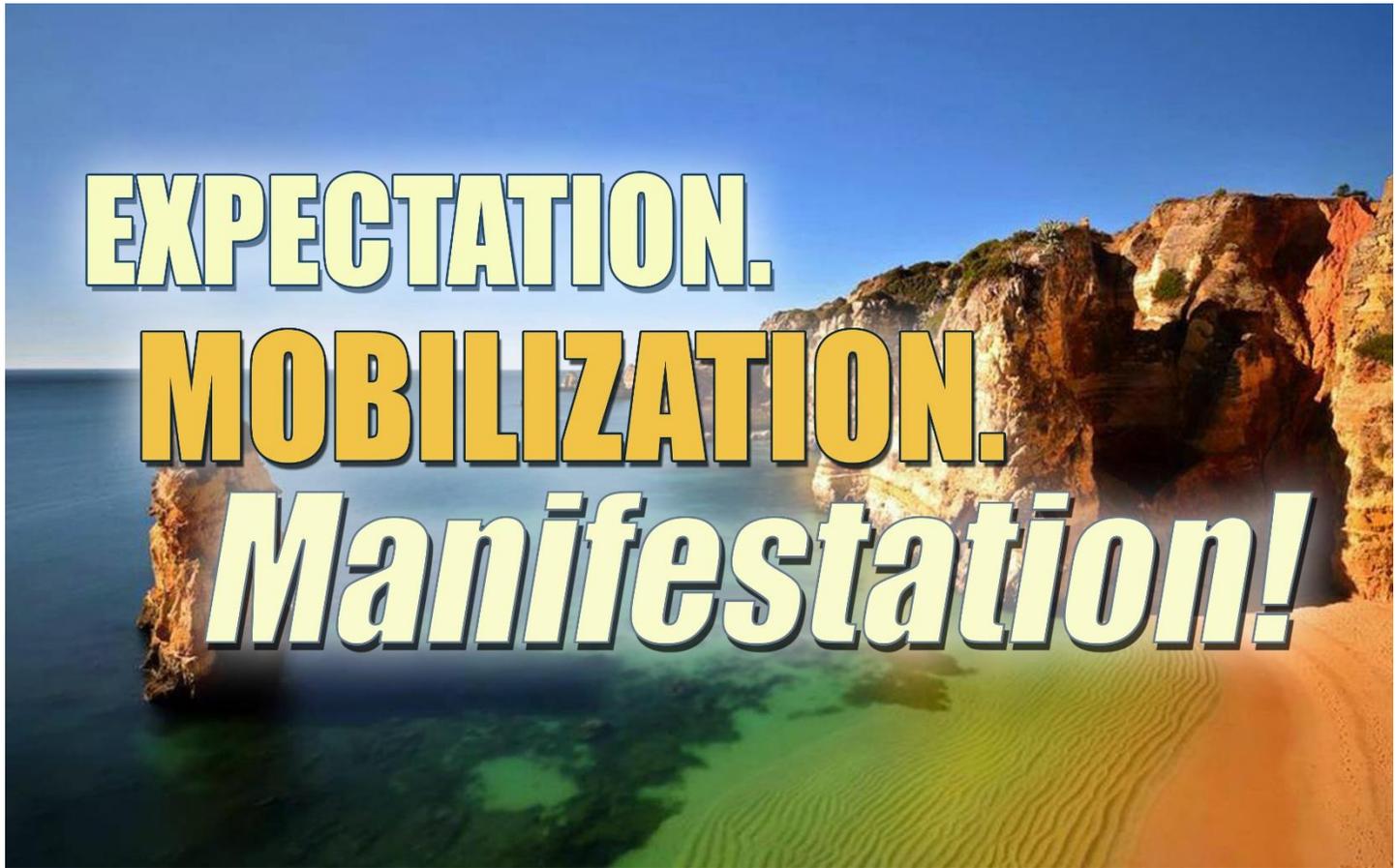


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MOBILIZATION.
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PRAYER AND FASTING JOURNAL

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A Word of Encouragement

I encourage you to make this 21-Day Prayer and Fasting Journal a part of your daily routine. I believe this book will guide you to a new level of spiritual maturity. Here are some tips that I believe will help you reap the greatest spiritual benefit from this prayer and fasting journal:

1. Select a specific time that is suitable to your lifestyle.
2. Choose a place free of distractions.
3. Read the Prayer and Fasting Bible Study to learn the principles of prayer and fasting.
4. Follow the steps outlined in your Prayer and Fasting Journal and record what God is saying to you.
5. If you miss a day (fasting and/or studying), don't stop! Just pick up where you left off tomorrow.
6. Drink water and or juice during the fast to maintain your strength, and then eat a light dinner after 6:00 pm.
7. Prepare for the journey of a lifetime by faith!

Periodically God calls us to Him for a season of prayer and fasting. When He calls us to prayer and fasting, He calls us with a purpose in mind. As we go through this time of prayer and fasting, let's pray as a corporate body for God's plan and purpose to come to pass. During this time with God our corporate prayer is that:

- Our time of prayer and fasting truly honors God
- We confess and repent of all sin revealed in our lives
- God takes our lives, our families, and our church to a new spiritual level
- We personally develop a new level of spiritual intimacy that continues after the fast is over
- We support the vision of improving and expanding our church facilities
- We work with one heart, one mind, one mission, to win souls for Christ

Be Blessed!

+ *Kevin G. Dickerson*

Prayer and Fasting

Bible Study

The Right Way To Fast

Matthew 6:16-18

Fasting

- Fasting is more than not eating for a period of time
- Fasting is abstaining from natural food for a **spiritual purpose**
- The issue is so **consuming** that it becomes more important than food
- I'm willing to deny myself the "daily bread" I need
- Set food aside to **concentrate** on seeking God about the matter
- The objective of fasting is to concentrate upon God and **His answer** about a matter
- Jesus expects believers to fast
- Any ordinance or spiritual discipline can be abused or done with the wrong motive or spirit

Fasting The Wrong Way

16 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.

- Fasting without God as the center of the fast is hypocritical ***Isaiah 58:5 Is it such a fast that I have chosen? a day for a man to afflict his soul? is it to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes, and an acceptable day to the LORD?***
- Fasting for recognition
 - We want others to think we are **"super spiritual"**
 - We want others to think this is the look of those who fast
 - We take the **glory** that belong to God and shine it on ourselves
 - We want to share our fasting experiences with others so they can be in awe of us
 - We change how we behave and look so others will know it's "fast day"
- Fasting the wrong way has its own rewards
- All you get is the **applause** and **recognition** of men
- You may even gain control and discipline of your body, but the prideful show before men will cost you your reward that **only God** can give ***Hosea 4:7 As they were increased, so they sinned against me: therefore will I change their glory into shame.***

Fasting The Right Way

But thou, when thou fastest, ...

- We are expected to fast
- Fasting is a duty of all disciples
- The objective of our fasting as disciples of Christ is seeking His presence

- There is no prescribed **frequency** of fasting
- But we fast when:
 - There is a **special pull** of the Spirit to be alone with God
 - Special **needs** arise
 - We want to **humble** ourselves before God
 - Before making **major decisions**
- Fasting the right way makes the disciple “dead” to the:
 - **Applause** of men
 - **Criticism** of men

Fast without drawing attention to yourself

...anoint thine head, and wash thy face; 18 That thou appear not unto men to fast,

- Keep your physical appearance up
- You should look like you always look
- Your **behavior** should not change
- Your **attitude** should not change
- No one should know you are on a fast
- You don't want people to notice you, your fast is unto God
- Remember you are on a **private** fast, but you operate in a **public** world

Fasting is between you and God alone

...but unto thy Father which is in secret:

- God is the object of the fast
- Your fast is between you and God
- All your **attention** is toward God
- It is a secret, and secrets are not discussed because:
 1. What God has said or shown you is for you
 2. That's your reward
 3. God may not be finished “talking” to you
- Desiring to fast is to get in the presence of the Lord regarding a special issue

Benefits of Fasting the Right Way

...and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

- Fasting the right way has its rewards, God rewards our “secret time” openly
- His rewards are always greater than recognition of men
- God honors proper and sincere motives
- Fasting keeps us in the presence of the Lord
- Fasting **humbles** us before the Lord
- Fasting teaches us to be **dependent** on God for the answer
- Fasting teaches us **discipline** and **control** over our bodies
- Fasting keeps us from being a **slave** to any food or habit
- Fasting has **health benefits**

Prayer and Fasting

Daily Lessons

Expectation

the act or state of expecting;
anticipation, hope

Day 1

Waiting with Expectation

Daily Prayer: Thank you God for clarity, revelation and understanding of your Word I will receive today.

Scripture Reading: *Psalm 62:5-6 (KJV) 5 My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him. 6 He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defence; I shall not be moved.*

Reflection: Psalm 62 speaks of a time in King David's life where his enemies were trying to dethrone him. Even though David was facing a serious challenge, he could honestly say his soul was resting in God. David said he was *waiting* on God. Waiting here means to keep silent, be still or to be at rest. Since David knew he couldn't change his situation, he chose to wait silently for God to deliver him. During the threats from his enemies David could rest because his expectation or hope of protection and deliverance was in God alone. We live in a world where we will face circumstances that will challenge our faith. It may be a lingering illness, a financial reversal, betrayal by a trusted friend, etc. How do you handle situations like these? Do you become fearful, anxious, depressed, or even question if God cares? Write a prayer asking God to help you wait with expectancy for His help, protection and ultimately His deliverance.

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Day 2

God Has a Plan for Your Life

Daily Prayer: Thank you God for clarity, revelation and understanding of your Word I will receive today.

Scripture Reading: *Jeremiah 29:11 (KJV) 11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.*

Reflection: The Israelites were captives in Babylon, but God through the prophet Jeremiah said that Israel would return to Promised Land after 70 years. Although this sounds difficult, God's plans were not to harm them, but to give the Israelites an expected end. An expected end means to have a future and a hope of successful outcome. God's plans offered the Israelites a very bright future if they would continue to trust in the Lord. God knows the future and His plans for our lives and as we follow His plans for our lives, we too, can have hope that God will do what He promises. That doesn't mean our lives will be without trials, problems or delays in between; what it does mean is God sees to it that our lives accomplish His purposes. How do you handle the in between times of life, those seasons where you are in between God's promises and its fulfillment? How do you avoid complaining, doubting, or giving up? How do you maintain your faith in God and His promises?

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Day 3

What God Expects

Daily Prayer: Thank you God for clarity, revelation and understanding of your Word I will receive today.

Scripture Reading: *Micah 6:8 (KJV) 8 He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?*

Reflection: Classroom teachers and college professors start each semester by giving their students their class conduct *expectations*. It usually is a list that speaks about the student's personal behavior, homework guidelines, the treatment of fellow classmates, etc. God has *expectations* for Christians, too. The prophet Micah tells us that God expects Christians to 1) *to do justly* or to actively do good to one another, to be helpful in times of need; 2) *to love mercy* that is to show love and kindness to others. It is a love that's not based on merit, but a love that will forgive and pardon others regardless if they deserve it or not; and 3) *to walk humbly with God*, that is to walk modestly meekly with God free of pride and arrogance. How well are you meeting God's expectations? Which of these three expectations gives you the most difficulty to consistently follow? Why?

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Day 4

Expect the Unexpected

Daily Prayer: Thank you God for clarity, revelation and understanding of your Word I will receive today.

Scripture Reading: *Acts 3:4-8 (NLT2)* **4 Peter and John looked at him intently, and Peter said, “Look at us!” 5 The lame man looked at them eagerly, expecting some money. 6 But Peter said, “I don’t have any silver or gold for you. But I’ll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!” 7 Then Peter took the lame man by the right hand and helped him up. And as he did, the man’s feet and ankles were instantly healed and strengthened. 8 He jumped up, stood on his feet, and began to walk! Then, walking, leaping, and praising God, he went into the Temple with them.**

Reflection: Peter and John were about to enter the Temple for prayer when they encountered a crippled man at the Temple gate asking for money. Peter told the crippled man to look at him. The crippled man gave Peter his attention, “expecting” to receive some money from Peter. Peter told the crippled man he didn’t have any money, but he had something much better; healing for his legs! We often ask for God’s help in a *specific* situation, but God wants to solve *all* of our problems. Just like the crippled man asking for money, God has something better for us, but we must take the limits off God! Name some situations where God answered your prayer in greater way. Name some situations where God’s answer to your prayer was what you *needed* instead of what you *wanted*. How will knowing that God can answer your prayers in different ways change the way you pray?

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Day 5

Just Ask God

Daily Prayer: Thank you God for clarity, revelation and understanding of your Word I will receive today.

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 33:3 (KJV) 3 Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

Reflection: God assures us that all we have to do is ask in prayer and He will answer. God is ready to help us, but we must ask for his help. Yes, God can meet our needs without us asking, but asking in prayer acknowledges that God alone can help us, the prayer request is greater than our ability to handle, and that our faith is in God to answer our prayers. God's answer will either resolve the problem or give us the strength to bear it. God will work things out for our good; but we must ask Him. How often do you pray? How important is prayer in your life? Are there things you don't pray about and try to handle it yourself? How did it work out? What will you do to improve your prayer life?

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Have Faith in God

Daily Prayer: Thank you God for clarity, revelation and understanding of your Word I will receive today.

Scripture Reading: *Mark 11:21-23 (NLT2)* **21 Peter remembered what Jesus had said to the tree on the previous day and exclaimed, “Look, Rabbi! The fig tree you cursed has withered and died!” 22 Then Jesus said to the disciples, “Have faith in God. 23 I tell you the truth, you can say to this mountain, ‘May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea,’ and it will happen. But you must really believe it will happen and have no doubt in your heart.**

Reflection: Jesus had cursed a fig tree that was not producing fruit, but only having leaves. The next day, Peter noticed the fig tree was completely dead. Jesus said, “Have faith in God.” Jesus said, you pray for a mountain to be cast into the sea and it would happen. What Jesus means is you believe God can do the impossible. Mountains represent those immovable, stubborn issues in our lives. You believe there are no limits to what God can do. God is the *object* of our faith. The more you *know* the object of your faith, the more you *believe* in the object of your faith. To have faith in God requires that we remove all doubt in God’s *ability* and *authority*. What are some of the “mountains” in your life? Are you praying about them? How do you fight the doubts and maintain your faith?

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Day 7

Exceeding My Expectations!

Daily Prayer: Thank you God for clarity, revelation and understanding of your Word I will receive today.

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 3:20-21 (KJV) 20 *Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, 21 Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.*

Reflection: God answers prayer. But we sometimes forget to the degree God answers prayer. God is able to do:

- *Exceeding* or surpass our prayer requests and overcome any obstacle to answer our prayers
- *Abundantly* to overflow or to do more than enough
- *Above* and beyond any need
- *All that we ask or think* God's answers can exceed the boundaries of our imagination!

God is so good to us that we can't even contain all His blessings! The source of answered prayer is the Spirit of God strengthening us. The purpose of God answering our prayers is that He might be glorified in the church through Jesus Christ forever. How has God exceeded your expectations in prayer? How has the Holy Spirit helped you in your prayer life? Are you regularly coming to church to give God praise for what He's done in your life? If not, why not?

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Mobilization

to assemble and make people
or resources for ready action

Day 8

Mobilize a Prayer Movement

Daily Prayer: Thank you God for clarity, revelation and understanding of your Word I will receive today.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 18:19-20 (KJV) 19 Again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

Reflection: It's been said that "History records has no significant movement of the Spirit of God that has not been preceded by a very strong prayer emphasis." Joining with few believers in regular times of prayer not only touches the heart of God, but it serves as the fuel to ignite a mighty move of God in your life, in the lives others around you, in your city and beyond. You may ask when you get a few friends together what should we pray about? You pray the burdens of your heart, it may be prayer for the families in your neighborhood, the teachers of your school, reduction of crime in your city, etc. There's no limit to the things you can pray about. The key is getting started with just two or three believers and watch God answer prayer and watch God start a prayer movement through you. This week contact a few friends to pray about a burden for just a few minutes once a week. Then consistently pray about those issues with your prayer partners in person, on the phone, video., etc. Keep praying and God will answer!

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Day 9

Empowered to Share Your Faith

Daily Prayer: Thank you God for clarity, revelation and understanding of your Word I will receive today.

Scripture Reading: *Acts 1:8 (KJV) 8 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.*

Reflection: Jesus gave believers a “mission”, an assignment to spread the gospel all over the world. We share our faith in Jesus Christ as *witnesses*; people who have a personal relationship with Christ. In order to be an effective witness, we must be *empowered* by the Holy Spirit. The power of the Holy Spirit gives believers courage, ability, insight, confidence, boldness and authority. We need the power of the holy spirit to fulfill our mission. Jesus even gives us a plan for spreading the gospel. The strategy for spreading the gospel is in ever-widening circles starting in Jerusalem and moving progressively outward. Your *Jerusalem* is right where you live, your community. Your *Judea* is other cities and areas near you, Your *Samaria* could be cities in other states. Jesus wants us to keep moving outward until the whole world has heard about Jesus Christ. Unfortunately, many Christians are afraid to talk to others about Jesus. I encourage you to start today sharing your faith with others. Make it a personal goal to witness to at least one person a week. As you do it, you’ll get over your fears.

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Day 10

Getting Ready for Work

Daily Prayer: Thank you God for clarity, revelation and understanding of your Word I will receive today.

Scripture Reading: *Ephesians 4:11-13 (KJV) And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:.*

Reflection: Many Christians believe that the “work” of the ministry is to be left to “ministry professionals”, men and women that are *called* and *ordained* to serve in the church and community. But they are not the only ones who are to serve in the church and community; you are to do the work of the ministry, too! The Holy Spirit has given every believer special gifts to build up and strengthen the church. It is crucial that you use the gifts. Are you using your spiritual gifts to support your local church? Do you know what your spiritual gifts are? If not, go to dayspringfamilychurch.org and take the spiritual gifts survey, it will give you a general idea what your spiritual gifts are. Once you know what your spiritual gifts are, ask the ministry leaders to help you find your place of service. You and your church will be blessed when you’re working in the kingdom of God.

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Day 11

Get Busy!

Daily Prayer: Thank you God for clarity, revelation and understanding of your Word I will receive today.

Scripture Reading: *John 9:4 (KJV) I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.*

Reflection: Jesus tells His disciples (and us) to get busy working for God. Jesus came to do the work of God, the One that *sent* him. The work Jesus was sent to do was an urgent work that He must do. Jesus must do the work of God while it is day, this speaks of opportunity and lifespan. If we don't take advantage of the opportunities God gives us, they may be lost forever, and people may be lost forever. Jesus ties us to His mission from the Father. We, too, are in the world to do the works of God. Our very purpose for being on earth is to proclaim and show forth the works of God. Make a list of things you can do to get busy serving God and serving people.

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Day 12

Mobilized for Action

Daily Prayer: Thank you God for clarity, revelation and understanding of your Word I will receive today.

Scripture Reading: *Nehemiah 2:17-18 (KJV) 17 Then said I unto them, Ye see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lieth waste, and the gates thereof are burned with fire: come, and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach. 18 Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me; as also the king's words that he had spoken unto me. And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work..*

Reflection: When Nehemiah heard the walls of Jerusalem were in disrepair, it grieved him. It grieved him to the point, that he had a vision and desire to see them repaired for the safety and protection of his people. But Nehemiah realized he couldn't do it alone. Nehemiah shared his vision for rebuilding the walls with the leaders of Jerusalem. Nehemiah let the leaders know it was not *their* problem, it was *our* problem. He told them that God's hand was on this effort and that the king had granted him permission to do the work. God worked on the hearts of the leaders and they committed to be a part of this good work. Great works of God require His people to come together and roll up their sleeves and get busy supporting the work of God. Your church needs your time, talent, treasure, and testimony to do God's work. Where are you serving in your local church? If you are not serving in your local church, start today, they need you today!

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Day 13

The Joyous, Generous Church

Daily Prayer: Thank you God for clarity, revelation and understanding of your Word I will receive today.

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:1-3 (NLT2) *1 Now I want you to know, dear brothers and sisters, what God in his kindness has done through the churches in Macedonia. 2 They are being tested by many troubles, and they are very poor. But they are also filled with abundant joy, which has overflowed in rich generosity. 3 For I can testify that they gave not only what they could afford, but far more. And they did it of their own free will.*

Reflection: Apostle Paul is writing to the church at Corinth, used the churches of Macedonia as a powerful example of generosity and teamwork. These churches were not wealthy by any means, in fact they were very poor financially. Their lack of resources did not stop them from being generous. They were able to give above what they could afford because of the *grace* of God on their lives, grace is the favor of God. That grace influenced their giving. They banded as one to give to help others, they gave willingly without special appeals or pressure, they viewed giving as an opportunity, and they gave themselves to the Lord first. It doesn't take great wealth to be a generous church, it takes the grace of God on our lives and dedicating all that we are, all that we have to the Lord, and when given the opportunity to give with joy. How do you view giving to your church? Do you give with joy? Is there pressure to give? Are you a consistent tither? If not, why?

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Day 14

Don't Stop Working

Daily Prayer: Thank you God for clarity, revelation and understanding of your Word I will receive today.

Scripture Reading: *Nehemiah 4:4-6 (KJV) 4 Hear, O our God; for we are despised: and turn their reproach upon their own head, and give them for a prey in the land of captivity: 5 And cover not their iniquity, and let not their sin be blotted out from before thee: for they have provoked thee to anger before the builders. 6 So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work.*

Reflection: Nehemiah and his workers were facing all sorts of opposition, obstacles and criticism as they were working to rebuild walls of Jerusalem. But instead of responding to the critics, Nehemiah went to God in prayer for God to deal with their adversaries. The answer to the ridicule and opposition was to keep working, to persevere in the face of opposition. They use scare tactics to make us quit our God-given assignment. If God has called you to a task, persevere and complete it, even in the face opposition or discouragement. God rewards work well done and it will be worth the effort. Describe how you've handled opposition to work God has called you to do. Why are scare tactics such a powerful tool of the enemy to keep us from working for God?

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Manifestation

A clear appearance of someone
or something

Day 15

Keep on Keeping On

Daily Prayer: Thank you God for clarity, revelation and understanding of your Word I will receive today.

Scripture Reading: *Galatians 6:9 (KJV) And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.*

Reflection: It's easy to become discouraged when you're doing right but there are no results, you're planting seeds but there is no harvest, you're praying and the answer has not come. We must realize God is responsible for *the blessings* in our lives and we are responsible for the consistent *well doing* in our lives. God promises that in *due season* you will reap if you don't give up. Due season can't be found on a clock or a calendar, it's only found in the hands of God. Due season means *opportune time* or perfect time and as God watches over our lives, he will determine the perfect time to bless you. What pushes you closer to the manifestation of your *due season* is you not getting weary in well doing. Write a prayer of thanksgiving for the blessings that are on their way in your life.

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Day 16

Believe Before You Receive

Daily Prayer: Thank you God for clarity, revelation and understanding of your Word I will receive today.

Scripture Reading: *Mark 11:24 (KJV) Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.*

Reflection: We live in an online shopping world. We make our purchases using our computers, tablets and cell phones and in a few days there's package at our door. When we completed our purchase, we were *certain* it was coming our way. Many Christians pray, but they don't always believe or expect to receive that manifestation of their prayers. Jesus commands us to pray for what we need, but also to believe that what we pray for will come to pass in our lives. When you believe, God answers prayers, you act like your prayer is *already answered* even before it's answered. You're just waiting on the arrival, the delivery, the *manifestation* of what God promised is yours. What keeps you from fully believing God can answer your prayers! What scriptures are you relying on to strengthen your faith?

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Day 17

The Victory Belongs to God

Daily Prayer: Thank you God for clarity, revelation and understanding of your Word I will receive today.

Scripture Reading: *1 Corinthians 15:57 (KJV) But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Reflection: When athletes, actors, actresses, singers, musicians, artists, etc. win the championship or the top award in their field, they all give an “acceptance speech”. In their acceptance speech, they thank the people that made it all possible for them to have this accomplishment. They thank everybody from their parents, their spouse, their coaches, their agent, their directors, their team mates, etc. When you get healed, you start the business, get promoted, your ministry becomes successful, you write the book, finished school, etc. who do you thank? Who gets the credit for your victories, your successes, your overcoming trials, tribulations and trouble? You got the victory, but the praise, honor and glory goes to God! Make a list of the things God has done for you in the past year, post it where you can see it and thank God every day!

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Day 18

Mission Accomplished!

Daily Prayer: Thank you God for clarity, revelation and understanding of your Word I will receive today.

Scripture Reading: *Nehemiah 6:15-16 (KJV) 15 So the wall was finished in the twenty and fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty and two days. 16 And it came to pass, that when all our enemies heard thereof, and all the heathen that were about us saw these things, they were much cast down in their own eyes: for they perceived that this work was wrought of our God.*

Reflection: Nehemiah and the Israelites had a plan from God to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem and their lives. As soon as they started building, opposition, ridicule, and threats came. Despite all of the opposition, the walls of Jerusalem were rebuilt in only 52 days! And when their enemies saw the completed walls, they admitted their defeat and they realized the work completed by the power of God. The manifestation of God's promises in our lives will not always be easy, but it will happen. As believers we have to see the finished work even while we're working. We have to see the manifestation even in the midst of opposition. You may have to deal with opposition and enemies, but God's vision for your life will come to pass! What has God shown you to do that's still unfinished? What has stopped you? What are you willing to do to finish, and accomplish your mission?

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Day 19

Dreams Do Come True!

Daily Prayer: Thank you God for clarity, revelation and understanding of your Word I will receive today.

Scripture Reading: **Genesis 37:10 (KJV)** And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth? ... **Genesis 41:40-43 (KJV)****40** *Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou.* **41** *And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt.* **42** *And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck;* **43** *And he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried before him, Bow the knee: and he made him ruler over all the land of Egypt.*

Reflection: Joseph dreamed a dream when he was 17 years old that he would be a great man and people would bow to his authority. His brothers rejected him, and his father rebuked him because of his God-given dream. Over the next 17 years, Joseph was sold into slavery by his brothers, served as a slave in Potiphar's house, was falsely accused by Potiphar's wife and thrown in jail. One of the men in jail with Joseph was released and Joseph asked him to remember him, but he didn't. Joseph stayed in jail for two more years. Pharaoh had a dream that he could not understand, and the butler remembered Joseph and he interpreted Pharaoh's dream and appointed Joseph prime minister over all of Egypt. Joseph's dream came true because he never let it go. What about your dream, what do you do when what God has promised has not happened yet? How do you stay encouraged while you wait on God's timing?

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Day 20

The Vision Shall Come to Pass!

Daily Prayer: Thank you God for clarity, revelation and understanding of your Word I will receive today.

Scripture Reading: *Habakkuk 2:1-4 (KJV)* **1 I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reprov'd. 2 And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. 3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. 4 Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.**

Reflection: Whatever God has promised will happen. Whatever God has given you a vision in your spirit will manifest. I believe we must be in position for the vision to come to pass. Habakkuk was in a *watching* position, position of waiting to hear what God has to say. It's time of prayer waiting to hear direction from God. The next position is the *writing* position, Habakkuk wrote down what God said because what God says has your destiny ties to it. After the writing position is the *running* position, where you are literally putting your faith in action. You are acting on the vision God has shown you. And finally, there's the *persevering* position. This position is critical because there's often obstacles, delays, problems, and waiting in between you are acting on the vision and the manifestation of the vision. But if you stay focused and persevere, the vision shall come to pass. What's your vision for your life, family, career, etc.? Write it down and put in action. Which of the four positions would be the most challenging for you and why?

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Celebration

To mark a special occasion by
festivities or other deviation
from routine

Day 21

Celebrate!

Daily Prayer: Thank you God for clarity, revelation and understanding of your Word I will receive today.

Scripture Reading: *Psalm 34:1-3 (KJV) I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth. 2 My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. 3 O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.*

Reflection: God has delivered David from a difficult situation and spared his life. David promised that he would praise God at all times. David was celebrating his deliverance and came to the realization that God was not only worthy of praise this time, but God is worthy of praise all the time! David's praise was not only blessing him, but it was blessing others around him. David was so full of joy that he was encouraging others to join in the praise and exaltation of God! What do you have to celebrate right now? How can you use the joy in your heart to minister to others that may be having a difficult time?

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How You Can Receive Jesus Christ As Your Savior And Lord

If you would like to welcome Jesus Christ into your life, you can do so at anytime, anywhere. Consider these important facts:

God loves you and seeks a personal relationship with you!

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. Revelation 3:20

The problem is: Everyone has been born into this world spiritually dead because of sin.

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23

Jesus will forgive us of all sin, assuring us of eternity in Heaven!

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

To receive Jesus, pray in this manner:

*Lord Jesus, I'm a sinner. Please come into my life and forgive me of all sin. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. Now, fill me with Your Holy Spirit and guide me from this day forward. Thank You, Lord, for loving me!
Amen.*