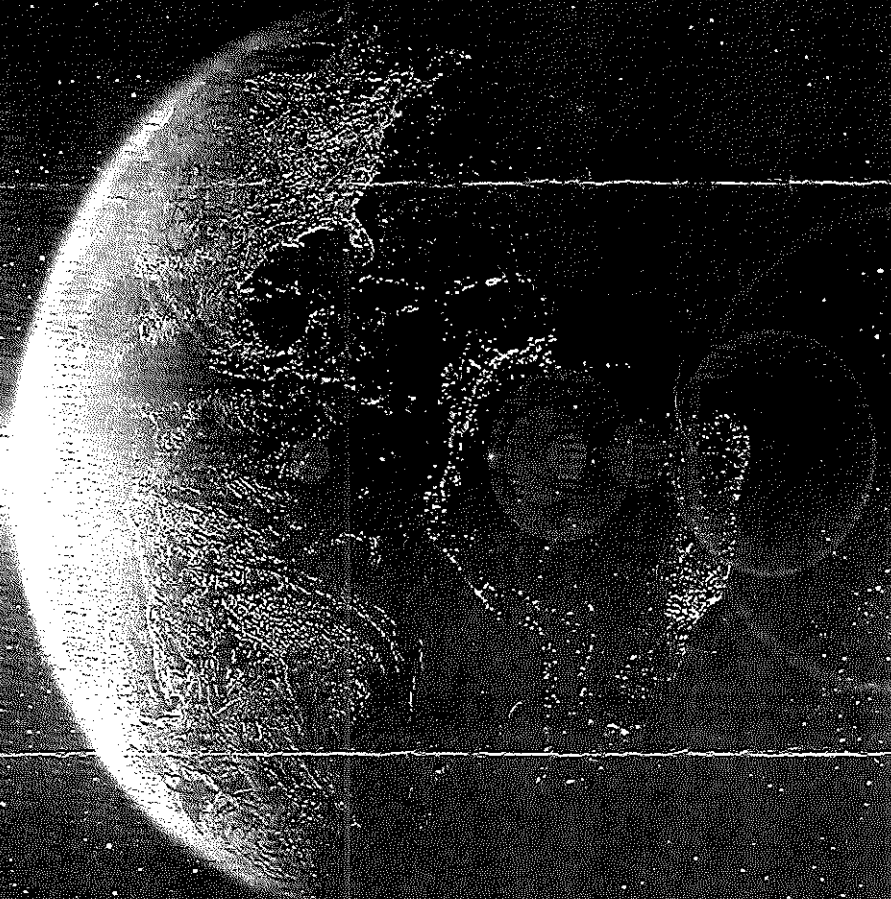


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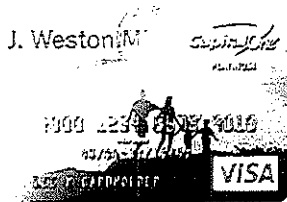
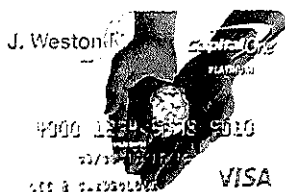
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Day 1

The Secret to Sanctity and Happiness

For five minutes everyday keep your imagination quiet. Shut your eyes to all things of sense and close your ears to all sounds of earth, so as to be able to withdraw into the sanctuary of your baptized soul, the temple of the Holy Spirit.

There, speak to the Holy Spirit, saying:

O, Holy Spirit, and soul of my soul I adore you

Enlighten, guide, strengthen and console me

Tell me what I should do and command me to do it

I promise to be submissive to everything that you permit to happen to me

Show me only what your Divine Will is

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help me to tune out the noise of the day and fully concentrate on You.
Amen

Scripture reading: Psalm 23, 27 and 141

Actions:

1. Some part of each day, make time to be at peace with the Lord, ask of Him and be in a place where you can hear from Him.
2. Be honest in your intention and grateful for the conversation.

Day 2

What you think does make a difference

For, lo, He that formeth.....Amos 4:13

My friends, we serve a God that does not think inside the box. His thinking is not like our thinking, it can not be and I am thankful for that.

See the God we serve:

Parted the Sea of Reeds

He brings the dead back to life

He gives sight to the blind

He feeds multitudes with a few fish and a few loaves of bread

Our God does not possibly think as we do and men while prompted does not think like God.

I offer you Moses brother Aaron, maker of the fatted calf and Thomas the apostle famous for his doubting.

Friends, when you can get past seeing yourself as others wish to see you or want you to see yourself. When you can stop looking down and instead look up to the heavens, to the One that spat out the seven seas, for His eyes glared and diamond studded stars appeared. When you can look up to the heavens and trust that the great I Am knows you, wants you and only wants the best for you. When you can do this and believe this, then you will start living in peace. Because Thou will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee.

Prayer: Father, help me to rise above my current thoughts and think as You would have me to think.

Scripture reading: Acts 2

Action:

1. Can you accept the Lord as your Savior? Not lip service or show service either?
2. Can you see past your circumstances and see what the Lord has for you?

Day 3

Tireless faith

Praying always with all power.....Ephesians 6:18

How long NOT LONG How long NOT LONG

Friends there was a lady that had a problem. It was a life altering and serious issue for her and surely others saw her as dying with no hope in sight. But she did not give up, she did not stop believing, she was determined that a change was going to come.

Church, this woman is a great example of God rewarding faith, she is a great example of faith the size of a mustard seed.

My question, what are you wanting, are you sick and tired and need to be made well? Are you affected by overwhelming habits? Well I want for you to know that God see's you and I want to ask you to not give up, never give up.

Instead look up, live up, be up and stand up. Let the Hand of God move you as it did the woman with the issue of blood. After 18 years of distress she was made whole, because she did not give up. She sought the Lord actively, continually and faithfully.

What are you in need of? I urge you to stand your ground, actively, faithfully reach to God.

How long will the wait be.....NOT LONG

Prayer: Lord God, help us to understand our place that You have prepared for us.

Scripture reading: Hebrews 12

Action:

1. Can you stay the course and not lose faith for what it is you need or want?
2. Can you be patient while God works on your behalf?

Day 4

Connecting with your dreams

And will speak unto him in a dream.....Numbers 12:6

Years ago, Erwin Lutzer wrote a very helpful book titled Failure: The back door of Success. It could have been written about Joseph, many times, it takes years of failure and setbacks to become a success.

Abraham Lincoln is a classic example: two failed businesses, a nervous breakdown, 10 times he ran for public office in a 30 year period. Incredibly, he was elected President of the United States. After years of failure he was finally prepared to deal with the lofty air of the power of the office.

Those repeated reversals, apparent failures and personal tragedies did not defeat Lincoln. I would like to attribute a statement of faith to Mr. Lincoln, that I believe held him up through these times when he said.....many times I have found myself on my knees for lack of any other place to go.

After 13 years of reversals, failures and tragedy the light of day finally entered Joseph's cell. He had been forgotten by the royal butler for 2 full years, it was 2 years of continued suffering pain and solitude but it was also 2 years of preparation and character development.

Rev. M.L. King had a dream. A dream that would not let the road blocks stop him. His dream translated into sweeping changes that allows us to celebrate his birthday nationally.

The dreams of Joseph, President Lincoln and Dr. King can give us hope, strength and encouragement to overcome the pitfalls and tragedies of life.

Prayer: Give us the courage and strength to follow our goals and dreams.

Scripture reading: Psalms 32

Action:

1. Put a pen to paper by your night stand and record your dreams, they mean something.
2. Pray God that whatever the challenge to give you the patience and fortitude to stay the course.

Day 5

Know when to say when

And they watched him.....Luke 20:20-26

Zechariah was married to Elizabeth; both were past their primes in terms of having children, at least by modern day standards. But with God anything is possible.

One day, it was Zechariah's turn to burn the incense in the temple and an angel of the lord came to him, there at the Temple and told him that Elizabeth would have a son and the son would be spirit filled right away (from birth).

But Zechariah, in his humanness and whom was considered religious and was then burning incense in the Temple, began to question the Angel.

For doing so Zechariah lost his voice until after the birth of John. Friends the Bible instructs us to study to be quiet, a wise man holds his tongue while a foolish man speaks. My point is, speak when it is timely and wild thoughts verbalized are just those wild thoughts spoken out loud. Keep your foot out of your mouth by not putting it in their.

Do not be like Zechariah!!!!

Prayer: Lord, there are many times I want to say, but please help me to be wise and hold my tongue and only speak when it really matters.

Scripture reading: Psalms 34

Actions:

1. Can you take action by being inactive?
2. It is important to listen more and speak less, can you do this?

Day 6

Don't give up now

And a certain man was there.....John 5:1-8

My friends we have come too far to give way to our situations. I want you to know that your prayer is about to be answered so don't give up now.

I think about Jesus when He was preaching and teaching in Galilee and the religious scholars were present, four men came bringing an afflicted man. See these men knew that if they could reach Jesus that something unusual would happen, they knew that things would be alright.

Much like these 4 men, I urge anybody with problems, and there are many in this world, I urge you to go to Church and seek Jesus, for the Father has said that if we sought Him, he would draw near to us.

As stated your present conditions can seem to be overwhelming, to you. Your problems might even be out of control, but to God they are nothing and God is always in control.

I want you to know that God is waiting for you to come:

He can and will make a difference. Just come as you are and let the potter mold you into what He wants you to be.

Prayer: Lord, I pray that know problem is too big for a person, that it prevents them from seeking You.

Scripture reading: 2 Corinthians 4:16

Actions:

1. Please put whatever issue you have in the able hands of God and know that He can and will do anything.
2. Put your total trust in the Lord and believe Him.

Day 7

We are going to get there

I have fought a good fight.....2 Tim: 4:4-8

Paul said that I have kept the faith. In preaching the Word, Paul did not cheat people, he did not cheat like various people in this world whether it is a pansy scheme or administrators at universities Paul did not cheat the Gospel.

Neither did Paul give up like Roberto Duran or Mike Tyson in the middle of a fight. But he was like the runner Bob Broadhurst, who had a stroke in the middle of a race and still finished some 2 and a half hour after everybody else only then to receive the medal that was given to the winner Bill Rodgers.

Paul fought his fight; he fought Corinthians, the Galatians and the Ephesians he did not give up. Friends I have to tell you that you can not get to the interstate until you drive in a parking lot, see if you faint in the day of adversity your faith is too small.

Gallo said he would sell no wine before its time. The point, it takes experience, time tested trials, some battle scars to get through the test and then God can use us. If God gets us out of the fire too soon we would not learn to depend on Him. No matter whom we have to help us, some situations only god can bring us through. That is why right now we need to give God the praise knowing that we are exactly where he wants us to be.....In His Hands.

Prayer: Father, you are in control and help me to be like Paul and fight the good fight.

Scripture reading: Psalm 1119:10-15

Actions:

1. It's good to know your enemy when in battle, focus on exactly what and who you are fighting.
2. After you know who you are fighting, introduce them to God and watch them scatter.

Day 8

The beginning of conscience

And they heard the voice of the Lord God.....Genesis 3:8

That evening they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day and Adam and his wife Eve hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden.

Friends, before there was radar, sonar or the gps systems there was a cost free, always sure guidance system inbred in our hearts. Our conscience is our moral compass. In a storm, your conscience will let you sleep at night or will keep you up till the wee hours of the morning. A conscience at peace is like a calm gentle child, it's a thing of beauty.

You can not fool yourself; you can not drug yourself into being unaware. You can not drink yourself into a stupor; because when you wake up from where you have been you will still have your conscience right in front of you to deal with.

Ignore your conscience and turn away from the hand of God and you will destroy any peace that may have been in your life. You shall run away your children, your job all the things of importance because one way or another God will be heard.

Conscience is what you hear when you do not want to get out of bed at night to pray and or praise the Master for His goodness. Conscience is letting you know you were wrong for not saying I am sorry. See it takes strength to apologize and come forward, the weak sit and pout.

What came to peter when he denied Jesus three times, his conscience? What got Judas after he betrayed my lord, his conscience and the silver was a waste, he through down the money. Side deals can not take place of a clear conscience, a peaceful conscience.

I urge you to live in a manner that is Christ like, one that will allow you to be at peace. For when you do, your trials will surrender to triumphs and your tests will become your testimony.

Prayer: Father, help me to live a life that is acceptable in your sight. Amen

Scripture reading: 1 Corinthians 4:4 and 1 John 3:19-20

Actions:

1. Can you tell the same incident a couple of times with no variation?
2. Are you at peace with your situation?
3. How are you sleeping?

Day 9

Trust that overcomes

But as for you, ye thought evil against me.....Genesis 50:20

In the subject passage, we read Joseph's final words to his brothers. These words are a capsule of his life and his view:

"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 peoples lives"

Joseph's amazing perspective reflected a life that embraced the Living God and trusted in Him completely. Friends, as we face the pains, heartaches and mistreatments in life, it is only by total and complete confidence in the goodness and plan of God that you can overcome. The things that could destroy you can become building blocks on the journey of faith as you look for the hand of God in all situations of life. This is the victory that has overcome the world, our faith.

If you have never confessed your sin and trusted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, life can be a ball of confusion. But the One who died for your sins and gave Himself for your failures can bring rightness with God, forgiveness of sin, and a new sense of wellness and purpose into your weary soul. Christ came into the world because of His love for you and I and that love can bring an end to the emptiness or bitterness or sinfulness that attacks your life.

Accept by faith the gift of eternal life and personal forgiveness He offers. For the only way to really overcome forever is to accept the victory of Calvary that He accomplished for you and me.

Prayer: Father, thank you for knowing what I need even before I realize it!! Thank you

Scripture reading: Matthew 5: 3-6

Action:

1. Do you have any unconfessed sin in your life, even sins tucked away in the corner of your soul, tell the Father.
2. Know that the Father already knows what you are going through; ask for strength and He will help you.

Day 10

Going Somewhere?

And Jesus knowing their thoughts.....Matthew 9:4

When I was younger, I thought I controlled my movements. I thought without full understanding and made plenty of mistakes along the way.

For example: One night darker than a thousand midnights I was driving during a terrible rain storm on a two lane highway in the midst of an endless procession of 18 wheelers. Having gotten myself lost, I decided to pull over to get directions when a man came from know where and approached me: he did not tell me what I needed to know in the natural but he gave me some scriptures to take with me on the journey.

In my lifetime I have known many a dark night and bright days but what I have learned and wish to offer you is that whatever you do or plan to do, take it to the Lord first. He will answer you; for God is not the author of confusion. He will guide you; all you have to do is ask.

Through my life's journey, I continue to get lost at times, but, I have peace along the way.

Prayer: Our heart guide our way, but we thank you for directing our path.

Scripture reading: Psalm 51 and 1 Samuel 16:7

Action:

1. It is important to let God at all times guide you, not when everything is fine or when in times of trouble, but at all times.
2. Before you endeavor to do anything ask God and preface your answer with the phrase; "God willing"

Reflection on first 10 days:

Action:

We are on the tenth day of our journey, how are you doing? Are you taking the 5 minutes a day to come into His presence? Have you watched the videos and if so how are you doing with them?

Day 11

Warning: Worry is utterly useless

Which of you by worrying can add one cubit unto his stature.....Matthew 6:27?

Often times we think it a great compliment for someone to call us a person of great faith. Yet, it really is not a compliment since we serve a God Who never has failed. It does not take great faith to believe in someone who never fails. However, it does require great faith to believe in someone who fails every so often. God has never failed you and never will; therefore you should not worry about anything.

You also need to be warned against worry because worry is a killer. Doctors all over the world say worry is the parent of cancer, heart disease, high blood pressure and ulcers and other health related problems. It's not what you are eating it's what is eating you. Worry fills your face with wrinkles and apprehension. Worry paralyzes the mind so that it cannot produce. Worry robs the body of rest at night and sends you to work broken and shaky and not at your best. Worry has never lifted a single burden; worry has never solved a single problem nor dried a single tear. Worry has never provided one answer for anyone, not one time.

I tell you do not worry about things you can not change, for you do not have the power to do so. Do not worry about tomorrow, it's in God's hands the past is history and the present is a mystery our future is destiny.

A friend there is only today, that is why it's called the present.

Prayer: Father, thank you for taking the worry from me and working out my problems.

Scripture reading: Psalm 55

Action:

1. If you have problems giving control to God, start small and give Him a small problem, like putting God in charge of you're waking up in the morning.

2. Pray that God give you abilities to put Him in charge of your life. It can be a liberating experience.

Day 12

Loyalty

Them that honor me I will honor.....1 Samuel 2:30

For me loyalty is right up there with love. God honors those who honor Him. God will never forget the loyal seeds that you sow into His kingdom. As a matter of fact, he will even multiply them back to you.

I want you to know that by honoring God with your life you are stepping into a realm of blessing that will literally take you an eternity to explore. God never forgets when you do something pleasing, he will never forget that in the heat of battle while others were giving up on their faith you were still honoring Him by standing firm and speaking His promises.

Determine in your heart today to be loyal toward God in every word you speak and in your actions.

Prayer: Father, help us to not only talk loyalty but by our actions, show loyalty.

Scripture reading: 1 Samuel 20:1-4 and Joshua 1:16-17

Actions:

1. Are you honoring God with words, actions or a combination of both?
2. Are you being loyal to those around you in all ways and if so God is pleased because you are wholeheartedly honoring Him.

Day 13

Making sound decisions

So shall your plans be established and succeed.....Proverbs 16:3

With the world in its current and ever changing state you might be on the verge of a major decision. You may be waiting to hear from God. If this is the case do not panic, wait for the Lord, but while waiting roll your works over to God, give the process to the Lord, commit your ways to Him.

The Lord will act and make any adjustment needed and you will know exactly what to do and when to do it. The one thing you must do is to trust in the Lord with all your heart. As you roll your works into the Lord and trust Him, things will become much easier for you.

Prayer: Lord, I give my problems to you and honor you with my good deeds help me to be patient.

Scripture reading: Deuteronomy 30:15 and Luke 6:12-16

Action:

1. Do not stop doing good deeds while waiting to hear from God, inaction is backward action.

2. Are you being humble with your good deeds?

Day 14

Only accepting the best

My brethren count it all joy when ye fall into divers' temptation.....James 1:2, 3

So many people think that as a Christian they can not have the best or they have to settle for something other then what they really want.

Jesus, in His Word, has told us that in my Father's house there is many a mansion, not an apartment, not a condominium not a section 8 property but a mansion and we know that mansions are always in nice parts of the city, my point is that we have to be patient and not give up hope for what we want. We can not settle, God tolerates our behavior but he leaves us in the fire until we are perfected.

Keep your mindset to be the same way, see God is the same way yesterday, today and forever. By the power of the Holy Spirit working within us we have power. Power to be patient and get exactly whatever it is that we want.

Praise the Lord somebody.

Prayer: Lord, thank you for only wanting the best for me, please help me accept it.

Scripture reading: Hebrews 7:4

Day 15

The True Gospel

I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him.....Galatians 1:6, 7

In this time, the world is filled with deception on every corner. Some proclaim a false gospel, while others distort the Word of God and attract followers with sheer rhetoric.

The truth of the matter is that there is only one true, sustainable authentic gospel. It did not come from any person but from God Himself. Paul said the gospel I preach is not something that man made up. He would know he was a prolific writer with many of his writings in the Gospel.

Today make sure you are on guard and ready for deception do not be quick to follow doctrines or messages just because they sound good or that the speaker looks good, much sure what is said comes directly from the Bible.

Do Not Compromise!!!

Prayer: Father, thank you that Your Word is the true Word and can be relied upon.

Scripture reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:3, 4

Action:

1. Be sure that you are serving the true God and not what is popular; everybody has a story and can tell it.

2. Is your life following the Gospel pattern?

Day 16

God's great Power

When Israel saw the great Power which the Lord has used.....Exodus 14:31

God's Great Power

Through music and words composer George F. Handel tried to recreate the back ground and the many difficulties faced by the Jewish people during their period of exile in Egypt. A daunting task was faced as they had to incur many problems.

When listening, one can feel the great pains and struggles but also the joy of praise as God delivers salvation and freedom to these people. Handel tried to show through lyrics and word the great power that God showed and the tremendous miracles taking place when His people actually believed that he could and would deliver them.

God is still present today doing great and wonderful things and his miracle working power is still working.....if you need something just ask and believe.

Prayer: Father thank you for being with me in all times and situations.

Scripture reading: Jeremiah 10: 6

Action:

1. Reflect on how God's power has helped you in a past situation.

2. Are you willing to share with another the story of God's power?

Day 17

What you can do with Christ

Put on the new self who is being Renewed.....Colossians 3; 10, 11

Booker T. Washington born April 5, 1856 in Franklin Co. Virginia in a slave hut went on to achieve great success and in 1881 lead the newly formed Tuskegee Normal and industrial Institute. Washington was instrumental in helping countless people realize their God-given potential.

Always sure to praise God, Washington found and depended on his faith. He told an audience in Atlanta, Ga about the importance of praying to God, not just sometimes, but at all times and anywhere. As a man that overcame many hurdles and pitfalls, Mr. Washington showed that miracles still happen and they could happen to anyone.

An important note in this life is that Mr. Washington, put himself in position to be blessed as he prayed consistently and where ever he was. Today, right now no matter your beginning in life know that you can do anything in Christ.

Prayer: Father, You are the most important part of my life and I thank you for being in my life.

Scripture reading: Nehemiah 9:5-38

Action:

1. Do you feel that you can not make it in feel because of your situation?
2. Are you willing to acknowledge the Father at all times?

Day 18

Trouble will come

Behold, the storm of the lord has gone fourth.....Jeremiah 23:19-20

In 1929 America entered a great economic depression. It lasted several years and the country went through some very trying times. In 2011 Japan had a great earthquake and a subsequent nuclear meltdown, resulting in a loss of life. In 2009 many people lost their homes and jobs because of the shrinking economy and it's due to last until 2012 according to predictions. In 2005 the U. S. engaged in another war that has not ended and caused many a loss of life and many injured lives, the people of Haiti encountered an earthquake and Indonesia had a great tsunami.

Is this enough trouble for people, we did not mention hurricane Katrina nor the fallout from Wall street and its ponzi scheme's all over the country. The Bible promises that storms and troubles in this world will occur; there will be a time of judgment when God will call everyone to account for their lives to face the consequences of their actions.

Many don't believe and are not prepared. Make sure that you are ready; dedicate your life to bringing the Gospel to a lost and dying world.

Prayer: Lord, please continue to bless, keep and protect this world and the people therein.

Scripture reading: Nahum 1:7

Action:

1. Has one of the mentioned incidents in the world directly affected you?

2. How are you dealing with the changes in the world due to these incidents?

Day 19

Make your choice

They said, come let us build for ourselves a city.....Genesis 11:3-4

The men of Babel wanted to make a name for themselves. They wanted to build an empire for themselves solely for the purpose of dominating others. While the man Abraham was born near Babel was called to leave everything he had and faith his faith, no matter where it might take him.

The man of Babel built a tower for themselves while it was Abraham that built an altar to honor God, so that he could worship God and give offerings to God. Abraham did not try to be equal to God nor show God what he could do; he listened to the calling put on his heart.

As you can figure God did not bless the man of Babel, instead He blessed the one who was willing to follow the given Word and He will do the same for you today, if you just listen. Abraham was humble and dedicated to God.

Today, who are you trying to be like, who are you serving. I ask you to seek to be a person of faith and to walk by faith not by sight, offer to God and worship Him, not man and not yourself.

Prayer: Dear Lord. Forgive us for our trespasses and bring us peace.

Scripture reading: Ruth 1:16 and Psalms 16:2, 31:4 and 140:6

Action:

1. Who are you trying to please in this life?
2. Are you willing to let God take a larger part in your life? How will you go about it?

Day 20

Modern day haters

Scorners set a city a flame, but wise men turn away anger.....Proverbs 29:8

The scorners we are talking about in this text are the ones who freely and liberally mock and ridicule the things of God, things like you, me, His works, His ways. They are so bitter and filled with rage that they blatantly feel free to say and do anything they want.

These people stir up problems and spread their hate, they are everywhere and growing. They know no God and pagans. The world is still filled with these haters, mockers, and scoffers and they travel at the high rate with the internet and cell phones and camera's.

Friends, we need to be on guard for these haters and not let them move us away from who we are and where our trust, faith and love belong. The bible says that a wise man turns away anger, those who are wise do not seek trouble. Ask God to open your eyes to the presence of these haters and I urge you to be careful not to be like them.

Prayer: Dear Lord, I pray that you allow me the courage to follow the path that You have set before me.

Scripture reading: mark 5:39-40 and lamentations 2:15

Action:

1. Do you know any of these “haters”?
2. How are you working to remove them from your life?

Reflection 20th day

Action:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today is the 20th day of our journey together. I thank you for being here with me and me pray for your strength.

Have you been able to make the time for 5 minutes of peace? How are you handling the in you changes that are occurring within you?

Day 21

Keep moving while you can

So then, while we have opportunity.....Galatians 6:10

Paul explained that in our lives, we reap what we sow in other words we get just as well as we give. If you put something in the box you can expect to get something out of the box. If you put good thoughts in your mind good thoughts will come out of your mouth. Paul said that we should do good things while we have the opportunity to do so. Again, if you do good things, good things will come back to you.

We should do these things whenever the opportunity presents itself...anytime you have the chance to bless someone take the time to be a blessing. We should help everyone, but we need to pay special attention to our fellow brothers and sisters.

That is why I urge you today, to seek to be a faithful servant and a good Sheppard of your time, talent and treasure. After all we are called to serve His kingdom, to bless others and to help meet the needs of those in need.

Seize the moment to help, while you can.

Prayer: It is my goal to always help those in need, please help me to be a blessing to someone.

Scripture: Romans 12:13

Action:

1. When was the last time you helped someone that you did not know.

2. Have you had to have someone help you lately and how did you feel? Will you pass the blessing on?

Day 22

I want to be ready

Now, little children abide in Him so that when He appears.....1John 2:28-29

There is a song I enjoy that is titled, I want to be ready when Jesus comes, much like the song I want to be ready and ready as many people as I can to be ready, when Jesus comes.

God has given us the resources we need to stand and be ready; he wants us to live in such a way that we always are confident, in Him, in ourselves and our circumstances we need to know that no matter what may come, He is the father and we are His children and can with stand anything.

We need to declare that Jesus is Christ and be sure that He is the Lord of our lives. This means being focused on obeying His Word and remaining conscious of his presence with us at all times. God is with us no matter where we are, ask Daniel in the Den, the three Hebrew boys and in His Word, we are told that he will never leave us nor forsake us. If He is ready for us we need to be ready for Him.

Prayer: Father, show me the best way that I may be of help to others.

Scripture reading: Matthew 24:44 and Acts 16:30

Action:

1. How are you actively pursuing your salvation?

2. How are you willing to help others in preparing for Jesus?

Day 23

Time with the Lord

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, He got up.....Mark 1:35

Does anybody possibly think that they have a busier schedule than our Lord Jesus Christ? Could we be moving more than Him or have more work at the office than our Lord. We may try but it is impossible for that to happen, to do so is just spinning our wheels we need to make our work product count, this is what Jesus did. Everything He did had meaning and was important, that is why we are talking about Him today.

Jesus had so many things to do in such a short period of time and he did them did them well. One of the key reasons was Jesus never started His day without going to a quiet place and spending time with the Father. It helped Him get through His day in the best of terms. I believe even when He hung on the cross, he was satisfied and at peace.

He has offered us the instruction from which to draw strength and guidance and here is another reminder, Jesus started His day with God and there is no better way in which to Honor God and become a success.

Prayer: Master, help me to honor You in an acceptable fashion. Help me to start my day with You.

Scripture reading: Psalm 18:3 and 27:8 also Mark 9:14-29 and Mark 1:35

Action:

1. Set your alarm clock for 10 minutes earlier and start your day with God.
2. Seek His direction and approval and watch how your days become more enjoyable even in trying times.

Day 24

That nothing may interfere with our prayers

But if we are living and walking in the light.....1 John 1:7

We need to always take time to create and foster and to keep our relationships special. After all what is the point of being in relationship and not keep it special? We need to respect those we hold dear and even those we hold not so dear. Because when we are at odds with people this causes problems for us in the spiritual world.

When we have problems the doors for the devil to enter and cause problems for us have been opened wide, we are as if inviting him into our lives and this keeps our prayers from being answered and it keeps angels from moving and acting on our behalf.

Husbands, wives, parents, and children, friends, co workers and fellow Christians and church members we all need to settle our strife and walk in love as Christ has asked us to. Think about it, if you start it will carry on to someone else and so on and before you know it you have a large chain of fine Christian acting people that the devil can not penetrate.

We need to shed the light of God's love and Word on your relationships, we should be eager to work earnestly to guard and keep the harmony and oneness of the Spirit. God is not the author of confusion; remember this in your relationships.

Prayer: Father, help me to be responsible and protect the nature of my relationships.

Scripture reading: Isaiah 62:6-7

Day 25

Father, I give all to Thee

I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice.....Romans 12:1

In this world we are taught to be in control at all times and this is why it is so difficult to give control over to someone else, especially someone you have not seen. But that is what following God is all about; scary because we feel that we have to give it all up, which is strictly not the truth.

See, God wants our all because He has bigger plans in mind for us. Remember His Word tells us that He knows the plans He has for us and they are to prosper us not harm us. His Word has never failed and never will, He is telling us the truth.

Our hesitation to turn the reigns over to God is not unfounded and it does not mean that we will not have problems. But when we look over our decision we will see that laying our life at His feet is worth the journey, worth the pain and worth the confusion (brought on by man not God). Because the result is a chapter to the most beautiful story ever written and we are a part of it.

Prayer: Help me with my issues of trust and forgive my reluctance to turn my life over to You.

Scripture reading: Mark 10:28-31 and Hebrews 9:8-15

Actions:

1. Do you trust yourself?

2. How do you feel about God and His plan for your life?

Day 26

Who said life was fair?

I call on You in the day of my distress.....Psalm 86:7

I met a young person that was about to leave his family and he was sad about it. He was not worried about himself; he was more concerned for the absence and the pain it would cause his family with his being away.

The matter and consequence was not really fair but it was a part of life. Over time he became to know that the same God that sustained the family in His presence would do the same with him away, this was comforting.

Often it takes a crisis for us to fully grasp God's sufficiency, when we have nothing to count on but Him. We see how He provides for our every need even things we have not thought to ask for.

My friend, life may still hurt, circumstances might feel out of control, but God is there to give you strength in ways that only He can. Rest in God, for he knows.

Prayer: Lord, I thank you for being there even when I may be absent for myself, You take care of me.

Scripture reading: Psalm 60:3, Psalm 71:20 and Psalm 116:3

Action:

1. Have you thanked the Lord for being in your life? Have you opened the door for the Lord to take charge of your life?
2. Do you have a strong prayer life? When you pray do you feel the prayer is heard?

Day 27

Short stories

There is nothing covered that wont be uncovered.....Luke 12:2

There is a saying that lies have short, little legs. That means that lies do not go very far, and a lie can be found out or uncovered in a matter of days or it may take years but a lie will be found out. The damage of course is the lie as the fallout from it at times is devastating. The trust which has been built over time comes crashing down like dynamite used to demolish a worn **building**.

Lies often times cause a divide and a senseless fracture among people. My friend satan is the father of lies, weakness resides in lies because a lie is told out of fear of repercussion, insecurity and doubt in acceptance. In short a lie is a cover up for feelings of inadequacy.

Truth will always prevail and there is power and strength in telling the truth and living the truth and I tell you that there is peace in the truth. People just live better when they tell and live the truth; you see it all over them. No regrets, no remorse, no I should have's just plain living good and at peace.

Instead of telling lies ask God to show you the way out, because God is truth, choosing to tell the truth is choosing God.

Prayer: Father, help me to stand for you and tell the truth at all times, not when it is beneficial for the moment.

Scripture reading: John 8:32 and 1John 1:6

Action:

1. It is better to hurt someone with the truth than to hurt and disrespect them with a lie.
2. God hates a liar, are you on His good side?

In its proper time

So also we, while we were children.....Galatians 4:3-4

There is a time and place for everything under the sun and there is a time for every even under Heaven. God sent Jesus into the world at the right time to save a fallen world and God will send again but only will He act until the fullness of time. Not my time, your time but His time and God always and only acts in the proper time.

God works the same way in our personal lives as well. We may have friends in trouble, the doors may be caving in at our home, we may have physical ailments and we may think that God is not answering or even hearing us. But this is not true.

We have to acknowledge God in all of our ways and stay prayerful and know that God will answer prayers and provide for all of our needs IN HIS FULLNESS OF TIME. Please know that the time to act is when God opens the doors we need to seize the moment and not ask questions, it ruins the blessings.

Prayer: Father, help me to understand that you are in control and I am to acknowledge You in all my ways.

Scripture reading: Isaiah 55:6 and Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 and 8:5-6

Action:

1. Please know that a delayed answer is not denial, stay prayerful.
2. Just because we want something in a certain time does not mean it's the right time, pray for patience and before you do something ask God.

Day 29

Do the right thing

If anyone has this world's goods and see's his brother in need.....John 3:17

Often, I get calls from someone in need. I have to tell you that mother's have a soft spot with me as I was raised by a single mother. I hear about families in and crisis. I try to help and sometimes I do but sometimes I come up short, it's only natural. No longer do I ask God, why did You allow this, or why has this need gone unmet. Rather, I ask God to help me know how I can best help the situation.

I do this by praying over the situation and asking for the direction of God. The fact of the matter is that we live in a fallen world and bad things happen to good people. We need to keep in mind the fact that we serve the One that created the heavens and earth. God has created us to love one another.

Friend, no matter the circumstance we find ourselves in, we should show God's never ending love to others simply by praying and asking God, What I can do. Then go about doing it!

Prayer: Lord Jesus, help me to be Christ like in my helping of people.

Scripture reading: Romans 12:13 and Ezra 1:1-10

Day 30

Fasting, it's not just for food

Teach us to number our days carefully..... Psalm 90:12

When one thinks of fasting and praying the thoughts usually center on going without food. But I want you to know that spending time with the Lord is needed just as much as air, water and food. Remember, the Word requires us to commune with the Lord and we are asked to seek Him.

Spending time with the Lord requires that you spend quiet time. You can not have a lot or anything else happening around you when you do, you must be quiet and still. For God has told us to be still and know that I am God. God is a jealous God and will not compete with the internet, face book, cell phone not the dish. You must serve God one on one.

Friends, we need to slow down from the expense of the day and turn off the noise of the times and be quiet and still and listen for God to speak. The most important aspect of talking to someone is actually listening.

If you are having a hard time with your schedule, submit it to the Lord and ask Him to help you use your time wisely.

Prayer: Father, help me to center on You and what it is You want from you some part of everyday.

Scripture reading: Esther 4:10-16 and Isaiah 58:1-10

Action:

1. Now that you know better, ask God to forgive you for past time sharing and to speak to you alone.

2. In addition, to the five minute set aside already, either extend it to ten minutes or make two sessions. I would suggest two five minute sessions.

Reflection 30th day of journey.

Action:

We have just completed 30 days on this journey together. Key points: Are you spending the time we discussed with God? Are you praying and helping others in a new fashion? Do not give up now we are half way home.

Day 31

What is going on?

My help comes from the Lord.....Psalm 121:2

Friends, bad things happen to good people and that is just fine. Now we don't know why it's like this it's just that way. But circumstances change, people disappoint you, illness replaces good health, jobs are lost and homes are foreclosed. Such circumstances can arise so fast that one may feel as if a rug has been pulled out from under them and your feet are left on anything but solid ground.

Take Mary and Martha for example, in John 11, they may be tempted to feel that Jesus is nowhere to be found in their situation, we might even feel betrayed, but please remember that we are not alone. God said that He would never leave us nor forsake us.

In difficult situations God is always working for our best interests and to bring us comfort, joy and rest in His due time. If God came right when we called, we would be in charge and that is not the case. God can and will breathe new life into your situation for His glory and your faith.

Prayer: Father, help me to sense your presence in my time of need.

Scripture reading: Psalm 28:1-10 and Deuteronomy 33:1-29

Day 32

Great Wisdom

To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given.....Ephesians 3:7-10

Paul was a highly intelligent man who was trained by the best and widely traveled depended on for insight, strength, courage and leadership yet Paul recognized that he was the least of all the saints. Despite his training, Paul could not begin to understand the wisdom of God. Still Paul sought to explain the truth of God in terms we lay people would understand.

Friends no matter how much or what we understand we must go further then we just see we must stretch our minds to the new dimensions of thoughts that the Word of the Lord reveals to us as we get to know Him better. Paul knew that even the wisest believer had but a limited grasp on Who God is.

Today, pause and ask God to begin to stretch your mind, let Him open you to new possibilities showing you new truths about His kingdom. Humble yourself before Him and praise Him, Worship Him.

Prayer: Lord. Help me to do what I have been called to do and to do it in an acceptable fashion.

Scripture reading: Psalm 84:11; Psalm 103:2-10 and Ephesians 1:1-8

Actions:

1. Seek the help of a Christian when you do not understand something you are going through or have read. Most important thing to do is seek.
2. The bible says we are to study to show ourselves approved, so please study your Bible.

Day 33

All are special

But when God, Who had set me apart even from my mother's womb.....Galatians 1:15

Paul knew that God had a unique purpose for his life. Paul even said, God has special plans for me.....

The same thing is true for all of us. No one is an accident and no one is a mistake. God is perfect and does everything with purpose. Please know that no two are alike, if so that would defeat the purpose. Who, God has formed He has purpose for. Each life has a unique purpose and God has special plans for each life.

He called the 12 apostles as adults; He called Paul on the road to Damascus. Today, right now in this moment make sure that you are seeking God's special plans for your life. You may think that you have clear ideas, but as Paul learned God may have something else in mind for you.

Declare Jesus as the head of your life and surrender all to Him. Seek the face of God and give Him permission to direct your life.

Please do not fight or argue with God. Let Him reveal His plans to you for you.

Prayer: Father, I am yours and ask You to please lead me.

Scripture reading: Judges 18:6 and Proverbs 19:10-21 and 25:10-20

Actions:

1. You have been called special, Please start acting like it.
2. How is your calling affecting how you act? You were called by the Light to be a light.

Day 34

Rise above it

Do not repay evil for evil.....Romans 12:17, 18

Often times our sins are hurtful, especially to those that we are in relationship with. When we have wronged others we need to confess our fault to those that we have hurt at once.

Admitting to those that you do not always make the right decisions and at times can be hurtful, well this revelation goes a long way in letting people know that you are not perfect, it helps them accept you and it helps them accept fault in their lives. Do you see the ripple effect that your truth has on other people? Your revelation helps to bring down barriers in yourself and others.

People need to know that you have a relationship with God and seeing your actions will help others on the path to God. Confessing your sin is sure a humbling conversation to have but its part of the hard reality of letting your life reveals your faith.

Prayer: Father, help me to have clean heart and do what is pleasing for myself and others.

Scripture reading: Psalm 76:1-10 and Revelations 12:1-9

Action:

1. On a daily basis, look over the transactions of your day and be sure to correct anything that is not beneficial to your walk with Christ.
2. Make confession to God of anything that is not acceptable. In your life.

Day 35

Leaning on another for help

Confess your sins to one another.....James 5:16

A man that confesses his sins in the presence of a brother knows that he is no longer alone with himself. My friends satan loves to keep you chained to the shame of your sin when you keep it hidden in the dark.

But when you confess your sins to a mature Christian you bring those sins out of the darkness and into the light. I have to tell you that the devil will not stand very long in the light. See the best way to uncover a rat is to expose it.

Now James tells us to pray for one another so that we may be healed. The Christian Brother or sister that you confess to can and should pray for you. Sometimes our sins are spiritual battles and we need someone to fight with us in prayer, as a prayer warrior not as an enemy.

Confessing your sin to another Christian does not mean confessing every single sin, which is between you and the master. But, if you are in need of prayer, do not dent the Body of Christ the opportunity to help.

Prayer: Father, help me to overcome the weaknesses I have please help me.

Scripture: 2 Samuel 9:1-13, Hosea 11:1-5 and Romans 15:1-7

Action:

1. Do you have another person that you pray with or that you pray for? Get a prayer partner.
2. Volunteer at church to work on its prayer line. You will be amazed at how you help someone.

Day 36

Confession

Godly grief produces repentance.....2Corinthians 7:10

Recognizing the cost of your sin will help you to avoid it the next time you encounter its path. If you are a conscience believer it will, one that is truly repenting for his actions. See sin is a nasty fungus and the longer you allow it to hang around, the larger it grows and it gives its roots a chance to take hold and a strong hold at that. At this time you may begin to treat sin as if it's a part of your heart when in fact, it's killing you.

It is so very important to confess your sin at once when the Holy Spirit brings it to your mind, drop everything and confess it. Please remember that sin hurts the heart of God and the price that was paid for our sin debt would all for naught if we don't confess the sin. Important point, when in confession, it's ok to be real with God, tell Him exactly what you did and how you felt this is the point of true connection.

Ask God to help you walk in your new life after you confess, after all this is the whole point of confession.

Prayer: Father, I give my all to You, please help me.

Scripture reading: Nehemiah 1:1-7, Psalm 50:1-23 and Matthew 18:10-17

Action:

1. God knows what has happened already, please confess it to Him, and let no block stand between you and the Father.
2. Unconfessed sin is deadly, it means you are not being honest; whatever is tucked away in the corner of your soul, get it out.

Day 37

Where are You, God?

I will never leave you or forsake you.....Hebrews 13:5

When you are hurting and it seems like the last decade for this world has experienced a lot of hurt and pain, waiting on God to act is a very hard thing to do. I mean we see troubles on all side and have just a word to go on, naturally, we would be ready to give way to our thoughts and feelings.

But, my friend I want to let you know that during these intense times of hurt and need God is forming our character. God uses these times and situations to help build our faith in him. I want for you to know that God knows the very count of hairs on our head and He knows what we are going through God knows exactly where you are.

In this time, it is imperative that we trust inn God. I give you Job as an example: see, Job was in pain and misery, but he waited on God for his deliverance and God gave him double for his trouble, triple for his trial and quadruple for his quandary.

God's timing may not be what we feel it should be but He is always on time and even when you think as two sisters thought, that it was too late Jesus comes along to correct the situation. Now that is great news, it's never too late with the Father.

Father, thank you for perfecting my situation and being there for me.

Scripture reading: Genesis 29: 10-20 and Hebrews 6:1-15

Action:

1. Make your mind up that you are going to trust God no matter what happens.
2. When you get tired and feel alone look to the promises of God and know His plans are for you.

Day 38

Waiting expectantly

Even if he kills me.....Job 13:15

As you know to any thing that is living, there are plenty of moving parts to it, there is a larger picture behind the asking and receiving in prayer. Is the request in line with the will of God, is the request made of need or to boast, is the request selfish in nature or to help, is the request made with a genuine heart, as stated there are many parts to a successful prayer.

Jesus promised more of His spirit and more of Himself to those who pray. We do not always know why or how but conversation is how people grow closer together and it's the same for us and God.

No matter the pitfalls and trials of life continue your conversation with the Almighty, see He has promised that those who seek will find Him. God's promises are not like piecrust.....easily broken... God's promises are solid and true and never failing. We may not get all we want but we will find that God's grace is sufficient. He gives us what we need when we need it.

Prayer: help me to pray for what is Your will for me.

Scripture reading: Exodus 14:1-14, Joshua 1:7-18 and 1Peter 1:1-4

Action:

1. When you pray and you don't get your answer pray more, pray without ceasing.
2. When you do pray, pray on the promises given to our forefathers of faith, God will answer your prayer.

Day 39

God please hear me

Lord, why do You stand so far away.....Psalms 10:1

Just as with faith building, God uses times of silence to grow your faith. When you are not hearing from God it is ok to talk to Him about it.

You may go through a lot of quiet time with God and come out still feeling as though you are lost and in need, but please always remember God is with you and never far away. If you keep your eyes and ears open you will hear from God and see Him move in your life if you will keep your hand out stretched and upward, God will continue reaching down to you.

Do not let the temptation to give into sin succeed, because you have not heard from God. Don't let it move you to end your conversation with God. God always wants hearts that are totally open to Him.

I will tell you that it pleases God to know a heart and soul is thoroughly committed to a relationship with Him.

Prayer: In quiet times please knit my heart to Yours.

Scripture reading: John 14; 1-7, Acts 20:10-25 and Romans 8:20-39

Action:

1. When you do not think you are hearing from God, pray more and keep your soul open
God may be speaking or wanting you to do something.
2. The road for sin is huge and endless; do not get on this road when waiting for God or at
any other time.

Day 40

Speak to me

God don't shut me out.....Psalms 83:1

Do not get disheartened when you do not hear from God. David asked many times to hear from God and did not. But Davis still kept the faith, he believed because he knew that it is ok to sit in silence, and friends it's still ok to sit in silence.

Just because you don't hear from God, God still loves and cares for you and he forgives you for all that you have done and have not done. Your relationship with God is secure based on the many works of Jesus. Sometimes sin may exist in your life that causes interference; sometimes His silence is an invitation to learn His Word on a new level.

Just remember not hearing from God causes you to get deeper in relationship with Him, or at least it should.

Prayer: Dear Lord, whatever I have done to because You to delay my request please forgive me.

Scripture reading: Proverbs 16:1-10, Ephesians 3; 10-21 and 1Peter 5:1-10

Action:

1. It is good to learn His Word but it is also good to share his Word.
2. In your quiet time be still and know that He is God.

Reflection 40th day

Action:

Dear Friend we have shared 40 days of learning and listening. We have spent the last week on confession and communicating with the Lord. These are important aspects of your relationship with God. Without a clean heart and mind you can not hear from God. David asks the Lord to create in him a clean heart. Let us remember this as we move forward in our development process.

Glory to God

Praying to the Father

Our Father, which art in heaven.....Matthew 6:9

Jesus gave the disciples a simple prayer; we call it The Lord's Prayer. This prayer is powerful and it covers every aspect of human need and it is God focused. My friends, it is here that we find our identity. Right here in this prayer that Jesus gave us to talk to the Father.

While our prayers are personal, often times we will be elevated to pray for larger issues, the fighting in Libya, the people in Asia, the people here in America, the housing crisis, those unemployed or maybe a friend or relative in need.

Praying for ourselves comes naturally, but to pray the way Jesus intended, one has to be able to hear His voice. Ask the Holy Spirit to bring to mind whatever He wants you to pray for and then above all things, LISTEN.

Prayer: Father, help me to slow down and see other needs of this world and to listen for Your wishes.

Scripture reading: 2Samuel 7:18-29, 1Kings 8:45-52, Psalms 6:1-9 and psalms 103:1-22

Action:

1. In prayer, do you focus on your needs or worldly needs?
2. Take your time in prayer, its good to listen to the Father as He moves you into the direction needed. It's better to listen then to speak; you learn more when you do this.

Day 42

God's Grace, Thank you, Father

We have all received grace after grace.....John 1:16

The grace of our Lord is a strange concept to grasp because for so long we have come to understand that nothing is free. Everything has a price tag or an obligation. But Jesus is the only One who can save us from our sins.

Now, in the natural we do not deserve His grace. We can not afford His grace and we certainly can not earn His grace. Why you ask.....because He offers His grace to anyone who is willing to accept it. Free of charge, no strings. But when you do a saying we all familiar with comes to mind, "know better and you will do better". When you come to know Jesus and His grace, you will want to do better.

God alone is the only One that can save us. Sealed by the blood are we, thanks to Him. Salvation is not based on good works, salvation is not based on money put in the church collection and salvation is not based on prayers. If salvation was based on these things we could earn our way into heaven. If we could save ourselves we would really be bringing the wonderful gift that Jesus gave to our level and rendering the blood a mute subject.

Prayer: Jesus, thank you for being my Savior and please help me accept the gift you have so freely given.

Scripture reading: psalms 103:1-10, Psalms 145:1-10 and Ephesians 1:1-10

Action:

1. How has our free gift affected your life?
2. If you have accepted this gift, do you share it with others and since you know better, do you do better?

Day 43

Need direction

The Holy Spirit said, Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul.....Acts 13:2

It is really fine to ask God anything, but when you get the answer, do not just end the conversation. No, keep talking with God keep inquiring, see God wants to get deeper into your life.

Before you ask a question, be aware of the attitude you pray with. Be willing to hear all that comes out in the conversation. The Holy Spirit may bring some unresolved issues to your mind that may not be to your liking. But when you are instructed, please follow the directions carefully.

Ask God for guidance often, keep the conversation constant, and stay in prayer, because God has told us that He will keep our minds at peace for those who keep their minds stayed on Him.

Prayer: Lord, help me to not shut You out when I get what I have asked for help me to stay connected with You.

Scripture reading: 1Samuel 9:1-14 and Isaiah 50:1-10

Action:

1. Ask the Holy Spirit if there is anything He wants to put on your heart?
2. Once prompted please be careful to not put a period on the conversation but a comma.
Keep the conversation alive and lively, God loves this.

Day 44

In all matters praise the Lord

I will praise God's name with song.....Psalms 69:30

If we knew the future it would be no reason for the present, if we knew why, it would be know reason for the how of matters. Instead of building towers to heaven, or fortune telling, card reading all we need to realize is that God has a plan and is in total control.

Moments in life can cause us problems and take us away from an attitude of gratitude. See, the housing market has a lot of people without a home, the job market has a lot of people on unemployment and a lack of health insurance has caused an influx of issues and even litigation.

But my friend, I am here to remind you that nothing is so devastating that God can not be seen in our situation. Nothing can happen to us to dim our view of the Lord and nothing can dim His view of us. Nothing that we have done, said, thought nothing at all.

In the end, be grateful for what you have and rejoice always. Pray constantly, all things work together for the good for those that love the Lord.

Prayer: Father, through it all helps me to lift my voice to You at all times.

Scripture reading: Nehemiah 9:1-7, Jeremiah 33:1-11 and Psalms 56:1-10

Action:

1. In spite of your issues can you actually lift up your voice to God in praise? Can you praise your way out of your situation?
2. When you praise God, make sure it is genuine heartfelt, sincere praise, God does not respond to phony insincere praise.

Day 45

The size of the crowd does not matter

The chief priests and the elders, however persuaded the crowds.....Matthew 27:20

Jesus knew the pain of going against the crowd. Jesus knew it would have been much less painful if He had gone with the flow of the crowd's opinion and not made waves by taking a stand. But Jesus had His eyes on a higher calling.

Much like Jesus we have got opposing people pulling on us like a tug of war. We have God on the right side and the devil negatively trying to influence us on the left side.

Your everyday decisions pull you closer to one side or the other, God leaves the decision to you. He has outlined and defined the path, but the ultimate decision is yours and yours alone. If you take a stand and get burned by the crowd, take a tip from Jesus:

1. Remember exactly what you are standing for
2. Remember the eternal impact of your actions.

Prayer: I may not always be right in my choices but please know my intentions.

Scripture reading: Deuteronomy 29:15-29 and Mark 11:1-10 and 15:1-15

Action:

1. There is a saying, that if you make people uncomfortable with a decision you are doing the right thing. Does that apply with what we are talking about?

2. Make sure your heart is in the right place when taking a stand; do just go with the crowd.

Day 46

What God wants

You shall remember the Lord your God.....Deuteronomy 8:18

Moses told the people before they entered the Promised Land that God was giving them power to make wealth. The key factor to receive this wealth was to obey and trust in the Lord.

These same principles are repeated throughout the Bible and the Bible can not be any clearer, God wants to bless us and give us divine health. The problem is that we limit God's actions because of our negative thinking; we allow doubt and fear to fill our heart and mind. We therefore contaminate the two most important parts of us.

Do me a favor, do yourself a great favor, and take the limits off your thinking. After a pilot has flown a certain amount of hours he is no longer training. We need remember who we are (children of God) we need to remember whose we are (children of God, adopted into the kingdom, come on somebody) and know that you will reap what you sow into the kingdom.

Prayer: Father, in every way possible, help me to unshackle Your limits I have put on myself.

Scripture reading: Numbers 14:1-18

Action:

1. Center on one factor that is holding you back to receiving God's goodness.
2. Ask God to help you get over it?

Day 47

Curiosity

Beware that you are not ensnared to follow.....Deuteronomy 12:30-31

Curiosity was the ruling passion of Da Vinci, it allowed him to explore and create beautiful works of artistry. Curiosity is sometimes a beneficial motivation, it has inspired researchers and scientist, and it has moved people to higher levels of evolvment and growth then ever anticipated.

But on the flip side of this coin, curiosity can also be damaging. See curiosity can lead us down the wrong road and take you away from God. Moses used the word "ensnared" to describe what can happen if we devote ourselves to the exploration of worldly ways. Solomon was charmed by the allure of various women and he was the wisest man ever. It is important to let vices and entanglements go by the wayside.

To serve and please the Lord we must temper our curiosity about things. Make sure your life is grounded in the Word of God, the ways of God and the actions of God. Stay true to your spiritual foundation and do not deviate.

Prayer: Father, please help me not to be lead unto temptation.

Scripture reading: John 4:40-48, John 21:10-22 and Acts 19:20-32

Action:

1. Want an example of curiosity go to a rehab center for narcotics users. It can be the same with Religion.
2. Devote yourself to the true Word of God and the people of God only.

Day 48

What if it does not happen?

I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace.....John 16:33

Fear can reign so large in a life that it can consume a person. A panic attack is different from one person to the next. Anxiety can hunt you down your entire life, you walk around thinking about the negative aspect and impact of something that may or may not happen and the fact of the matter is your fears are usually just those...fears, they rarely occur.

Anxiety attacks and fear and panic attacks can be frustrating but my friends there is Hope!!!

God has instructed us through the Apostle Matthew and subsequent Gospel not to worry about our life. This is a lot of fear being rid of in a sentence but it is true. God knows our needs and wants and God can and will handle whatever He allows to come to pass in our life. God can take care of the birds in the air and the fish in the sea surely He can take care of you and me. An important note the birds and fish never worry for they are always taken care of.

If you will trust God He will calm your doubts and soothe your fears.

Prayer: Lord, help me to realize that fear is a rejection of faith and I do not want to reject You.

Scripture reading: Deuteronomy 1:15-22, 1Samuel 27:1-5 and 1Kings 1:45-53

Action:

1. Out of all the times that you have worried through the night how many fears have actually come true?
2. Can you start to pray instead of feeding into worry?

Day 49

Shaken and stirred into happiness

You turned my lament into dancing.....Psalms 30:11

Have you ever been rocked by an emergency? Has a phone call caused a crisis in your household? Has a secret that has been revealed brought you stress beyond belief? Has a bad decision affected your entire family life in a negative fashion?

At some point in time we will all face some type of life altering circumstance.....I want you to know that during these times we must be prepared to summon the faithfulness of our God like never before.

It is a wise decision to get to know Him now. Ahead of the hour of crisis, store His Word in your heart and when the storm comes in your life you can say what the Psalmist said, Come and listen all who fear God and I will tell you what He has done for me.

Prayer: Lord, I pray that I do not wait until the storm of life occurs to ask for Your help.

Scripture reading: Nehemiah 8:1-10, Psalm 100:1-8 and 2Corinthians 1:1-6

Action:

1. Any kept secret just becomes a contaminate to your family. Make the decision to hurt or heal at once.
2. Share with people what the Lord has done for you, this will promote peace and keep a good relationship.

Day 50

Hot pursuit

He was despised and we did not value Him.....Isaiah 53:3

God choose the Israelites to be His people. He provided for His people and even parted the sea of reeds for them. Yet, even after this, the people God's people still lived in rebellion to God and when they began to feel the effects of their rebellion they began to cry out to Him. God in His faithfulness always sent a leader to them.

Much like the Israelites people still turn their backs on God, today. God still loves His chosen people and He still loves us. How and why could God still love these people and us after we have done what we have done and continue to do.

I will share a fact with you, God loves us, and He loves us completely, totally and perfectly. God loves us with purity only so as to save us. God is in hot pursuit of us and we need to stop the chase and thank and praise Him.

Prayer: Father, I know I have been wrong at times but I thank you for loving me.

Scripture reading: Psalm 34:1-14 and 1Corinthians 14:1-5

Action:

1. How long will you continue the chase? At some point the game ends, where will you be?
2. How can you show your love for God and chase Him?

Reflection on 50th

Action:

Friend and ministry partner, we have been on this journey for 50 days now. Are you staying true to at first 5 minutes a day and 10 minutes a day to come into the presence of God and LISTEN to HIM speak to you?

Are you doing things you regularly do in a more Godly fashion? Can you feel the difference?

Day 51

Should there even be a question

Peter and the apostles replied, we must obey God rather than man.....Acts 5:29

Why can't just doing the right thing guarantee a storybook ending. One, where everyone involved is grateful for our wisdom and knowledge?

Instead, it often involves confrontation and unpopular decisions that can cost us valued relationships. We tend to hold our tongue and not speak what is right just to keep the peace. I for one am tired of compromising the right for the sake of hurt feelings and keeping the peace.

Many times the Bible is filled with men and woman choosing the difficult road, no matter the cost. Queen Esther risked her life as did Rahab. The disciples preached the Gospel at peril. What will you do? Because, our choices reflect the loyalty of our hearts.

Prayer: Lord, I want to follow you and do the right things please guide me.

Scripture reading: Joshua 1:1-7, Matthew 5:1-6 and Romans 16:1-19

Action:

1. It matters not if people want to hear only what they want to hear, you are duty bound to tell them as you see fit. But do it with a Godly guiding principle.
2. Do not oppose matters for the sake of opposition, be exact and true but be lead with the proper spirit.

Day 52

The principle of "give and receive"

Honor the Lord with thy substance.....Proverbs 3:9-10

The book of Proverbs gives us a basic principle for success. If you want God to honor you and bless you, you are going to have to honor Him in that area of your life in which you wish to be honored.

If you want God to honor you financially you are going to have to honor God with your tithe and offerings. If you need help you are going to have to help somebody. Important aspect, don't do it with intention, just do it with a free heart. It always comes back to you. In beginning to honor God he will begin to honor you in great ways. Just please try it.

You can not afford not to try this; you can not afford not to continue to do it after you start. This concept makes good sense and it practical. Even if it looks like you can not continue to keep it up continue to try, make an effort to help, to tithe to do anything and God will see your faithfulness and reward you.

Give God His first and do it in faith, expectant faith.

Prayer: Lord, thank you for the instruction of Your Word. Please help me to follow your ways.

Scripture reading: Deuteronomy 23:15-23 and Exodus: 25:1-3, 35:1-5 and 15:1-6

Action:

1. Do you tithe the basic 10%, if not try it. If so report how God works in your life!!!
2. Have you noticed that when you want to do something for God and it looks like you can not; a way is always made to do it?

Day 53

Stir up the gifts

Greatly desiring to see you, being mindful of your tears.....2Timothy 1:4

In this life we sometimes meet with a faith failure. Sometimes we know clearly what God has called us to do, but we get tired and do not feel like we have the resources or the strength to complete the task.

The Word of God is specific in telling us how to handle these situations and that is by stirring up the gifts inside of us. Friend, you have everything that you need already inside of you. Everything we need to do what we have been called to do is already within us. It's when we step out and try to do something that we have not been called to do that we get mixed and fail.

Faith is here, power is here, love is here. Speak it out boldly in the name of Jesus and stir up the gifts.

Prayer: Lord, help stay true to the mission You have given me the talents for.

Scripture reading: Ezekiel 11:10-19, Hebrews 2:1-4, 13:15-21 and Acts 8:10-20

Day 54

Free yourself, free your faith

And when ye stand praying, forgive.....Mark 11:25

I want to share a fact with you, faith and forgiveness are very closely connected. This principle was taught at the Sermon on the Mount and recorded in the Gospel of St. Mark.

Jesus wanted us to know that releasing those who have wronged us is fundamental to receiving from God. Jesus wanted to impress on our hearts the fact that we cannot have our prayers answered and hold a grudge in our hearts at the same time, it just does not work. I will tell you that at no time should you harbor a grudge toward someone, it is also not healthy.

Unforgiveness clogs the faith pipeline and holds us powerless against the mountains in our lives. My friend, if you have been praying and can not seem to get an answer, check your heart for any unresolved unforgiveness.

Prayer: Lord, I ask You for forgiveness and at times are unwilling to give it, help me be more forgiving.

Scripture reading: Johan 1:1-3 3:1-5, Proverbs 24:10-17 and James 5:10-16

Action:

1. Ask God to create in you a clean heart as David did and then keep it that way.
2. Anybody that has wronged you or anyone else please forgive them and move on do not let them block your blessings.

Day 55

Do not buy the Lies

And all these blessings shall come on.....Deuteronomy 28:2

Many believers today are suffering one defeat after another. They are listening to what others tell them. People have so much confusion on what is a blessing and what is a curse.

Let's promote a definition:

The curse is intended to destroy, not teach you a lesson other than defeat, it has no possibility of anything spiritual involved. It is meant to destroy you completely and keep you misinformed.

Satan is going to great lengths to convince God's people that poverty is a blessing in disguise and generational, friend's poverty is a curse that the devil invented. Do not buy the lies get your thinking in line with the Word of God.

Prayer: Father, I pray for You to enlighten me to Your ways.

Scripture reading: Judges 9:30-37, Psalm 55:1-12 and Mark 13:1-5

Action:

1. Are you living misinformed, please study the Word and talk to others who can help you and your family.
2. Always go to the Bible to find out exactly what you have a question about.

Day 56

Leave the past in the past

But this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind.....Philippians 3:13

Failures, disappointments and aches, most of us know what it is like to go through them, but so few of us know what it is like to actually get over them.

The longer time goes on the worse these pains get. These pains get larger and larger and result in failures that loom in our lives like a bad shadow. The problem is that people just do not want to seem to get over them as they continue to bring them up to us. Most of the time it's used as a weapon against us. Over time these pains became more real to us then the promises of our Master.

Going through this keeps you disconnected from faith. My friends God has forgotten about your past and has washed you clean, clean as wool. The question is why you can't do the same, my friend you have to let the past go, let it stay in the past as you look forward to the future. You must do this at once.

See God's mercies are new every single day so if you will stand up and take God at His Word, God will deliver you from the web of pain, He will bring success to any failure and you will be depressed no more.

Prayer: Father, thank you for making me a new person.

Scripture: Isaiah 65:1-17

Action:

1. Friend, anybody bringing up past wrongs is not your friend and should not be in your company.
2. Dr. M.L. King said that no one can ride your back unless it is bent, I urge you to stand up.

Day 57

Keep the Word Coming

Attend to my Words.....Proverbs 4:20-21

Once you have accepted God's Word and you make it the final authority in your life, the first step to victory over the devil is to find out whatever the Bible says about your issue and keep hold of it. Commit the Word about your situation to memory and be active with it in your prayer life.

I would also ask you to visually see the scripture everyday. Doing this keeps the thoughts in front of you and its something real to hang on to. You have to feed your spirit with the written Word and that is how it gets in your heart and then you will start to live by it.

Go to the promises that cover your situation, feed these promises from the Word of God and you will grow stronger in the Lord.

Prayer: Father, help me to hold Your words deep in my heart and mind.

Scripture reading: Numbers 30:1-5, psalms 108:1-7 and Luke 1:20-37

Day 58

God is Great

Rejoice and exult in hope.....Romans 12:12

We have been instructed to live in hope. We should be able to truly rejoice in the Lord. So when satan comes in to try and steal our victory and tries to tell us whatever we want is not only going to happen, we need to know he is a liar.

We have to heartily reflect on the Word of God and rejoice. Rejoice that Heaven is our home, rejoice that God is in us, just flat out rejoice. See the devil can not understand this. The devil is confused by laughing, dancing and praising so confuse, confound and corner the devil.

Know this, when times get difficult, don't let go of the Word and promises of God, stand on them more so. Be patient under pressure and prayerful, the devil will be defeated.

Prayer: Lord, hank you for being my strong tower and worthy of praise.

Scripture reading: Jude 24:15-25, Isaiah 35:1-10 and psalm 103:1-5

Action:

1. You have heard this before, but it works and is true; when praises go up, blessings come down. Keep doing it.

2. Make it a point to confuse the devil some part of everyday by laughing, dancing and praising, let's do it, NOW!!!

Day 59, Final day

Be supernatural, yes you can

And the Lord said unto Moses, wherefore criest thou unto Me.....Exodus 14:15-16

Being around and in the presence of God has more benefit than you realize. Being with and around God will cause you to want to do things you never thought you could do.

With His presence in your life you will start wanting to lay hands on the sick, cast out demons, Cast Mountains of problems into the sea. You will literally be able to do these things when you obey God step by step. That's what happened to Moses, God told Moses to raise his rod over the sea, Moses listened and obeyed and the Holy Spirit did the rest.

When you start to do your part the Holy Spirit will do its part and supernatural things will start to happen. What you must do is feed the Word, pray in the Spirit. Listen to what the spirit of God is saying to you and before you know it you will not struggle and try to part the sea, you will just trust the Lord and stretch your rod out and watch the miracles start.

Prayer: Father, I claim the power You have given me, thank you.

Scripture reading: Psalm 71:1-15, Luke 7:1-10, Ephesians 2:1-10 and Philippians 4:1-8

Action:

1. The power you receive is to come with a properly disposed heart.
2. A large part of power is trust.

Reflection 59th and Final day

Action:

Friends, we have completed our faith journey and I sincerely hope and pray that your life has been transformed in some way, large or small as long as you have been moved.

We have covered confession, forgiveness, faith, prayer and power in our life. These five areas of faith are the foundation to life, a successful spirit filled life jointly held with the Love of the Father.

Thank you for allowing mw to be a part of your journey!

Yours for the numerous untold,

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