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What is Fasting? Fasting is one of the pillars of the Christian faith that should be practiced regularly. Christians have **fasted** from food and observed other self-denying acts. The Old Testament law specifically required Biblical **Prayer and Fasting**. Moses fasted during the 40 days and 40 nights when he was on Mount Sinai receiving the law from God (Exodus 34:28). King Jehoshaphat called for a fast in all Israel when they were about to be attacked by the Moabites and Ammonites (2 Chron. 20:3). In response to Jonah preaching, the men of Nineveh fasted and put on sackcloth (Jonah 3:5). Prayer and Fasting was often done in times of distress or trouble. David fasted when he learned that Saul and Jonathan had been killed (2 Samuel 1:12). Nehemiah fasted and prayed when he learned that Jerusalem was still in ruins (Neh. 1:4).

Prayer and fasting also occur in the New Testament. Anna “worshipped night and day, fasting and praying” at the Temple (Luke 2:37). John the Baptist taught his disciples to fast (Mark 2:18). Even our Lord Jesus fasted 40 days and 40 nights before His temptation by Satan (Matthew 4:2). The Church of Antioch fasted (Acts 13:3). Paul and Barnabas spent time in prayer and fasting for the appointment of elders in the churches (Acts 14:23).

The Old and New Testaments have shown us that prayer and fasting was practiced regularly. This is why Jesus

said in Matthew 6:17, "*when you fast*" signifying that a time will always come for you to fast. It was encouraged and expected by Jesus that believers would fast (Matt. 6:17-18; Matt. 9:15). Many abstain from food, television and other forms of entertainment during this time and spend that time drawing closer to God instead. What makes this time of fasting rich is by using the time to pray, read the Bible and worship God. Simply said – **if fasting is not coupled with prayer and Bible reading it's simply a diet.**

Fasting is a revelation command for those who want **GOD'S BEST**—believers who have a desperate desire for deeper intimacy with the Lord and an insatiable hunger for God's perfect will. Fasting is definitely the secret to obtaining divine open doors, miraculous provision, favor, blessing, power and the tender touch of God upon our lives. As we fast and pray personally and corporately, we will experience **supernatural blessings**. It will become a spiritual weapon designed to guarantee your victory in every battle of life.

Biblical fasting is refraining from food for a spiritual purpose; moreover, it is also going without food and/or drink for an agreed period of time. Specifically, we humbly deny something of the flesh to glorify God, enhance our spirit, and go deeper in our prayer life. This brings one into a deeper, more intimate and more powerful relationship with the Lord. Fasting is not a religious affliction, but a spiritual catalyst in prayer; it

enhances the potency of our prayers (Isaiah 58:9; Matt 17:21). It is God's design and command.

Fasting should not be considered a "dieting method" either. We shouldn't fast to lose weight, but rather to gain deeper fellowship with God. Although losing weight will happen but that should not be our focus.

In the Old Testament, the Hebrew word for fast is *tsum*. It means "to cover over the mouth." In the New Testament, the Greek word is *nesteuo*. It means "to abstain for a time from food."

Jesus promised that those who engage in secret fasting would be openly rewarded (Matt. 6:18; Isaiah 58). Many results are instant while others are gradual. We are prophesying the unlocking of doors for God's unlimited results in our lives, family and church according to Isaiah 58. This fasting will bring **sensitivity to the Holy Spirit, guaranteed sound health, Spiritual access, delivered speedy answers to prayer, breakthroughs, new anointing, and the power to overcome and subdue every act of wickedness and closeness with Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit.** These kingdom resources often come not by a one-time fast, but by a *lifestyle* of fasting. It is more than denying ourselves food, water or something else of the flesh – It's a sacrificial lifestyle before God. Jesus went on to further say, "Nothing will be impossible..." (Matt. 17:20).

BENEFITS OF PRAYER AND FASTING

- **It Strengthens Prayer.** (Ezra 8:23)
- **Jesus encourages fasting and prayer for deliverance from evil spirits.** (Mk 9:29; Matt 17:21)
- **Fasting and prayer breaks the darkness that overwhelms and hinders the nations and defeats territorial spirits that hinders world evangelism.** (Dan. 10:13)
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- **God will take our problems as we fast and pray in humility. Our battle becomes God's battle.** (2 Chronicles 20:15)
- **To seek God's guidance.** (Judges 20:26)
- **To express grief.** (1 Samuel 31:13)
- **To seek Deliverance or Protection.** (2 Chronicles 20:3-4)
- **To Humble oneself before God.** (1 Kings 21:27-29)
- **To express concern for the work of God.** (Nehemiah 1:3-4)
- **To minister to the needs of others.** (Isaiah 58:3-7)
- **To overcome temptation and dedicate yourself to God.** (Matt. 4:1-11)
- **To express love and worship for God.** (Luke 2:37)
- **Health Benefits and speedy Answers to prayer.** (Isaiah 58:8)

HERE ARE SOME THINGS YOU CAN DO TO PREPARE YOUR HEART:

- Ask God to reveal to you any unconfessed sin.
- Confess every sin that the Holy Spirit calls to your remembrance and accept God's forgiveness (1 John 1:9).
- Seek forgiveness from all whom you have offended and forgive all who have hurt you (Mark 11:25; Luke 11:4; 17:3,4).

- Ask God to fill you with His Holy Spirit according to His command in Ephesians 5:18 and His promise in 1 John 5:14,15.
- Surrender your life fully to Jesus Christ as your Lord and Master; refuse to obey your worldly nature (Romans 12:1-2).
- Begin your time of fasting and prayer with an expectant heart (Hebrew 11:6).
- Do not underestimate spiritual opposition. Satan sometimes intensifies the natural or spiritual battle between body and spirit (Galatians 5:16,17).
- Meditate on the attributes of God, His love, sovereignty, power, wisdom, faithfulness, grace, compassion, and others (Psalm 48:9,10; 103:1-8,11-13).

THE PURPOSE OF FASTING

Since Fasting is a conscious, intentional decision to abstain for a time from the pleasure of eating in order to gain absolute spiritual strength, we will see what it involves:

1. Seeking our God

This is first and most important for every believer to seek the face of God. It really means that you will abstain from other things that you find pleasure in to give your whole heart totally to God in prayer.

2. God takes First Place

Fasting also means putting God first. That means you want to be with God more than you to spend time with other people, places or things. In this way, fasting is a point of intimacy with God.

3. Creating a Prayer Environment

Fasting is a time to foster a sensitive environment for the working of prayer. It enables us to see the fulfillment of God's Word and purposes for us as individuals and as the body of Christ.

4. Interceding for Others

Majority of the fasting cases in the Bible was on behalf of the needs of others, where it was a national problem or a family situation. They fasted to bring God in their circumstances.

5. It also involves You

Fasting for your personal life is powerful for every Christian. It will increase your spiritual capacity. It brings the body under subjection to what the spirit desires. In other words, you discipline your body so that the body becomes a servant of the Lord, rather than the master of your spirit. Fasting does not change God; it changes us, and it transforms our prayers.

During this season of fasting, we are going to do three things: **pray, fast and give** (Matt. 6). This is how you "present" your body to God as a "living" sacrifice (Rom 12:1). **Remember, a three-fold cord is not broken easily** (Ecclesiastes. 4:12).

3 TYPES OF FASTS

NORMAL OR COMMON FAST

It is abstaining from all forms of food for a time, except liquid or water.

And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungered. Matthew 4:2

ABSOLUTE FAST

It is fasting without food and water.

And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink. Acts 9:9. | Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish. Esther 4:16

PARTIAL FAST OR DANIEL FAST

It is a fast of fruits and vegetables. It is also giving up particular foods and drinks for an extended period of time. *In those days, Daniel was mourning three full weeks. Daniel 10:2*

*This year, our Axiom is **"AWAKE! AWAKE! 2024!"***

*Fasting will produce results from the Lord. For the next 21 days, we will be corporately participating in the **Normal / Common Fast**; however, you may choose to involve yourself in one of the other fasting types. For us to experience the benefit of this fast, obedience is the key (Isaiah 1:19).*

INSTRUCTIONS

It is important that you recognize the following instructions to prepare you for 2024.

- This fast runs from Wednesday, January 3, 2024, and ends Tuesday, January 23, 2024.

- The fast will officially begin on Tuesday, Jan 2, 2024 at 12AM, and can end daily at one of the three times:
 - **12 noon**—for diabetics, medical conditions, pregnant or nursing mothers

 - **3:00 pm** – For physical reasons

 - **6:00 pm** — This hour will complete a full day fast. **Abstain from all meat the first 10 days (Jan 3-12, 2024).** Break with only vegetables and fruits. (If you feel led to do the 21 days with fruits and vegetables, you are certainly welcome. We are expecting God’s Power on the first 10 days to overshadow you. It is called, “DOUBLE GRACE or THE TITHE”. The Second 11 days (Jan 13th - 23rd) is called “FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH”.

1. On New Year's Day, we will reflect on the “**New Me**” instead of the “New Year”. It will be a time of preparation. **This 21 Days of Fast and Prayer will be one of the MOST IMPORTANT CONSECRATION TIMES in your life.** It will prepare you for the unexpected in 2024.

2. During the fast, **liquid is optional** (tea, water or juice).

3. During this fast, find greater opportunities to give of yourself and **increase your prayer life.**

4. During this fast, **surround yourself with Christian media** (CD's, music, videos, online streaming, DVD's, Christian programs and ministry tapes from EWEM Bookstore etc.).

5. **VERY IMPORTANT**--Abstain from confusion, negative confrontation, disputes and satanic traps.

6. **Pray throughout the fast day**--remember to USE YOUR PRAYER LANGUAGE! If you do not have one, now is the opportune time to seek for it.

7. **WISE PREPARATION**--the day before you begin this 21 day fast, prepare your system by taking 3 to 6 bottle caps full of extra virgin olive oil and 3 bottles of water with lemon squeezed in it. **(JAN 2nd)**

8. **WEEKENDS**--These fast days will be broken at 12 noon by everyone (Saturday and Sunday).

9. **BREAKING YOUR FAST DAILY**--after breaking you're fast, only 1 meal may be eaten for the remainder of the day (this does not apply to diabetics; diabetics may also snack after the meal). There are *no* meal restrictions (food selections) for the daily meal.

10. **BEGIN DAILY**--12:00 Midnight: END DAILY

11. **VERY IMPORTANT**--Remember to begin each prayer session and end each prayer session with a sincere and heartfelt time of praise and worship before our Wonderful Father. Praise and worship is a lethal weapon in the arsenal of every believer and should be employed not only before and after each time of prayer but also liberally *throughout* the fast.

**Abstain from all meat
the first 10 days**

WHY 21 DAYS?

In Daniel 10, we find Daniel seeking God with intensity for 21 days. God sent the aid of Michael, the Archangel, but it took the angel delegation 21 days to break through with the revelation of God's answer to Daniel's prayer and fasting. This is a period of intense spiritual warfare because the answer that Michael delivered to the earth was both for Daniel's day and a prophetic message for what was to come. Daniel's vision is recorded in Daniel 7:21-22. He received a revelation for the future. When he did, he gained an understanding of the future God had for His people, and through obedience to God's commands, could move out of bondage and into freedom. When we fast for 21 days, it secures our future from bondage into God's freedom and victory.

TWO PARTS FOR THIS CONSECRATION

The number 2 conveys the meaning of a union, division or the verification of facts by witnesses. A man and woman, though two in number, are made in marriage. There is also a union between Christ and the church.

Even the testimony of God is divided into two Testaments (Old and New). His agreements with mankind are divided into Old and New Covenants. Two witnesses, in the End Time, will appear on the world scene to testify and uphold the truth of God against the Beast and the False Prophet.

Why am I stating all of these facts? I am because our Fasting this year is in 2 parts. The first is called, "Double Grace" which is 10 days. The second part is called, "From Strength to Strength" which is 11 days. This will total 21 days of Prayer and Fasting. When the two are combined, it will be a powerful union and witness to what God is doing. Get ready to experience Heaven kissing Earth and the great outcome after 21 days.

Congratulations on your journey to a great destination in the Lord!

Day # 1 / Jan 3rd

AWAKE! AWAKE!

LESSON 1: The Clarion Call To Awake!

“Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.” (Ephesians 5:14)

It was the latter end of November of 2023 when I heard the Word of the Lord for the year of 2024. I heard, “Awake! Awake! These words began to echo in my ears all day after prayer. It was not once but twice. I knew very well that if God speaks a word twice, you have to pay close attention to it. God called plenty of people in the scriptures, but only eight times He calls out to individuals by name twice in a row. For example, He called, Abraham! Abraham! Jacob, Jacob! Moses, Moses! Samuel! Samuel! Martha, Martha, Simon, Simon, Saul, Saul, and My God! My God! Each time God called an individual’s name twice in a row, folks need to pay attention and take heed to what He is about to say unto them.

As we entered the Month of December 2023, I asked the Lord one more time to speak this Prophetic Word for 2024 unto me again. I then googled the word, “Awake”. The first information I got was that of a conference called, “Awake”, which was scheduled for January 2024. Of course, I was excited to see that God was confirming this word the same day. I wasn’t satisfied with only that confirmation, so I told the Lord that I needed one more. It was something major. It was not that I didn’t trust the word spoken to me in November, but I reverence God so much until I wanted the word to be God again. So, in the evening, one of my friends called me (who I have not spoken with for years). She then proceeded to thank God for my life and express that God told her about “Awake”. She kept speaking the word “Awake! Awake! I was literally in tears and praising God for confirming His word with such power and grace. This is such a sobering word for the Body of Christ.

So then, what is the spiritual or biblical meaning of the word, “Awake”? It means to arouse from spiritual sleep. It means to arise; rise from sleeping, sitting, or lying. This word also means to rise from disease, death, obscurity and difficulty. Lastly, it means to be stirred, revived or roused from a state of in-action; to be invigorated with new life.

This is a sobering call again to Christians that since Covid-19 or the Pandemic, The church of Jesus Christ or The Body of Christ has been sleeping and inactive to God's mandate and warning. Remember that this exhortation to awake comes to Christians. A Christian may be asleep and not know it. If you are asleep, you probably do not know it. As soon as you become aware of your sleep, it is evidence that you are now awake.

This sleepiness in the Christian is exceedingly dangerous, too, because he can do a great deal while he is asleep that will make him look as if he were quite awake. We can speak, hear, walk, talk, sing, and even think while we are asleep. The fact that one can do many religious things and still be asleep toward God, does not make him or her sober or awake. Christians must make sure they are truly awake and active in their life before God. We must be living and winning souls for the Kingdom of God these last days because Jesus IS coming again. Christians who are asleep do not care whether souls are saved or damned. It is enough for them if they are comfortable. They want to either become a church goer or stay home without any conviction or passion towards the saving of souls. If they can attend a respectable place of worship and go with others to heaven, they are indifferent about everything else. Our salvation or perfect wholeness is ready to unveil and unfold in these last days.

It is truly time for the Church of Jesus Christ to wake up and be sober towards the heart of God during these last days.

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5:1-14

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Day # 2 / Jan 4th

AWAKE! AWAKE!

LESSON 2: The Clarion Call to Awake

“Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.” (Ephesians 5:14)

In 2024, the Clarion Call is for Christians to awake from their spiritual sleep. The sleeping are those who have not awakened to the reality of the new creation and the kingdom of God. They are insensitive to their relationship with Jesus Christ and the responsibility to the clarion Call or warning from the Lord.

Let us define Clarion Call in order to go further in this study. A Clarion Call is an urgent request for action that is highly clear in its message or directive. The word “clarion” means “clear”, a sharp announcement that sometimes is even loud. God issues a clear call for action when He notices that His people are growing increasingly wicked and dead towards Him. Our calling is to someone before it is to anything. This is why the word “thou” means “you” in Greek. It is singular or the second person singular. God will speak the same word to us individually and collectively. I am glad when the word is personal because it lets us know how much our Heavenly Father wants us to serve Him. Will you answer the Clarion Call? The old saints would say, “Yes Lord”! It was a total surrendering to His will.

In this perilous time, the World System is penetrating the lives of believers in Jesus Christ. The goal of the enemy is to put the Christians to sleep so that they cannot affect the world for our Lord Jesus. Therefore, Paul is urging believers in Christ to wake up from spiritual slumber and avoid sinful deeds. The world is getting darker and darker each day Christ doesn't return. The enemy has also turned the knob up on sins, fear, disaster, frustration and troubles. It is his goal to get God's people weaker and weaker each day. He wants to make them distracted and blinded to God's heartbeat. God's heartbeat is souls. He wants to see believers more concerned about souls than their personal programs or traditions.

The Apostle Paul is calling Christians to awaken from their sleep and to let Christ give His light. What does this mean? Christians are to shine as light of the gospel. The unbelievers are on their way to hell and God wants believers to be a light and

witness to a dying world. The gospel 'convicts' people of their need for a Savior, and it also converts people, waking them up and saving them. It enlightens them so that they follow the Lord. Those who have been saved are called to be a light in the dark world so that the power of the gospel can shine through them.

One of the reasons the believers are sleeping spiritually is because of lukewarmness. The Holy Spirit is no longer directing and convicting their lives from becoming too worldly. They are no longer reading their bibles and listening to the Holy Spirit promptings. We must awaken to the Spirit of God calling us into position on the battlefield or we will face defeat. Our battle is first within ourselves. It is called complacency. We must take back the ground we gave up to the enemy. Christians will fight or be trampled upon in the advancements of our enemy.

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-15

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Day # 3 / Jan 5th

AWAKE! AWAKE! –

LESSON 3: Awake! Awake!

“Awake, awake; put on thy strength O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean.” (Isaiah 52:1)

What a powerful prophecy telling Zion or the church in latter-day glory to awaken out of sleep; and this repeated to show what deep sleep had fallen on her, the danger she was in through it, and the great concern the Lord had for the church. It is because the church is in spiritual drowsiness and sluggishness. She has gone far away from the central message of Jesus Christ. Her dress code is that of the world system. The church and world seem to be the same today. There is not a difference between the world system and the true church of Jesus Christ. The gospel of Jesus Christ has been watered down far away from the truth. We see the unconcernedness about the truths and the ordinances of the Gospel, the discipline of Christ’s house, and the honor of it; which the enemy has taken advantage of, and sows his tares of false or deceiving doctrine and worship; wherefore it is high time to “awake” out of sleep, and to “put on strength”, or “clothe” with it, and do the Lord’s will, and work and oppose the enemy. I am talking about that devil, Satan himself.

The remedy to the church of Jesus Christ being awake is to first of all, “put on strength”. In other words, she had to clothe herself with strength. This means, to exert oneself to be strong, bold, and confident or to be strong. We are wrapped in the saving atonement from God when we awake from our slumber of forgetfulness. When we remember God’s covenantal goodness to us, when we commit to be faithful to Him, we are strengthened through His grace. Have you even been through some form of weakness or satanic trap and God alerted you about it or brought you out? You feel strengthened to give the devil a nervous breakdown. Strength has been available to Zion or God’s covenant people.

Secondly, when we make covenants with God, we often put a special garment or clothing to symbolize the new relationship we are entering. For example, remember when you were being baptized and had to wear a white garment to represent the purity we receive from God as we enter a covenantal commitment

with Him? Similarly, covenants made in temples are often accompanied by beautiful garments of white to remind us of the atoning Sacrifice of Jesus Christ, which makes us pure and whole. Jesus' atonement is freely offered to us. We experience the fullness of the blessings of the atonement when we accept God's invitation to join Him in covenant.

What are the beautiful garments that the believer is urged to put on? These are the garments of righteousness. There are no garments more beautiful than these. Blessed are those who will be dressed in these white, pure, beautiful garments. This speaks of believers as the bride of Christ (Revelation 19:7-9).

Lastly, Isaiah 52:1b says, "**henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean.**" Circumcision symbolized the removing of sin from someone's life in order for them to become rightly related to God. That is why we repent of our sins when we believe in Jesus. Without repentance from sin, there is no true relationship with Christ. That's why John the Baptist, as the forerunner to Christ, came preaching the baptism of repentance based upon the remission of sins. The will of God is that His children would live holy lives. Nothing unclean or defiled will be allowed to enter into heaven; only those clothed in the "beautiful garments," made white by the Lamb of God. The world does not know what is truly beautiful. Righteousness is beautiful.

Now let us learn 5 ways to wake up from Spiritual Sleep.

1. We must be watchful and strengthen the things that remain (Revelation 3:2-3)

The Scripture tells us that there was little remaining for the Church of Sardis that was about to die. However, strengthen the things remaining like daily Bible reading, fellowshiping, prayer etc.

As you strengthen these things, keep your eyes open and watch, lest you fall into temptation. (Revelation 16:15)

2. Keep your eyes open lest you fall into temptation (Luke 22:46)

When you are sleeping, your eyes are shut, and your body is in a state of rest/inactivity. If you find yourself getting distracted and perhaps even getting involved with stuff you used to do before becoming a believer or Christian, it is likely this because you are spiritually sleeping. When you are spiritually low, you use your carnal mind to suppress your desires. Your mind does not have the strength to succeed in this; open your eyes and build your spirit.

3. Hold fast and repent (Revelation 3:3)

True Repentance is feeling sorry for what you have done against God and His word and His work. It means a change of mind leading to a change of action. Stop doing the things that take you away from God and start focusing on things that will draw you closer to Jesus.

4. Keep your garments clean (Revelation 3:4-5)

In the book of Revelation, the color white stands for purity and heaven. Garments stand for your behavior. Living a holy life will help to keep you spiritually awake and make you an overcomer.

5. Hear what the Spirit says to the churches (Revelation 3:6)

As you have read this lesson today, remember the importance of being spiritually awake. Look at the areas in your life that are spiritually dead and use the points above to revive them.

I personally pray that God will help us to wake up where we are spiritually asleep. May we be like Deborah and Gideon, ready to arise and believe God for a move in our city and generation.

Scripture Reading: Revelation 3:1-10

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Day # 4 / Jan 6th

AWAKE! AWAKE! -

LESSON 4: Clarion Call To Pray

“Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, with thou knowest not.” (Jeremiah 33:3)

The first question we want to attempt to ask is, “what is prayer?” Prayer is communication with God. It is described in the Bible as seeking God’s favor (Exodus 32:11), pouring out one’s soul to the Lord (1 Samuel 1:15), crying out to heaven (2 Chronicles 32:20), drawing near to God (Psalm 73:28), and kneeling before the Father (Ephesians 3:14). Prayer is also the Christian’s way of communicating and fellowshiping with God. God loves the exchange with His children just as we love the exchange with our children. Lastly, prayer is really what God wants and not what we want (Luke 11:2). What God wants supersedes what we want.

Now that we understand what prayer really is, let us study two important mysteries about prayer from the scripture in Jeremiah 33:3. In the text, Prophet Jeremiah spent most of his life warning people of severe judgment to come if they did not repent and turn from their wicked ways. They did not like the message of Jeremiah because they were rebellious against God. It is just like how our nation and world have become rebellious to things of God. They preferred to listen to false prophets that told them everything would be good instead of listening to God’s true prophets who were calling them to repentance. The people called for King Zedekiah of Judah to place Jeremiah in prison, and this is where God spoke to him.

Prophet Jeremiah may have been lonely and uncomfortable in prison, but Jehovah God reminded him that he can be in His presence anywhere and all the time. God tells Jeremiah to call out to Him and to listen for all that God can teach him even in prison. God invited Jeremiah and all who heard to come to Him in faith-filled prayer, confident of His answer. As the judgement was even at the door, God spoke a word of hope and invitation and faith to Jeremiah and Jerusalem.

The first thing God is telling us is to call upon Him and He will answer us. We have the ability to call on the God of Heaven in faith and He will answer us. This is an encouragement for us to pray fervently with great expectation. God is inviting us to dial His number and He will answer our prayers. We need to dial 333 and Heaven will respond to our request. We must always remember that God's answer will be the best for us. Sometimes, we think we know what is best for us, but God really knows what we need at the right time. He also knows what is not good for us. So, if God's answer is NO or WAIT, trust the process, and go along with it. If you," keep living" as our parents used to say, you will see why God answered the way He did. God does not always have to tell you the reason why He did not answer your prayer request. God is Omniscient (all-knowing), Omnipotent (all-powerful), Omnipresent (all-present) and Omni-benevolent (all-good).

Secondly, God is inviting us to call on Him so He can show us **great and mighty things**. In other words, when we pray, things that are inaccessible and beyond normal reach of human knowledge, God can and will reveal them to us. There are hidden things that are difficult to see or understand. The scripture declares in Daniel 2:22: **"He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him."**

We can see that our God is a revealer of hidden and secret things. There are some things that the devil is hiding from the child of God. There are some secrets to your breakthrough and destiny that can only be accessed through the intentional deep prayers. This is the place where God Almighty loves to speak to His dear children during prayer time. This kind of revelation only comes from a deep intimate relationship with the Lord through His Holy Spirit. What we know about God is what He has revealed to us. If we seek the Lord with our whole heart, we will find Him (Jeremiah 29:13).

Here are few steps to access secret things from the Lord:

1. You must be a Born-Again Believer in Jesus Christ (John 3:3)
2. You must connect with the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:10)
3. You must stay in prayer consistently (Psalms 91:1)
4. You must have a prayer and fast lifestyle (Matthew 17:21)
5. You must have the Prophetic over your life (Amos 3:3)

God will unveil His Secret plans in your life as you connect with Him.

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 33:1-14

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Day # 5 / Jan 7th

AWAKE! AWAKE! -

LESSON 5: Awake to Fasting

“ Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.” (Matthew 6:16-18)

One of our secret weapons as believers is the power of Fasting and Prayer. I have seen God perform many miracles because of the art of fasting. Jesus spoke to these fundamental practices of spiritual life in His Kingdom: giving, praying and now fasting. Jesus assumed that His followers would fast.

Jesus' own ministry began with a sacrificial forty-day fast. From the above text, we can clearly see that He expected His followers to also fast. Moreover, Jesus gave only two instructions many Christians have missed already. First of all, when you are fasting, look normal and cheerful before folks. During a fasting shower, comb your hair, lotion, spray or put cologne on yourself, and put on nice clothing. Secondly, Our Lord taught his disciples not to impress others with their fasting since it was unto Him. In other words, focus on the Lord during your fast only. Do this in private so God can see you, not other people.

Fasting actually means biblically to abstain totally from food for a certain time. It literally means to cover the mouth. It is going without food or drink for an agreed period of time. Specifically, we humbly deny something of the flesh to glorify God, enhance our spirit, and go deeper in our prayer life. Fasting is not a religious affliction, but a spiritual catalyst in prayer; it enhances the potency of our prayers (Isaiah 58:9; Matt 17:21).

Our spirit is strengthened through fasting and praying, then my carnal nature is weakened by the same. Therefore, every benefit that you can receive from a weakened flesh or from empowered prayer, you can receive from fasting. Here are 10 benefits of fasting:

1. *Fasting can bring clarity to the voice of God. (Acts 13:2)*
2. *Fasting can help to properly establish a new ministry. (Acts 14:23)*
3. *Fasting can bring healing. (Esther 4:16)*
4. *Fasting can bring healing. (Psalm 35:13-14)*
5. *Fasting can prepare you for the call of God. (Matthew 4:1-4)*
6. *Fasting can prepare you for temptation. (Matthew 4:1-4)*
7. *Fasting can bring about freedom. (Isaiah 58:6)*
8. *Fasting can bring protection. (Ezra 8:21)*
9. *Fasting can increase Spiritual Authority. (Matthew 17:19-21)*
10. *Fasting can teach you dependence on God. (Matthew 4:3-4)*

Lastly, the ultimate price is that God will reward you. What does that even mean? It means that God will give, recompense, perform, repay, render or restore you. This is very powerful because fasting and prayer brings rewards, not answers. If the enemy has stolen your joy, money, home, family, business, spouse etc, by virtue of your fasting this season, God will restore everything back that the enemy has stolen even in battles against you. Tap into this secret and your life will take off miraculously!

Scripture Reading: Esther 4:1-16

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Day # 6/ Jan 8th

AWAKE! AWAKE! –

LESSON 6: Awake to Church Fellowship

***“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much more, as ye see the day approaching.”
(Hebrews 10:25)***

As the world is getting chaotic and sin is dangerously affecting the world, it is time for you to always find yourself in the house of the Lord. We are not to forsake church fellowship because it is our God-given obligation. Forsaking fellowship is a sure way to give place to discouragement. This discouragement festers where God’s people are not exhorting one another.

Some only go to church if they feel they “need it” at the time. Even the pandemic became an excuse for folks to stay at home. But our motivation for fellowship must be to obey God and to give to others. We can and should gather with believers to encourage someone who needs to stand strong against a tide of discouragement.

*Do you know that Jesus himself attended church regularly? Yes, He did! It was so exciting to discover by divine how Jesus Christ gave the purpose of His Spirit-anointed ministry in the church (Luke 4:16b). It was Jesus’ “custom” to attend church regularly. Custom here is the Greek word “ethos” which literally means usage, a habit, manner, or a ceremony. So, this lets me know that Jesus had a habit of attending and fellowshiping at church services regularly. He is also teaching us how important it is for us to follow His example by attending and participating in church. He just did not attend church to warm the benches, but he also participated in the programs at church. We do not have any excuse for not fellowshiping or attending church services. God wants us to understand that Jesus is also the originator of the church. That is, He has the deed to the church. In Matthew 16:18b, Jesus said, “**I will build my church...**” If you are therefore following Him, then you need to be a part of the universal and the local body of believers.*

Jesus did preach in the church to the poor, the destitute, the afflicted, the humble, the broken-hearted and those who tremble at His word (Isaiah 61:1-3). He is telling us not only to be a part of the universal but also the local church provides fellowship, discipleship, evangelism, deliverance, prayer and worship.

*Jesus said, “...**The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up**” (John 2:17b). Can you imagine that? We should be consumed by a driving force that should propel us to want to be in God’s House. The Psalmist said, “**I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord**” (Psalm 122:1). Are you glad or sad to be in God’s House? Let us have a strong desire for Jesus and His Father’s House.*

Lastly, we gather in the House of the Lord for a few reasons.

- *We gather to receive something from God.*
- *We gather to give something to God.*
- *We gather to encourage each other by our shared faith and values.*
- *We gather to serve in any capacity.*
- *We gather to pray, praise and worship God.*
- *We gather to be an effective witness for Jesus Christ*
- *We gather to bless one another.*
- *We gather to work together.*

Let us not forget about assembling ourselves together in the Lord.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 100

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Day # 7/ Jan 9th

AWAKE! AWAKE! -

LESSON 7: Awake to first fruits Giving

“Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase: so shall thy barns be filled with plenty...” (Proverbs 3: 9, 10)

Giving God the first of everything belongs to Him. The first harvest, the first to open the womb both of man and beast belong to God. After the first is given to God, man is given the rest (Exodus 13:1-2; Leviticus 27:26; 1 Samuel 1:11).

Most believers know little or nothing concerning this subject, although the scriptures have quite a lot to say on it. Those who have discovered the mystery behind it have continued to enjoy divine prosperity. Right from the first pages of the scriptures, God reveals to us the benefits of first fruit offerings. What exactly is First Fruit? The concept of First Fruit is when God's people brought their first to God from their harvest. It meant a Promise to Come. God called his people to bring the first yield- the first fruits- from their harvest to him as an offering. This was to demonstrate the Israelites' obedience and reverence for God. It also showed that they trusted God to provide enough crops to feed their family. Do you know that God Himself practiced First Fruit offering? He gave His only begotten son to yield a great harvest of souls. We too can yield a great harvest when God is first in our lives. When we bring our first offering at the beginning of the year, we are telling God to take our first without selfishness. Obedience is the key to receiving God's blessings when it comes to first fruits. Besides giving God our first fruits, we must give Him the very best. Read the scriptures: Numbers 18:12; Ezekiel 48:14; Lev 19:23-25; Deut. 26:2-11; Romans 11:16.

Consider the following:

- *First fruits represent our commitment to God.*
- *The First fruit is a lesson on dependence.*
- *It ensures a future harvest.*
- *Once first fruit is given, you ignite the promises of God into action.*

Why is Firstfruit giving important?

- *It honors God (Proverb 3:9)*
- *God will meet every need and give us more than we ask. God will allow an overflow in one's life (proverbs 3:10)*
- *God will bless our entire family and will allow generations to be blessed and cursed (Ezekiel 44:30)*

Scripture Reading: Leviticus 23:9-14

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Day # 8 / Jan 10th

AWAKE! AWAKE!

LESSON 8: Awake To Being A Witness

“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth” (Acts 1:8)

Jesus Christ is not suggesting to us to be witnesses but He is commanding us to tell others about Him regardless of the consequences. We are to be witnesses and witness even when faced with oppositions. The word “witness” which comes from the Greek word “Martus” which comes from the English word martyr means one who can or does declare to be true what he or she has seen, heard or knows. In other words, it is one who testifies about Jesus.

In Acts 1:8, Jesus gave His followers four areas where you and I can be successful in our witness. That is Jerusalem (The Home Test), Judea (Next Door Neighbor), Samaria (Those who are not like you) and the uttermost part of the earth (The nations of the world). We need to first of all be a witness to our family in the home before we can do the next door neighbor. After our family, we can witness to our next door neighbors and then those who are different from us. They don't speak like you and you don't speak like them. This then qualifies you to travel and speak to the nations about Jesus Christ.

In John 4, Jesus shows us how to witness by using three simple principles that every believer or witness of Christ should follow. He teaches us this by relating, creating and convicting. These three simple principles sound simple but are very important. Most people want to create before relating to people. You cannot be successful in witnessing this way.

Our Lord Jesus began the Witnessing Ministry by relating to her (the woman at the well) through natural conversation (John 4:7). We can become successful by asking “how are you today?” or “how are you spending your day?” This will open the way for you to ask another question like “Are you from around here?” If the answer is warm, this will open the door for a conversation and will develop the stage for you to create.

Jesus also created the opportunity to talk about spiritual things to the lady (John 4:10). There, you can begin to ask them concerning their church or favorite religious program. You can offer them a gospel tract, Christian music, CD message or a prophetic word. This will strike the entrance of Salvation just as Jesus did it with the woman at the well. Furthermore, if you walk in the prophetic, this can settle the issue (John 4:18). In other words, Jesus' prophetic word caused her to recognize and perceive Him as a prophet (John 4:19).

Lastly, Jesus Christ also brought conviction by using God's Law (John 4:16-18). He did this by letting her know that she broke one of God's Commandments. She was a sinner and needed a Savior. Once the law has brought a person down to the place of needing a savior, then Jesus can bring His grace. If you repent of your sins, God will forgive you and dismiss all the charges against you (Romans 10:9-10).

Scripture Reading: Acts 1:1-8

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Day # 9 / Jan 11th

AWAKE! AWAKE!

LESSON 9: Awake to God's Heartbeat- Soul Winning

"I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance." (Luke 15:7)

One of the most important topics on God's agenda now is soul winning. The only thing recorded in the word that brings joy to heaven is when a sinner repents and for emphasis, it was reiterated twice;

"I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance. Likewise I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth." (Luke 15:7,10)

Winning the lost is the very heartbeat of God. All of His plans and purposes from the beginning of time up to this very hour have centered on man's redemption. We must be at work to fulfill the vision of winning the lost, feeding the sheep, and making disciples of new converts.

Jesus after His resurrection in obedience to the will of the Father handed over the great commission to His disciples and us to preach the gospel to every creature (Mark 16:15-16). But the very thing most important to God is being neglected by many Christians today. It is a thing of shame that many people have been born again for many years but cannot point to at least five souls they brought to Christ. We often misplace the migration of people from one church to another as evangelism; rather we should strive after the lost, bruised, and wounded souls.

*The church has been living in isolation for far too long. We see ourselves as pure and holy, and better than sinners. We forget that if it wasn't for the grace of God, we would all be in the same boat. In James 5:20, the scripture says, **"let him know that he who turns a sinner from error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins"**. If you bring a sinner to Jesus, you have helped cover the sins of such an individual and thus you too will be blessed. Furthermore, the scripture says; **"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise"**. It is the Holy Spirit that does the work of conversion, what God needs you for is to preach to the lost and He will do the rest. Can God count on you this year of 2024?*

**HOW MANY SOULS WILL YOU TARGET TO SAVE THIS YEAR?
IF SO, LIST THEM THIS YEAR:**

- 1.
- 2.
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Scripture Reading: Luke 15:1-10

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Day # 10 / Jan 12th

AWAKE! AWAKE!

LESSON 10: Awake to Serving in the House of God

“According to the custom of the priest’s office, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord.” (Luke 1:9)

The statistics in church life states that 20 percent of the people do 80 percent of the work. In other words, 80% of the congregation remains passive when it comes to living on mission for God.

While it may not be true of all congregations, I think it is safe to say that large portions of the body of Christ treat church like consumers. I have observed that people think that the church is a place to come and receive religion and goods. If their needs are not met, they begin church hopping.

The Apostle Paul stated in 1 Corinthians 12 that the body does not consist of one member but of many. Then the Apostle Peter even made it more explicit, “**...As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace**” (1 Peter 4:10). This is how God designed the church. And God calls each individual to serve the body with the gifts they have been granted.

The simple truth of the matter is that Christ came to seek and save the lost so that the saved would serve one another and seek the lost. In fact, it is very clear from the New Testament that by the fruit of one’s life, others can observe the genuineness of their salvation. Church consumers attend church to have their needs met.

Our text tells us how Zacharias served in the House of God and the blessings that came because of his serving. Zacharias and his wife had no child, but he was serving in the House of God. The scripture declares in Luke 1:8-9, “**Now it happened while Zachariah was serving as priest before God in the appointed order of his priestly division...he was chosen by lot to enter [the sanctuary of] the temple of the Lord and burn incense [on the altar of incense].**” I love how the King James version puts it. It says, “he executed the priest’s office...”. The word “executed” means to perform his functions. Zacharias was performing his functions in the House of the Lord faithfully. Are you functioning in the house of

God or are you just a consumer warming the bench? What are you doing for the Kingdom of God?

The blessing of serving cannot be underestimated. It was while Zachariah was serving that the Lord brought his breakthrough and long-awaited miracle. The scriptures say:

“But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.

Their prayer was not answered before he was serving. It happened while he was serving in the church or the temple of God. Many Christians’ blessing is locked up because they will not serve in the house of God. This godly man had a tremendous privilege to serve in the house of God.

I want to challenge you to begin serving in the house of God faithfully and watch what your God will do in your life. The body of the church needs all of its parts functioning in order to be healthy. The question is, if you have been saved, are you being a good steward of God’s gracious gifts? Pray and ask God how you can serve and work your vocation. Do it faithfully as unto the Lord (1 Corinthians 10:31)

Here are seven areas where you could likely begin to start serving God faithfully:

1. Unseen Hands Ministry (Areas where you are not in the front or limelight)
2. Teaching (2 Tim 2:24)
3. Leading (Colossians 3:12-13; Proverbs 11:14; Matthew 20:26-28)
4. Outreach (Matthew 28:19-20)
5. Skills (personal skills you have whether professional or God-given gift)
6. Hospitality (Hebrews 13:2)
7. Giving (Psalm 24:1)
8. Prayer (1 Tim 2:1)

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:1-15

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7 STEPS TO THE KINGDOM

1. GREETING

“Hello, May I have one minute of your time?”

2. STATE

“Did you know that Jesus Christ is Lord? Well, He is and He loves you and wants to be your Lord and Savior. A lot of people want to be saved but just don’t know how.”

3. SAY

“Roman 10:9 says: If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, you shall be saved.”

4. ASK

“Can you say Lord Jesus?”

5. PRAY

Reach out for the candidate’s hand and say:

“Let’s pray, repeat after me: Lord Jesus, forgive me for all my sins. I believe that you died on the cross, were buried,

and on the third day

God the Father raised you from the dead. Right now Lord Jesus, I open the door to my HEART and I receive you, into my HEART, as my Lord and Savior.”

6. QUESTION

“According to the prayer you just prayed, where is the Lord Jesus? The response should be “He’s in my heart.” If some other statement is given, pray again.

7. CONFIRMATION

“Once the correct answer is given, share: I John 4:4,

“Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world.”

**FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH
(11 DAYS)**

“They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.” (Psalm 84:7)

Have you ever fasted and prayed thinking it would last you all 12 months, and you go back to the same old ways in 4 months' time? This is because you have not developed what I call The POWER CONTENT. It is the high-power content that carries the believer from glory to glory and from strength to strength all 12 months. A low Power Content can diminish your faith, bring setbacks and frustration in your life.

God has a plan for you. It is to make you go from strength to strength. During the second half of the 21 days of Fasting and Prayer, the rich relationship with God is a never-ending supply of strength for the journey, even in difficult seasons. Be very determined to move from strength to strength and watch you explode in the Lord with tangible victories.

Please make sure to be very prayerful while fasting, take notes and connect daily on the prayer Line. Are you ready? Let's take the journey!

Day # 11 / Jan 13th
AWAKE! AWAKE!
LESSON 1 - Awake To Signs of The Times

“And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? And what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?” (Psalm 84:2,5)

The passage in Matthew 24, makes it clear that we can know the season of the Lord's return-that tangible things will be visible to alert us to the Lord's soon return. What are those things? What are the signs the Bible tells us to watch for? Jesus makes many specific comments and predictions about the end times. Some of the end time prophecies seem so vague or imprecise because God wants every age to have a reason to be ready for Jesus' return. Secondly, God's intention was to keep the future somewhat vague and clouded to confound the Devil. That's why even the resurrection of the Messiah was vague in the Old Testament.

There are many great numbers and a variety of these signs. Sometimes it is difficult to get a handle on all of them because some are prophetic, supernatural, while others are just physical or natural. The secret and power to the end time prophecy is the increase in intensity and frequency. In other words, the end time prophecies will be happening at an increased rate and force. Let us look at a few prophecies that are very important and are happening right now:

1. Signs of Nature (Matthew 24:7)

This speaks of earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, hurricanes, and famine. Jesus stated that these signs will be like birth pains. When a mother is about to give birth to her baby, she experiences the frequency and intensity before giving birth.

2. Signs of Wickedness (Matthew 24:37)

Jesus said He would return at a time when society would resemble “the days of Noah”. The Old Testament tells us that during Noah's days, there was immorality and violence because the thoughts of men's hearts were continually focused on evil (Genesis 6:5-13; Matthew 24:37). This means that immorality, idolatry, homosexuality epidemic, depraved mind, greed, hatred, arrogance, and malice will increase in the last days. This is now why Jesus confirmed the statement that he would return during the times when society has gone full circle, returning to the depravity of Noah's day.

3. The Spiritual Signs

The Scripture tells us to watch for, both negative and positive signs (Matthew 24:5,11,24; 2 Timothy 3:5; 1 Timothy 4:1). Jesus warned that one of the dangerous signs of His return will be false Christs, cultic groups, apostasy of the church and an outbreak of Satanism. It has become so widespread that even some calling themselves “Evangelicals” are approving of abortion and same-sex marriage. What a shame but it is the sad truth.

The devil knows that his time is short, so he is attacking the Church with a vengeance. His themes dominate books, movies, television programs and music. People are demonically influenced by astrology, transcendental meditation, channeling, crystal-gazing and many other manifestations of occultic entrapment.

On the positive note, there will be those that will stand for the gospel truth and will be persecuted because they love Jesus. There will be persecution of faithful Christians all around the world (Luke 21:12-19). Also, the Glory of the Lord will rest upon truth believers in Christ in the last days (Isaiah 60:1-2). We as believers in Christ will spread the gospel also through social media platforms, television, and radio. There will be the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ to the world (Matthew 24:14).

4. The Technology Signs

The Bible makes it clear that in the last days, there will be an explosion of scientific knowledge and its technical application to communications, transportation, data processing and weapons of war (Daniel 12:4). This makes it clear how the anti-Christ will dominate the whole world and give them the mark of the beast (Revelation 13:16-18).

5. The Signs of Israel

Have you seen Israel in the news lately? It is because the Jewish people or the children of Israel are God’s prophetic time clock. This is why Jesus told His disciples to watch Jerusalem (Luke 21:24). In other words, He was saying that whenever the Jews win back the city of Jerusalem from the Gentiles, it will be a sure sign that His return is near.

We must get ready because Jesus is coming back again for a church without spot or wrinkle (Ephesians 5:27).

6 WAYS TO PREPARE FOR THE END TIMES

- **Be Sure and Certain of Your Salvation**

Salvation is a free gift of God based on His grace. You can receive Salvation by confessing the Lord Jesus with your mouth and believe Jesus died for your sins (Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 10:9-10)

- **Ask to Be Filled with the Holy Spirit**

The Apostle Paul wrote that we are to be filled with the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 5:18).

- **Stay in Fellowship with The Church and other Believers!**

Fellowship with the Saints and be a part of a local church that will feed you the word of God (Hebrews 10:25; Acts 2:42,46).

- **Pursue Intimacy with the Bridegroom**

Draw closer to God and He will draw closer to you. Have an intimate relationship with the Lord Jesus (James 4:8; Psalm 42:1)

- **Share the Gospel with as Many as Possible**

We are to share the gospel with our friends, family, and the world about Jesus (Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15,20)

- **Live A Holy Lifestyle**

Our lifestyles should be distinguishable from the unbelievers and match our faith in Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:15).

Scripture Reading: Matthew 24:1-24

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Day # 12 / Jan 14th

AWAKE! AWAKE!

LESSON 12 - Awake to the Power of Faith

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

Without faith it's impossible to please God (Heb 11:6), so our relationship with the Lord is dependent on it. Faith is what brings the things God has provided for us from the spiritual realm into the physical (Heb 11:1). Our faith is the victory that enables us to overcome the world (1 John 5:4). Everything the Lord does for us is accessed through faith.

Yet there is much confusion about faith today just as there has always been. It's like having a computer and knowing its potential but not having a clue how to use it. Many of us know how frustrating that is. The Bible is our basic instruction before leaving earth, but only few people take the time to really study it. They are either lazy or impatient and want to do it on their own. They may reach some level of success, but to really be proficient, they have to read the book.

The Bible says in Ephesians 2:8, “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:” It is God's grace that saves us, but not His grace alone. If that were so, then everyone would be saved because God's grace has come to all men (Titus 2:11).

We must put faith in God's grace, but the faith that we use isn't our own human faith. This verse says that faith is the gift of God.

I find out that there is a human faith or natural faith that is inherent within every human being, and there is a supernatural faith of God that only comes to those who receive the good news.

Human faith can only believe what it can see, taste, hear, smell, or feel; it's limited to the five senses. Using natural human faith, we can sit in a chair we've never sat in and believe it will hold us up. We can also be in airplanes when we don't fully understand how they work, and we don't know the pilot but we trust that everything will be alright. That takes human faith, which God gave to every person.

With your human faith, you wouldn't sit in a broken chair you see or fly in an aircraft when you see the engine with important parts broken. Your five senses would forbid it.

Yet when it comes to God, we have to believe things that we cannot see. You haven't seen God or the devil. You haven't seen heaven or hell. You haven't seen sin; therefore, you wouldn't know what you would look like if your sins were taken away. However, you have to believe in all these things to be born again. How can you believe in invisible things with human faith? You need God's supernatural faith.

In Romans 4:17, the bible says, "God...calleth those things which be not as though they were." God's faith goes beyond sight. God's faith operates supernaturally, beyond the limitations of our natural faith. God said in Genesis 1:3, "...Let there be light, and there was light. "That's not the way a natural man does things. We are limited, but God calls things that are not as though they were. That's supernatural. That's the same kind of faith we have to use to receive salvation. We have to believe in God, whom we have not seen, and believe that our sins are forgiven, which we cannot prove by natural means. It takes God supernatural faith to receive salvation. Where do we get it from? We get it from the Word of God (Romans 10:17).

We have the same quantity and quality of faith that Jesus has; therefore, we can do the same works that Jesus did, if we receive this truth and begin to use what we have (John 14:12). Because many Christians have not understood this, they have spent their time asking for faith or for more faith. Do you know that all have the same measure of faith?

My late Spiritual Father, the Late Apostle Nate Holcomb taught us that God, (like a card dealer,) has dealt with every man THE MEASURE of faith. It is a definite article. We all started with the same faith but we all will not end with the same amount of faith. It is time to stop doubting God and start using our faith. The more you know about faith and how it works, the better it will work for you.

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 11:1-17

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Day # 13 / Jan 15th

AWAKE! AWAKE!

LESSON 13 – Awake Prayer Burdens

“And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. Then saith He unto them, my soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death; tarry ye here and watch with me”

(Matthew 26:37-38)

What Jesus experienced in this passage, people of God, is what we call a Prayer of Burden. Since you're-born, your human spirit is in touch with the Spirit of God, sometimes your spirit can pick signals of an impending danger or gain insight into the heart cry of God for something to happen (either in your life or in the life of another).

These signals create a sense of urgency within you to get aside and pray. At times you have a sense of heaviness which only lifts when you have expressed yourself in prayer. At other times you feel totally irritated and turned off every natural affair of life. You find yourself unable to enjoy food, human company, entertainment and so on. You sense a pull to get away with God.

I remembered right after our church anniversary; it was a time to rest but I felt a pull in the spirit to get away to pray for some days. I should have been celebrating our 20th Church Anniversary, but I had to consecrate myself.

Prayer burdens are an interruption to your normal life. They could come upon you when you least expect or need them. Most of the time, they cannot wait for a more favorable time before they are executed. They demand immediate attention.

When you respond, prayer just seems to pour out of you with little effort until the burden lifts. When you do not respond, everything else you try to do is affected negatively. You feel frustrated.

Some prayer burdens demand you totally get alone. Some can carry and pray through while you are doing other things.

Your ability to discern this burden and accordingly respond in prayer is one of the greatest assets you can have. It would help you avert untold number of tragedies in your life and in the life of others; it would help you connect effectively to many heavenly thoughts and designed breakthroughs for your life.

Do you know that understanding this makes you an asset in the hands of God? A soldier equipped and ready to move at any time to silence the enemy; you become a more effective interceptor of enemy attacks, seasoned intercessor.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 26:36 - 46

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Day # 14 / Jan 16th

AWAKE! AWAKE!

LESSON 14 - Awake To Praying In The Spirit

“And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. (Acts 2:4)

Many Christians do not know the power and benefits of receiving and praying in the Spirit. I was saved and never knew that this gift was available unto me. It is for every born-again believer in Jesus Christ. It is a power gift for the asking. On the day of Pentecost, they were gathered together sharing the same heart, the same love of God, and the same trust in His promise, with the Holy Spirit came down. Before we can be filled, we must recognize our emptiness; by gathering together in prayer, in obedience, these disciples did just that. They recognized they did not have in themselves to do what they could do or should do; they had to instead rely on the work of God.

We must pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the evidence of speaking in tongues upon our lives. When we pray in tongues more and worship God, the more manifestation of the other gifts of the Spirit is released. In 1 Corinthians 14:4, Paul told the Corinthian church to continue praying and speaking in tongues because it was a source of spiritual edification.

Every time I pray in the Spirit, I am definitely praying the will of God for my life. I don't always know what to pray for as I ought but when I pray in the Holy Ghost my prayer becomes productive.

If you want to know the deep things of God, you must pray in the Holy Ghost constantly. It is He who reveals the mind of God to us. You cannot know the mind of God just by the flesh. It must be done by the Spirit of God. We can know God's plan just by connecting in the Spirit realm. I encourage you to pray more in the Spirit. If you do not have the Gift of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues, then begin to pray for it.

Let me give you some simple steps:

1. Know that it is a Gift for Believers in Christ (Acts 2:38).
2. Ask and you will receive (Luke 11:13).
3. Expect to receive it when you pray for it or when hands are laid on you (Acts 8:18-20; 9:18)
4. You must begin to speak, and the Holy Spirit will act supernaturally (Acts 2:4; 10:44-46; 19:6)
5. Act in faith by opening your mouth to be filled by the Holy Spirit (Acts 19:6)

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:22 - 32

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Day # 15 / Jan 17th

AWAKE! AWAKE!

LESSON 15 - GLORY CARRIERS

“Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: But the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. (Isaiah 60:1-2)

In the last days, one of the greatest signs of Jesus Christ's return is the Glory of God released in the Earth realm. The Glory of God is actually the last move of God in the world. So, if it is the last move of God, then we are GLORY CARRIERS. The Glory of God is the manifestation of God's presence or the weight or heaviness of God.

It expresses the idea of importance, greatness, honor, splendor, or power.

Who or what is a Glory Carrier? They are people of God, who anywhere they arrive, darkness will automatically disappear, curses, sickness, bareness, shame will all depart. They are also people of God who carry the presence of God. A Glory Carrier is also being clothed with both the power of God's Holy Spirit and indwelled by Christ Jesus with all of His attributes, likeness, and behavior. To carry God's Glory is to completely reflect His likeness. A man or woman who is a Glory Carrier displays His manifested presence.

According to Isaiah 60:1-2, the Glory of God comes when the earth is darker, and sin is rampant all over the place. This is when we really need to be Glory Carriers. It is when the earth seems upside down and people call good, evil, and evil, good. Isaiah 60 is flooded with divine light: “ Arise, shine, for your light has dawned; the presence of the Lord has shone upon you. Darkness will afflict the earth, but upon Zion “the Lord will shine”.

Even the echoes of the plague of darkness (Exodus 10:21-29) are clear, only this time , it is unleashed on a global scale: The whole earth will plunge into darkness, and Zion alone will meditate divine light to the nations and will become a lamp that kings will walk. Even the famous pandemic that shut the whole world down shows the intensity of this darkness. Corona Virus spreading in the entire was a great sign of the Glory of God that must be carried. We now must become Glory Carriers.

Here are four things we really need, to become Glory Carriers.

- 1. Continuous Intentional Prayer life (II Chronicles 7:1)*
- 2. Have a Desire to see His Glory (Exodus 33:17-23)*
- 3. Develop a love for His Presence (Psalm 26:8)*
- 4. Be hungry for His Glory (Psalm 63:1-3)*

I pray that every Born-Again Believer in Jesus Christ, captures these four things needed to be Glory Carriers. Bring light in a darkness and perverse world.

Scripture Reading: John 11:1-11

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Day # 16 / Jan 18th

AWAKE! AWAKE!

LESSON 16 - Awake To Spiritual Warfare

**“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints”
(Ephesians 6:18)**

We all are engaged in spiritual warfare that rages between two kingdoms: the kingdom of light and the kingdom of darkness. There are no demilitarized zones. You're either on God's side or you are on the devil's side.

Many Christians do not want to be spiritual soldiers. They want to be civilians. They want to take things so easy. Satan will attack you with fierceness even if you refuse to wear your uniform or carry your weapons; and you will always have your hands in the air in surrender mode. It is wiser to just get ready to always engage your enemy whenever he strikes, and to keep invading his territory as consistently as you can. It is said that the best form of defense is attack.

You can handle the devil and his schemes. God has equipped you with all it takes to handle spiritual war. He has given you defensive armor that no force of evil can penetrate. The belt of TRUTH, the breastplate of RIGHTEOUSNESS, the helmet of SALVATION, shoes of readiness to the GOSPEL OF PEACE and the shield of FAITH. Then He gave you the most dangerous offensive weapon anyone can use...the SWORD OF THE SPIRIT which is the WORD OF GOD.

With the above, you are ready to engage the enemy in aggressive warfare. You do not put your armor on and then go to sleep. You put it on so that you can go to war..." **praying always with all prayer and supplication in the spirit.**" (Ephesians 6:18). Then you become the kind of Christian Satan fears. When you have your armor on, you can inflict great damage on him and his works and yet to on unhurt. He has nothing that can destroy or penetrate your armor. You wreak havoc on his kingdom and still remain unhurt. Hallelujah!

When you are a man or woman of dominion, you will be bombarded with signs and wonders. How do you get to this level of dominion? Let us summarize this with 4D.

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 6:10-18

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Day # 17 / Jan 19th

AWAKE! AWAKE

LESSON 17 - Awake and Speak To Your Mountain

“For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed and cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.”

One thing God loves is to see His children speaking to the mountains in their lives. The mountain is your problems, obstacles, delays, pains, troubles etc. It can also be the obstacles of fear, poverty, or delays etc.

Faith towards God is required in speaking to your mountain. Your faith in God will cause you to be bold in the Lord. In fact, Mountain also serves as anything that is adverse or contrary to the word of God for your life. It has the capability to slow down or impede your progress in the Kingdom of God.

In order to complete God’s will, you must begin to speak to your mountain. Many people spend time praying to God about the mountain. People use the mountain as an excuse because they are not progressing in their Christian walk. Others also describe the mountain in full details with the correct dimensions. The key is knowing what to do with the mountain in your life.

Many times, in my life, I have seen mountains crumbling because I choose to obey the word of God concerning mountains. I have had mountains of deceit, debt, obstacles etc, but I choose again and again to obey God’s word.

Here are instructions for destroying mountains:

- 1. Recognize that God is bigger than any mountain. He can remove any mountain blocking your prosperous journey (Zechariah 4:5-6)*
- 2. You must believe that you receive when you pray (Matthew 21:21; Mark 11:24)*

3. You must also speak to your mountain. It is done by rebuking, giving direction to the problem, and casting out the problem from your body, circumstance, and environment (Mark 11:23; Luke 17:6; Mark 16:17; Matt 12:28)

Remember, if you don't speak to the mountain of your life, it will speak back to you.

Scripture Reading: Luke :1-11

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Day # 18 / Jan 20th

AWAKE! AWAKE!

LESSON 18 – AWAKE TO THE POWER OF THE BLOOD OF JESUS

“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto death.” (Revelation 12:11)

Do you know there is power that supersedes every other power? Yes, that power is the Blood of Jesus. The awesomeness and mystery of the power in the Blood of Jesus is not proclaimed enough in the church of Jesus Christ. Even many present-day Christians do not know many things about victory in the battles of life. Learning to claim the power in the Blood of Jesus is very important. It is a prayer that brings deliverance and protection.

The Blood gives protection before adversity strikes. It serves as prevention. The Blood of Jesus gives physical healing in the body. If you proclaim the Blood of Jesus, no matter how terrible an infirmity is, it will disappear by the power in the Blood of Jesus. One thing God requires is that your life be in order before him.

The Blood of Jesus cannot dry up; neither can it lose its power. Therefore, you can proclaim it a million times, if you want to. Many Christians do not understand the power in the use of the weapons that God has given us against the enemy.

The Blood of Jesus is also a battle-weapon; through it, you can achieve the following:

- *Cleansing: the Blood of Jesus possesses cleansing power. It can cleanse any form of dirt or filth in our lives. (1 John 1:7)*
- *Sanitization: The Blood of Jesus could serve really as a disinfectant. Anything that wants to pollute, will not be able to get in. Israel put the blood on their doorpost.(1 John 1:7; Joel 3:21)*
- *Deliverance: When you proclaim the Blood of Jesus into operation, it causes the enemy to flee, because it contains the life of God. It sets people free from bondage. (Rev 1:5; Zechariah 9:11)*

- *Healing: It can heal all forms of infirmity. When you proclaim the blood of Jesus, things begin to happen. (Isaiah 53:5)*
- *Protection (Exodus 12:13)*
- *Close Access (Ephesians 2:13)*
- *Life-giving power: to revive anyone or anything that is dead. It could be your hope, life, marriage, finances, business, etc (Lev 17:11)*
- *Yoke-breaking: Whenever you proclaim the Blood of Jesus, people and things are set free from any kind of yoke.*
- *Overcoming power (Rev 12:11)*

PRAYER POINTS:

- *Proclaim the Blood of Jesus over your family*
- *Proclaim the Blood of Jesus where deliverance is needed*
- *Proclaim the Blood of Jesus over your home*
- *Proclaim the Blood of Jesus over your church*

PRAYER JOURNAL: Scripture Reading: Hebrews 10:6-12

Day #19 / Jan 21st

AWAKE! AWAKE!

LESSON 19 – CONFIRMATION FROM GOD

“God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God.”

(Psalm 62:11)

One of the most important lessons every Christian must learn is to know the voice of God. In this season, the voice of God being confirmed is very important because we are in the last days. One of the main reasons we want confirmation is so that we do not run into errors. To confirm God’s voice and word, we should check with the following:

Agreement with scripture

The Holy Spirit brings the scripture to us. He has breathed into Scripture. He is the author.

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work” (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

The Holy Spirit brings God’s voice to us. He interprets the Word. He never contradicts Himself. God’s voice agrees with the word, tenor, and spirit of Scripture. While Satan’s counterfeits bring distress, darkness, gloom of anguish and utter darkness.

Circumstances

So many times God will speak to us through circumstances. We must be sensitive when we experience circumstances in our lives. Could it be that God is speaking? Yes! God is mostly speaking during circumstances in our lives.

When Jeremiah was in prison the Lord told him to buy a field. When his uncle came with an offer, he knew it was the Lord speaking . It was confirmed. He confessed, “I knew that this was the word of the Lord”. (Jeremiah 32:6-12)

God's Peace

Another sign every believer must look for concerning confirmation is the Peace of God. The Bible declares, "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful." The voice of God brings peace, not unrest and haste. With God's voice we shall experience peace, be thankful and the word will richly dwell in us. The most obvious symptom of demonic presence is restlessness.

Prophetic Believers

In Acts 13:1-3, Saul and Barnabas were worshiping and fasting when the Spirit spoke through one of the teachers and prophets. As a body of Christ, we are interdependent and should not act as a one-man army. The confirmation of the apostolic call upon Saul and Barnabas came through believers of proven and unquestioned integrity and maturity. We must just not allow anybody to speak into our lives. They must be mature and proven lest they mislead us. We must check with fellow believers before we launch into something new.

Saul and Barnabas heard from the Spirit but could not just go away. I remember when I was called by the Lord to become an Apostle. It was a fearful experience for me. I needed divine confirmation. I did not accept the office until I had many confirmations from the Lord. After the Lord told me that I was an apostle, he then confirmed it through many prophets who never knew me. I shared the prophetic word with my pastor and other believers at that time. We should maintain healthy relationships between pastor and flock, husband and wife, parents and children. Seek counsel from your leader or pastor. Going ahead without checking with those above us is dangerous. Exercise caution while being expectant to hear and obey God's voice.

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-11

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Day # 20 / Jan 22nd

AWAKE! AWAKE!

LESSON 20 - Awake To Eating Healthy

“You say, “I am allowed to do anything” - but not everything is good for you. And even though ‘I am allowed to do anything,’ I must not become a slave to anything.”

(1 Corinthians 6:12)

“Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, Ye shall eat no manner of fat, of ox, or of sheep, or of goat. And the fat of the beast that dieth of itself, and the fat of that which is torn with beasts, may be used in any other use: but ye in no wise eat of it.”

(Leviticus 7:23-24)

Jesus was so concerned about our health and wellbeing, until He went about healing all manner of sicknesses and diseases that were destroying mankind's life (Matthew 4:23). He wants us all healthy so we can become productive in the kingdom. You cannot preach and serve God effectively when your body is sick and slow from eating all kinds of food that is not conducive for it. It is definitely God's will that Christians be healthy and that their lives be accompanied by His blessings (3 John 3:2).

God in His awesome wisdom warned the people to neither eat fat nor blood. Mankind was permitted by God to eat certain food and stay away from certain food for health reasons. Man's original diet was to eat herb, fruits, and seeds (Genesis 1:27-29). Later, God permitted Noah and his generation to eat meat and plants as food (Genesis 9:1-3). Despite what God said, mankind still had the responsibility of eating healthy food.

For the modern world today, God wants us to eat fresh and whole unprocessed foods as much as possible. Avoid eating meats and fatty meats that have been pumped full of antibiotics and hormones. Also avoid food and drink that have been chemically altered, stripped, colored, preserved, and hydrogenated. These foods lose their nutritional qualities. Stay away from sugar products and starchy food that will put your blood sugar level up. If you must carbs and sugar, make sure that they are in moderation. Also, physical activity or exercise can also lower your blood sugar level.

Here are six foods that will boost your metabolism. They are: Hot (Chili) Pepper, Whole grain (Oatmeal) and Brown Rice, Lean Meat, Low-fat dairy product, Green Tea and Lentils.

Other healthy foods like salmon, broccoli, avocado, oats, black beans, blue berries, almonds, lemon, and grapefruit are all nutritious for the health and growth of your body.

7 STEPS TO CONTROLLING YOUR DIET

- **Pause**- before you decide to eat, pause and ask yourself if you are really hungry.
- **Pray** - Ask God to help you eat the right amount of portion. Pray to surrender your appetite to Him.
- **Prepare** - Learn how to prep your meals. It should be healthy.
- **Portion** - Eat portion sizes each day.
- **Practice** - Eat slowly without distraction.
- **Plan** - Make a healthy meal ahead of time.
- **Persist** - Be persistence in wanting to be healthy.

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:23-31

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Day # 21 / Jan 23rd

AWAKE! AWAKE!

LESSON 21 - Awake and Finish Strong

“And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them.” (Isaiah 65:21-23)

It is not good to start and stop. God wants you to finish whatever you have started. After our 21 days of fasting and prayer, you cannot afford to start and stop. God has committed a few things into your hands. For every man or woman to succeed, there is a need to continue those things which he or she has learned (II Tim. 3:14).

There are some people that have started an assignment for a very long time, a good project, good business, and other lucrative assignments but find it hard to complete it. They worked hard at the beginning, and never enjoyed the sweat of their labor. This is the same thing when it comes to finishing, from a spiritual perspective. God wants us to be productive even in our Christian walk.

Spiritual Abandonment is very real. Any time they start something, it is impossible for them to finish it and celebrate over that thing. They start the year being a good Christian, join the prayer team, participate in different auxiliaries but after a few months, they are no longer serving the Lord. The people under these satanic and self-attacks are limited among their peers and are operating under a curse of loss, disappointment, and inability to fulfill their destiny. They often encounter constant failure at the edge of breakthrough.

Here is how you can destroy this kind of spirit and behavior from taking over your life:

- 1. Make sure that you know Jesus as Lord and Savior (Phil 2:9)*
- 2. Connect with your Leadership (2 Kings 2:4)*
- 3. Be a consistent tither in the Kingdom (Malachi 3:10; Heb 7:8)*
- 4. Connect with an Auxiliaries and serve God in Church (Prov 11:14; Matt 20:26; Hebrews 10:24-25)*
- 5. Stay in prayer (1 Thessalonians 5:17)*
- 6. Go through Deliverance (Obadiah 1:17)*

Scripture Reading: Joshua 1:1-11

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When I am feeling ...

- *It is very handy to know where to turn in the Bible for different needs, circumstances and moods.*
 - *It is also useful to know about these Bible passages so you can show them to other people, should the occasion arise.*
1. ***When I feel angry*** - Read Ephesians 4:25-5:2 "Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry."
 2. ***When I have sinned*** - Read Psalm 51 "Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight."
 3. ***When I need God's guidance*** - Read Psalm 32:8-9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go."
 4. ***When I doubt Jesus*** - Read John 20:24-31 "Stop doubting and believe."
 5. ***When I want to praise the Lord*** - Psalm 47 "shout to God with cries of joy."
 6. ***When I am weighed down with worry*** - Read Matthew 6:25-34 "Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself."
 7. ***When I am suffering for Christ*** - Read 1 Peter 4:12-19 "Those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good."
 8. ***When I want to thank the Lord*** - Read Deut 8:10-18 "Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God."
 9. ***When a beloved Christian dies*** - Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 "Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope."
 10. ***When I face death*** - Read Philippians 1:21; 3:20-21 "The Lord Jesus Christ...will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body."

Time for action

- 1. When you come across more Bible verses that apply to one of these ten headings, add it to the appropriate topic.**
- 2. Make your own list of topics as you find other Bible verses which are not on these ten topics.**

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO FINISH WHAT WE BEGIN?

- *It is better to say nothing than to promise something that you don't follow through on. (Ecc 5:5)*
- *Finishing is better than starting. Patience is better than pride. (Ecc 7:8)*
- *I brought glory to you here on earth by doing everything you told me to do. (John 17:4)*

ARE THERE THINGS WHICH ARE BETTER LEFT UNFINISHED?

- *Joab son of Zeruiah began the census but never finished it because the anger of God fell on Israel. The total number was never recorded in King David's official records. If it becomes clear that what we are doing is against God's will, then we should leave it unfinished. (1 Chronicles 27:24)*
- *In that way, the Lord scattered them all over the world, and they stopped building the city. We should not finish something we should never have started. (Genesis 11:8)*

PROMISE FROM GOD

- *I am sure that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on that day when Christ Jesus comes back again. (Philippians 1:6)*