God's love in their lives. Even though they know Jesus, they know Him only in a shallow way. God wants to call us to higher levels of intimacy with Him. He wants to reveal to us deep truths and revelation concerning His Word that will set the captives free and bring them to a level of discernment where they know the strategies of the enemy. Yes, Satan is like a roaring lion sent out to steal, kill, and destroy God's people and to hinder and even stop God's love from flowing through them (John 10:10).

Most are not aware of the strategies the enemy uses to try to hinder God's ministry through His people. If we are diligent to break through into the realm of God where He is able to illuminate His truth to us through His Word, then we will become enlightened and empowered by His grace, transforming us and those around us. We are to be lights that reflect and radiate the glory of God, which is His love. We have a river of life within us, Jesus Himself, which is so ready to spring up and gush out and touch everything in its path. But Satan has tried to dam up this river even before we were born.

God has a people prepared before the foundation of the earth in which He has set out to nurture, to love, and to mature them so they could become a strong and healthy bride, fit for the Master's use. The enemy has set out at the same time to devour this work. The enemy's plan was to rob us of God's love even before we were born, and all the way through our lives. Even after we are born-again, he's sent out forces to repel God's love from flowing through us. We are to rise up and allow the Lord to do the necessary work deep within us so that by God's grace we are strengthened to repel these

powers. Through His anointing power, we are to continuously radiate God's glory to touch other lives and to repel the enemy.

We need to go through different levels of intimacy with the Father so that He can replenish us with the levels of love that He has in store for us. Since many were raised in a family where God's love was not known, the enemy had free access to rob them of the special love God had for them even before birth.

Even in the womb God had a special love for us that He wanted us to experience. We needed that love so that we could grow and mature in the healthy way He intended both spiritually and emotionally. Because of this lack, we became emotionally, spiritually, and physically damaged. God wants to take us through these levels of intimacy, healing and restoring that which the enemy deprived us of and even destroyed. We need to be willing to humble ourselves before the mighty throne of God for He is faithful to lift us up (1 Pet 5:6).

So many in the body of Christ are at war with each other. Many are easily offended resulting in backbiting, gossip, and even hatred among the brethren. God is calling His Church unto Himself to go from glory to glory into high levels of worship where He can overflow His love unto a lost and dying world. How can this happen if the Church is sick within? There will be no breakthrough unless we are willing to die to our pride and let the Lord heal us no matter what the cost.

God is calling us to intimacy. Are we willing to be patient and faithfully come before Him with the attitude of just wanting to bask in His presence? Are we willing to make Him our number one priority? If we are not, all our motives in life are in vain. It all will be a lost cause. Be determined not to be caught up in busyness and works that will distract you from His presence. Die to your earthly pleasures that just rob you of His glory in your life.

God promises that if you seek first His kingdom, all these things will be added unto you (Matthew 6:33). At the same time, if we are staying close to the Lord, He will direct our paths (Proverbs 3:5-6). Our missions in Him will be His perfect will, resulting in much fruit. If our hearts are right with Him, He promises to give us our heart's desires (Psalm 37:4). What do we have to lose? Just our flesh! That is our greatest hindrance. God promises prosperity in every area of our life, divine health, and abundance of spiritual blessings in this life (3 John 2).

All He wants from us is our hearts, our trust, and our devotion. He longs to spend time with us so He can share with us His burdens and His deep innermost thoughts. He wants to trust us with His intimacy, for He loves us. The Father longs to make His

Church whole so He can accomplish His will through her. In order for the Church to function in the dimension God ordained, she needs to be whole. God is calling us close because He wants to heal, to deliver, and to uproot all that is not of Him. We need to be totally free so there can be unity among the brethren (Philemon 2:2). Because of this weakness among the Church, a spirit of offense has been free to run rampant. Beware of this.

Many relationships between families, marriages, churches, and even in the workplace cannot take place in peace and harmony unless we are willing to draw close to Him and let Him heal us. God's love needs to flow free within us individually in order to flow from one to another. There are so many walls and divisions between God and man and each other. There must be a breakthrough from within the walls in order for us to go on in Him.

For an example, how are we to experience God's love between a husband and wife if God never had an opportunity to share His love to us before birth, as a baby, and all the way through our lives? We aren't ready for this level of God's love yet. The normal growth and maturing through His love needs to take place or there is going to be many problems in the marriage. One will try to satisfy a deep need for love through his or her mate that only God can provide. At the same time, that person doesn't know how to receive His love. There are so many fears, insecurities, and jealousies resulting in contention, strife and hatred. There is so much frustration trying to deal with this lack of maturity.

The answer is to draw close to the Father and trust Him to mature you through His love. He wants to love you through all the different levels of maturity, but you need to be willing to come to Him in honesty as a small child and ask Him to replenish you with His love. Be patient during this growth process for it will be well worth your effort. We need to start somewhere and that is at the Father's feet, at His side, on His lap, with your head at His breast, or whatever position you feel necessary to draw close to Him.

If we are willing to appear foolish at times in God's presence in the gathering of the saints, God will meet us and supply our every need. Cry out and travail for the breakthrough of the body of Christ. Pray for God's healing power to flow free among the brethren.

The revelation of this word came to me as a result of a time of intimacy I had with the Father. I was in a fellowship gathering for women and a need for ministry occurred. Some were praying for a mother and some for her newborn baby. The anointing was so strong on the one praying for the baby that it overflowed to me. I had a need only the Father knew of and by His Spirit He met it. He ministered to me in such a deep way.

I had never been able to truly open up to the Father's love. There seemed to be a fortress between the Lord and my inner spirit. Through the special level of love that He had for that small child, He met my need for love. He ministered to me deeply giving me such peace and confidence in knowing that I was truly His, and it didn't matter what others thought of me. I was going to receive God's ministry no matter what it may have appeared to others.

We are all very unique, truly a one-of-a-kind, and are very important in the kingdom of God. God loves us for who we are and where we are in Him. We don't need to hide that from anyone any longer. So I encourage you to love and accept yourself where you are in the Lord. Be assured this day that God will complete the perfect work He began in you.

Be bold, be strong, for the Lord thy God is with you. Be not afraid and be not dismayed. Walk in faith and victory for the Lord thy God is with you (1 Chronicles 28:20).





ASPIRATION FOR A SUFFERING SERVANT

Chapter Fourteen



The title of this chapter came to me in the middle of the night. Even though I didn't know the meaning of the word "aspiration." I sought the Lord to see if this was of Him. As I pressed in for revelation of this word's deep meaning, I shared my desire for understanding with a dear sister in the Lord. All this works together, and I want you to catch the vision that lies within this whole incident.

The Father has impressed me to seek out intimate relationships with those in the body of Christ. This has been a difficult mission, although you wouldn't think it would be. Since we are all brothers and sisters in the Lord, you would think this same longing for intimacy is easily accessible, but it is not. I encourage you that the benefits of seeking spiritual intimacy with others are great. You will be deeply rewarded by the Father for this attempt.

My close sister in the Lord and I have been faithful to make various efforts to get quiet before the Lord together. We allow Him to work between us and in our hearts to prepare us for our ministries. We did not feel any major breakthroughs, but we did not judge our efforts by feelings. We stood by faith in knowing that because we were pleasing God in doing this, He would bless our efforts. This has only been the beginning of our intimate relationship and already the Spirit of God is flowing between us.

When we were apart for two days, the Lord deeply ministered to us using the same two verses without each of us knowing it, one for each day. The Lord really touched our hearts. When we came back together, we were able to share the revelation that God gave to each of us. The Lord revealed the Word to us adding more and more deep truths to a scripture we did not see much in before. Even though the passage had been dear to our hearts for a long time, we did not have a deep understanding of it. As a result, I was able to write this chapter, and I feel a major change in my heart already.

I am sure many are going through a time in their lives where it feels like they have lost wind in their sails. Through all the storms and turmoil, some may have lost sight of the vision that the Lord gave them years ago. Some may have experienced battle fatigue because the enemy was allowed to rob them of precious intimacy with the Father. Some may have gotten off track and allowed themselves to believe in a works type of mentality,

only to find their efforts were in vain, resulting in mental and physical fatigue.

Yes, this is happening all around us in the body of Christ and many are becoming hurt, wounded, and just plain burned-out! The enemy is determined to rob us of being intimate with our Lord, resulting in all this bad fruit. But Church, don't give up! The Lord promises that all things work for good for those who love Him. God allows the dry times in our lives, and if we are faithful to press in for His refreshing, all the more glory to the Father when we finally break through.

The Lord is faithful to restore hope and vision and to edify us through His Word. By His Spirit, He will give us a second wind, position our feet upon solid ground, and give us a new beginning. He wants to give us a fresh new start, but we have to be willing to take the first step. Respond to His calling, "Come close to Me," no matter how tired or depressed you may feel. Cry out for more grace to enable you to overcome this draught from the enemy.

When you finally do take the first step to draw close to Him, be patient with Him when it appears you are getting nowhere. The Lord wants to see your faithfulness in trusting Him through this. He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him (Hebrews 11:6). I want to refer you to Psalm 42:1. King David portrayed here the example of one who was in desperate need for the presence of the Lord. He cried out unto the Father "As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for You, O God". "You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee" needs to be the cry of our heart to the Lord. Yes, this heart's desire is so pleasing to the Lord.

Sometimes we have allowed activities in our lives to take precedence in us and have become satisfied with receiving a little breakthrough into His presence here and there. If so, then I assure you because of the love of the Father; He will bring us to a place where we are desperately longing for His intimate touch. All of a sudden, we realize that without His sustenance, which is from His Word and intimate presence, that life is a complete empty nothingness. All is done in vain outside of the presence of the Lord.

Because He loves you, the Lord will allow you to go only so far before bringing chastisement upon you to show that outside of the Vine you will die (John 15:1-5). Without the flow of God's love in your life, all the fruit of the Spirit will dry up, and you will fall into more and more sin (Galatians 5:22-23). Because He loves you, He will not allow this to continue; He will pour out His love and mercy upon you and restore you unto Himself. He promises that the elect will not become deceived (Matthew 24:22,24). In other words, He will not allow you to stay deceived in thinking you can make it on your own. We need to draw close to Him daily, continuously throughout each day, so that His presence becomes a way of life.

As we wait upon the Lord, He promises to renew our strength and to cause us to mount up with wings as eagles (Isaiah 40:31). We are to soar in Him high above all principality and power (Ephesians 1:20-21). He is there to restore vision and to build hope and expectancy of good things to come (Jeremiah 29:11). He will get you so stirred up in your spirit; you will feel like you are going to bust if you aren't able to share with others all that He is blessing you with. As we come before him, He will breathe upon you new strength and place in your heart the desire to go after the goal that He has set before you. He will definitely put new wind in your sails. Halleluia!

"Deep calleth unto deep at the sound of thy waterspouts" (Psalm 42:7, KJV). This is a representation of the aspirations He wants to place in your heart, for He is faithful! "All Your waves and billows have gone over me" (Psalm 42:7). This portrays the waterfall effect that comes after the waterspouts (breakthroughs during times of intimacy with the Lord) intensify in your spirit.

This is where I want to share with you an awesome revelation that I received from the Lord. As we are faithful to come before the Lord in intimacy, we are going to have breakthroughs into His presence. These are going to intensify as we continue to draw closer to Him. The overflow of the waterspout effect is going to be so great that it will become like a waterfall in us. The strength of this breakthrough is going to break loose any barrier or bondage in our spirits. This will cause the river of God's love to bust loose. This is the overflow of His Spirit we are desperately crying out for. This will result in a mighty revival! It all begins with one who is faithful to break through, then two together, and so on, until the flow of His love will touch communities, cities, states, nations, and so on!

As I said before, it all starts with one who is so dry and thirsty for the Lord. The deep within him cries out to the Deep within God. The Lord longs for our presence more than you could ever imagine. His pull for us is so mighty that all we need to do is to respond to His drawing, and He will do the rest. The closer we draw, the greater anointing causes a breakthrough in our spirits. Each time it will intensify resulting in personal revival. Halleluia, the river of God, His love is free to flow!

Be faithful to press in for the overflow and rejoice that the river of God is here! It is within us, and the Word of God will accomplish all that it has set out to do (Isaiah 55:10-11). We are vessels of this river. We can honestly confess His Word and praise Him that there is a River of Life flowing out through us! It makes the lame to walk and the blind to see (Luke 7:22). It opens prisons doors and sets the captives free. There is a River of Life flowing out through us! (John 7:38). Spring up, O well, within my soul! (John 4:14).





THE CALL TO UNITY

Chapter Fifteen



The night before receiving this revelation I had a vision of the Father's hand reaching out from heaven toward me. In my heart, I felt He was asking me to come in agreement with Him, by taking His hand, to intercede with Him that His people would be one as Jesus and the Father are one. After reading this, I ask you to pray and take my hand by faith in agreement with the Lord Jesus for unity (Matthew 18:19).

The secret to the release of the river of God's love (resulting in true revival) is contained in having true intimacy within the brethren. Jesus' burden is for unity. Because of His faith and intercession, this will come to pass. Are you willing to join in agreement with the prayer of the Lord? In John 17:21-24: the Lord prayed to the Father for unity, that His people would be one as He and the Father are one, and that we would behold the same glory the Father gave to the Son. Do you realize how awesome the Father's love is for us? He loves us in the same measure as He loves His own Son! (John 17:23).

The Lord is calling us to travail for the breakthrough of His love flowing among the brethren. We need to catch this vision because this is the answer we are desperately longing for. This is what will release revival in this land. If we are all willing to pay the cost, no matter what the price, we will witness a mighty outpouring of God's Spirit.

God has a remnant, called before the foundation of the earth, prepared to reach a lost and dying world and to bring glory to His name (Romans 11:5). God sent His Son to die in our place to reconcile His children unto Himself. It is urgent. The time is drawing nigh in which God's gates to everlasting life will be drawn tight and not another soul will be able to enter. Time is running out in God's timetable, and if we are to be a part of the remnant that God is going to use mightily in these last days, we are going to have to get serious with Him.

Satan is going about as a roaring lion out to devour all in his path, using spirits of deception, disunity, offense, backbiting, and idolatry to name just a few. There are legions sent out at this time to hinder and even bring God's plan to a halt in this earth. But no matter how hard the enemy fights it, God's sovereign plan will come to pass, and He will accomplish all that He sent His Word out to do. Are we going to join hands in this end-time army? Are we going to humble ourselves before Him and obey His call? He is

calling us to be united, in one accord, and one with Him in intimacy.

Individually and corporately we need the Lord to do a deep work in us. But we must cast off anything that would hinder God from completing that work. We need to be determined to strip off all ungodly garbs and come clean before the Father. Cast off all the cares of the world, the busyness, and religious works. All excess baggage needs to be dropped from our lives so that we can run this race freely, without any hindrances.

Yes, you are strong in the Lord, no matter how mature you are (Ephesians 6:10). God has a calling and purpose for your life that He wants to fulfil through you. All God requires is that you become intimate with Him and trust Him in having intimate relationships with others. This is the Father's heart-cry that He placed in His Son. Jesus is placing this cry in our hearts, if we are open to it. He longs for each member of His bride (Revelation 22:17) to be one with each other so that His love will freely flow among them.

The Lord needs that open channel between Himself and each of His people. If we love the Father, then we will truly love the brethren and risk being vulnerable to hurt and pain. God promises that all things work together for good to those who love Him, to those who are the called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28). It is important for you to see this. We are to walk in His will for our lives and not our own. Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane that the Father's will would be done and not His own (Matthew 26:36-39). Even though His flesh wanted to escape the cross, He paid the ultimate price for us so that we can have victory over our flesh (Hebrews 12:2).

Did Jesus die in vain? No, He did not. His plan and purpose will be accomplished through His willing vessels. He says in His Word that He will cause us to become willing to do all for His good pleasure (Philemon 2:13). That is being done daily as His grace is poured out upon us. He loves us so much and wants us to willingly pick up our cross daily and follow Him (Mark 8:34). Our walk is one of crucifixion and Jesus is our example to follow. By His death and resurrection, we have the enabling power to walk in His glory. He paved the way and all we have to do is follow in it.

Are you willing to give up your life for the sake of the kingdom of God? (Matthew 19:29). Are you willing to be humbled so you can walk a life of brokenness? Unless the alabaster box is broken open, the sweet aroma cannot come forth; this portrays our life before the Lord (Mark 14:3). We are to be a broken vessel that His glory, His love, can flow through. I know we deeply long to bring glory to the Father and to be a living sacrifice unto Him, but are we really willing for the Lord to do the deep work needed within us? (Romans 12:1). Are you really willing to pay the price to be totally yielded?

I challenge you this day to get before the Lord: search your heart to see if there be any wicked way within you (Psalm 139:23-24). Cry out for the gift of repentance for the areas where there may be strongholds (Revelation 3:19, Acts 11:18). Be willing to forsake all for the kingdom of God. He promises to give back a hundred-fold (Mark 10:29-30). We need to trust Him completely in this.

Step forward into the perfect will of the Lord for your life. Through intercession, come in agreement with Jesus for unity among the brethren. Place yourself in submission to the Father to be open to intimate relationships with His people. Love Jesus in each other and let His river flow. God promises that if we lift Jesus up, all men will be drawn unto Him (John 12:32). We are truly lifting the Lord up and bringing glory to His name by loving the brethren. The world will know us by our love (John 13:35). They will be drawn to that same love. It will be a love they have never experienced before, because it is a supernatural love that can only be received through Him.

I admonish you to heed the call to brokenness and humility and to press in for unity among the brethren. Revival comes by one, longing for God's presence; then two, together pressing in for intimacy. As the river of God's love flows among the two, it will touch others in the body of Christ and overflow, causing a rippling pattern. Before you know it, a whole body of believers will be intimate with one another and with the Father and then true worship will take place. (I trust that you understand this is referring to spiritual intimacy and not intimacy of the flesh). The river of anointing will escalate in power and overflow like a mighty tidal wave out into the world. Are you tired of being dry and having the Spirit of God dammed up within you? Are you ready to jump into the River? The choice is yours for the taking.

The call is for all of God's people. I trust this has stirred up God's calling within you and that you are now ready to jump into the river of God! Halleluiah! Take baby steps if necessary. The Lord will meet you where you are. He will take you by the hand and lead you in. All you have to do is to come forth, take His hand and He will do the rest. He loves you and longs for your presence because it is very precious to Him.

Come unto Him all who are weary and are heavy-laden and He will give you rest, for His presence is refreshment for you and for each other (Matthew 11:28) The Lord promises to those who wait upon Him shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint (Isaiah 40:31). So, teach us, Lord. Teach us, Lord, to wait!





CATCH THE VISION

Chapter 16



This is the culmination of the work God has set out to accomplish through my writing this book. I want to encourage you: no matter where you are in the Lord, no matter how far behind you may feel to be compared to the progress of others, and no matter how great the intensity of your need for relief through physical, emotional, or spiritual healing; nothing is too difficult for God (Luke 1:37).

It has taken a little over a year to complete this book. God has taken me through many experiences to bring me to the place where I could catch a glimpse of the calling that He had on my life. Now that you have finished reading this book, I pray that you will see the growth process that has taken place in me. The healing and deliverance that I have gone through brought me to the place where I am able to catch this vision.

Basically, all it amounts to is that we are pressing in for revival. We are also receiving more understanding of what it really involves; simply seeking the release of God's Spirit in our lives through the breakthrough of intimacy with the Father. The Lord is bringing us closer to Him, enabling us to honestly feel His heart-cry so that we can release His burden in intercession for this time.

Still, this is just the beginning of a new level of growth in my life with the Lord. I am at a place where I understand more of the Father's desire for His people and how He will accomplish His plan and purpose through us. I know that there is life contained within these pages because it has come from the pen of God. These have been His words given to you, and the anointing upon these pages will quicken life within you.

I am assured that God is doing a good work in us. We will see much fruit come forth as we adjust our lives and our hearts according to His Word. He is working mightily in us, and much will take place this coming year. The Lord is bringing the Church to a level in Him that generations up until now have never experienced. These are the end-times and great things will take place that will usher in a great harvest of souls for God's kingdom.

So hold on to your seats for the ride of your life. It is about to escalate, culminating in the most awesome waterspout of all time. God is preparing us for this! Deep calleth

unto deep at the sound of thy waterspouts, and this will result in the most awesome breakthrough, the rapture of the bride unto Himself (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17). Even after the rapture of the saints, there is a new beginning of another dimension of our lives in Him.

We are truly going from glory to glory as He reveals new revelation concerning His will for our lives (2 Corinthians 3:18). A never-ending outpouring of prophesy is before us, and He is preparing us day by day to walk in it. Be faithful to what God has called you to do now. Keep life in Him simple, never complex. When life doesn't flow in a natural growth process, seek Him to reveal the hindrance. The Lord is faithful to give you the wisdom and the grace you need to walk in His glory (Jam 1:5)

Draw close to Him and He will draw close to you. Feed upon His Word for it is your life's sustenance. Be assured this day that the Word is working mightily in you! I pray you will prosper in all areas of your life; walk in divine health as the Lord pours out upon you the abundance of His spiritual blessings! (3 John 2). Halleluiah!





SCRIPTURE REFERENCES



CHAPTER 1

Deep calleth unto deep at the sound of Thy waterspouts... (Psalm 42:7, KJV)

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. (Philemon 4:7)

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. (Romans 8:28)

God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good? (Numbers 23:19)

No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it. (1 Corinthians 10:13)

Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. (Philemon 1:6)

For it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure. (Philemon 2:13)

I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore, choose life, that both you and your descendants may live. (Deuteronomy 30:19)

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us. (Ephesians 3:20)



CHAPTER 2

And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; for You, Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You. (Psalm 9:10)

Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you. (Deuteronomy 31:6)



CHAPTER 3

Read about Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego in the fiery furnace. (Daniel 3:20-30)

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord. (2 Corinthians 3:18)

Refer to Chapter 1 for reference. (1 Corinthians 10:13)

"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death." (Revelation 12:11)

Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him. (Job 13:15)

Read about Daniel in the lion's den. (Daniel 6:16-24)

"For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it." (Matthew 16:25)

Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers. (3 John 2)

The Lord will strengthen him on his bed of illness; You will sustain him on his sickbed. (Psalm 41:3 NAS)

And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. (Philemon 4:19)

Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the perilous pestilence. (Psalm 91:3)

We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. (2 Corinthians 5:8)



CHAPTER 4

"whom our fathers would not obey, but rejected. And in their hearts they turned back to Egypt," (Acts 7:39)

For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh. (Philemon 3:3)

"Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength whose heart departs from the Lord." (Jeremiah 17:5)

"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts." (Isaiah 55:9)

"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." (Galatians 2:20)



CHAPTER 5

"Behold, I have made your face strong against their faces, and your forehead strong against their foreheads. Like adamant stone, harder than flint, I have made your forehead; do not be afraid of them, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they are a rebellious house." (Ezekiel 3:8-9)

"Be strong and of good courage, do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your

God is with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)

Refer to Chapter 1 for reference. (Romans 8:28)

"To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God." (Revelation 2:7)

"He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death." (Revelation 2:11)

"To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it." (Revelation 2:17)

"And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations--'He shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the potter's vessels shall be broken to pieces'--as I also have received from My Father; and I will give him the morning star". (Revelation 2:26-28)

"He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels". (Revelation 3:5)

"He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. And I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name." (Revelation 3:12)

"To him who overcomes, I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne." (Revelation 3:21)

For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. (Romans 8:29)

"For with God nothing will be impossible." (Luke 1:37)

And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me."

And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her." (Luke 10:39-42)

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. (1 Pet 5:8)

Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints-- (Ephesians 6:14-18)

"For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us. (2 Corinthians 1:20)

For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. And not only they but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. (Romans 8:22-23)

Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those also who hate Him flee before Him. (Psalm 68:1)



CHAPTER 6

....which he worked in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion....(Ephesians 1:20-21)

Casting down vain imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ. (2 Corinthians 10:5 KJV)

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrews 4:16)

....for the kingdom of God is not food and drink, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. (Romans 14:17)

But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. (Isaiah 40:31)

Refer to Chapter 1 for reference (Romans 8:28).

Refer to Chapter 3 for reference (3 John 2).

Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise of God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. (Hebrews 13:15)

For we walk by faith, not by sight. (2 Corinthians 5:7)

Refer to Chapter 1 for reference (Philemon 1:6).

Refer to Chapter 4 for reference (Isaiah 55:9).

Refer to Chapter 5 for reference (Romans 8:29).

Refer to Chapter 1 for reference (1 Corinthians 10:13).

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you. Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand." (Isaiah 41:10)

Rejoice always. (1 Thessalonians 5:16)



CHAPTER 7

Reference to Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:36-39)

Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted. (Hebrews 2:17-18)

For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. (Hebrews 4:15)

And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split...

(Matthew 27:51)

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. (1 John 2:16)

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.... (Hebrews 12:1)

Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. (Proverbs 16:18)

"Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing." (John 15:4-5)

Refer to Chapter 4 for reference (Isaiah 55:9)

Refer to Chapter 1 for reference (Philemon 2:13).

"He must increase, but I must decrease." (John 3:30)

For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. (John 1:17)

Refer to Chapter 3 for reference (2 Corinthians 3:18).

Refer to Chapter 1 for reference (Philemon 1:6).



CHAPTER 8

Refer to Chapter 6 for reference (2 Corinthians 5:7).

Refer to Chapter 1 for reference (Philemon 1:6).

"Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit," says the Lord of hosts (Zech 4:6).

Refer to Chapter 4 for reference (Isaiah 55:9).

Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." (Luke 23:34)

Then he knelt down and cried with a loud voice, "Lord, do not charge them with this sin." (Acts 7:60)

"Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, "You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?" And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses." (Matthew 18:32-35)

Passages referring to Joseph forgiving his brothers (Genesis 45:1-15)

Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. (Romans 8:37)



CHAPTER 9

Refer to Chapter 1 for reference (Romans 8:28).

For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. (Romans 8:19)

"But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive." (Genesis 50:20)

But we are like an unclean thing, and all our righteousness's are like filthy rags. (Isaiah 64:6)

To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. (Colossians 1:27)

Refer to Chapter 4 for reference (Galatians 2:20).

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. (Romans 8:1)

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. (1 Tim 6:12)

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. (Ephesians 6:12)

"Then all this assembly shall know that the Lord does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's , and He will give you into our hands." (1 Samuel 17:47)

"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe; in My name they shall cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." (Mark 16:15-18)



CHAPTER 10

Refer to Chapter 7 for reference. (John 1:17)

Refer to Chapter 3 for reference. (2 Corinthians 3:18)

....who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. (2 Corinthians 3:6)

Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned-- (Romans 5:12)

"I am the bread of life." (John 6:48)

Refer to Chapter 1 for reference. (Ephesians 3:20)

Be still and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth! (Psalm 46:10)

And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst." (John 6:35)



CHAPTER 11

Refer to Chapter 7 for reference (Hebrews 12:1).

Refer to Chapter 5 for reference. (Ezekiel 3:9)

He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper. (Psalm 1:3)

Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong. (2 Corinthians 12:10)

Refer to Chapter 1 for reference. (Philemon 1:6)

You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.
(1 John 4:4)

Refer to Chapter 5 for reference. (Ephesians 6:11)

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:7-9)

...not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit...(Tit 3:5)

...and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith...(Philemon)

3:9)

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. (Romans 12:2)

Refer to Chapter 5 for reference. (Romans 8:28-29)

For it became him, from whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. (Hebrews 2:10 KJV)

Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.(Romans 8:37)

Refer to Chapter 3 for reference. (Daniel 3:26-27)

Refer to Chapter 3 for reference. (2 Corinthians 3:18)

To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily. (Colossians 1:29)



CHAPTER 12

Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. (Romans 8:7)

Refer to Chapter 4 for reference. (Galatians 2:20)

Refer to Chapter 8 for reference. (Romans 8:37)

For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. (Romans 8:6)

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? (1 Corinthians 6:19)

For "Who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ. (1 Corinthians 2:16)

"You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it." (John 8:44)

"Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. (Mark 8:34)

Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. (Romans 6:4)

Refer to Chapter 3 for reference (Revelation 12:11)

....above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. (Ephesians 6:16)

But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.
(2 Pet 3:8)

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.(Hebrews 11:1)

For with the heart one believes to righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made to salvation. (Romans 10:10)

Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them."
(Mark 11:24)

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31)

"And the Lord will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not be beneath, if you heed the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you today, and are careful to observe them." (Deuteronomy 28:13)

...that now at this time your abundance may supply their lack, that their abundance also may supply your lack-- (2 Corinthians 8:14)

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach and it will be given to him. (Jam 1:5)

...as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue... (2 Pet 1:3)

Refer to Chapter 8 for reference. (Romans 8:37)

"The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." (Job 1:21)

But indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ. (Philemon 3:8)

Refer to Chapter 3 for reference (3 John 2)

Refer to Chapter 5 for reference (2 Corinthians 1:20)

Refer to Chapter 1 for reference (Philemon 2:13)

Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. (Revelation 12:10)

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. (Ephesians 6:13)



CHAPTER 13

"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."(John 10:10)

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time. (1 Pet 5:6)

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. (Matthew 6:33)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart. (Psalm 37:4)

Refer to Chapter 3 for reference (3 John 2)

....fulfil my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. (Philemon 2:2)

"Be strong and of good courage, and do it; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the Lord God--my God--will be with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you, until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the Lord." (1 Chronicles 28:20)



CHAPTER 14

...for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. (Hebrews 11:6)

"As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for You, O God." (Psalm 42:1)

"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Abide in Me, and I in You. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing." (John 15:1-5)

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. (Galatians 5:22-23)

"And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened. For false Christs and false prophets will arise and show great signs and wonders, so as to deceive, if possible, even the elect." (Matthew 24:22, 24)

Refer to Chapter 6 for reference (Isaiah 40:31)

Refer to Chapter 6 for reference (Ephesians 1:20-21)

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. (Jeremiah 29:11)

Refer to Chapter 1 for reference (Psalm 42:7 KJV)

All your waves and billows have gone over me. (Psalm 42:7)

"He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." (John 7:38)

"For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it." (Isaiah 55:10-11)

"Go and tell John the things you have seen and heard; that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the gospel preached to them." (Luke 7:22)

"But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." (John 4:14)



CHAPTER 15

"Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven." (Matthew 18:19)

"...that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one. I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world." (John 17:21-24)

Even so then, at this present time there is a remnant according to the election of grace (Romans 11:5)

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. (Ephesians 6:10)

And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. And whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely. (Revelation 22:17)

Refer to Chapter 1 for reference (Romans 8:28)

Refer to Chapter 7 for reference (Romans 26:36-39)

....looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:2)

Refer to Chapter 1 for reference (Philemon 2:13)

Refer to Chapter 12 for reference (Mark 8:34)

"And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit everlasting life." (Matthew 19:29)

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up. (Jam 4:10)

And being in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, as He sat at the table, a woman came having an alabaster flask of very costly oil of spikenard. And she broke the flask and poured it on His head. (Mark 14:3)

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service... (Romans 12:1)

Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my anxieties; and see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. (Psalm 139:23-24)

"As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent." (Revelation 3:19)

Then God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance to life. (Acts 11:18)

"Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel's, who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time--houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions--and in the age to come, eternal life." (Mark 10:29-30)

"And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself." (John 12:32)

"By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:35)

"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

Refer to Chapter 6 for references (Isaiah 40:31)



CHAPTER 16

"For with God nothing will be impossible." (Luke 1:37)

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the

Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)

Refer to Chapter 3 for reference (2 Corinthians 3:18)

Refer to Chapter 12 for reference (Jam 1:5)

Refer to Chapter 5 for reference (3 John 2)

