

## MINI MOTIVATIONAL POWER-UP

“In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will: that we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trust in Christ.”

—Ephesians 1:11-12



"Great leaders are misunderstood especially when they create chaos when everyone expects time of tranquility."

—Dr. Sam Chand

God consulted no one, including you, in His choice of you for His purpose and plan. There is nothing anyone can do—including the enemy whose only purpose is to kill, steal and destroy you, to diminish God's choice of you. However, your attitude and approach determines how quickly you arrive at your destiny or how effectively you walk in your call. **DON'T WASTE TIME!** The choice has been made. You were not born to be "normal". You were not born to be "ordinary". You are a "chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people (1 Peter 2:9)". You are on display for His glory! It is time to **SHINE** for Daddy-God. Put all your trust in Him and show forth the praises—be the expression of His glory on this earth! Be encouraged, be motivated and power-up for a blessed and prosperous day in the Lord.

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“I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.”

—Psalm 139: 14



You are the 'apple of God's eye'.

— (Declaration based on Deuteronomy 32:10; Zechariah 2:8)

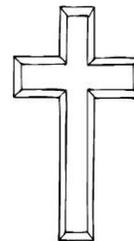
I am sure many of you have heard the phrase, “Image is everything”. How do you see yourselves? More importantly, how do you think God sees you? You were created in His image but what happened? Sin entered this world and corrupted man's innocence. Now, the enemy attacks your mind and convinces you that you are worthless and insignificant. Satan tries to convince you that there is no hope for your life and that you may as well “give up” on yourself and your future. However, I beg to differ. God stills desires to see His reflection in you. But, there is nothing special about you, right? That is what Satan would have you to believe. He is a liar. Christ came. The blood of Jesus covers you! You are fearfully and wonderfully made. Now, stand up and reflect the Father's image in this world. Be the light! Share the light! You are the image of your Father. It is time for you to shine—no more ordinary but now you are extraordinary! Be encouraged, be motivated and power-up for a blessed and prosperous day in the Lord.

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“And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”

—2 Corinthians 12:9



“He looked beyond my fault and saw my need.”

— Dottie Rambo

The words to Dottie Rambo's Amazing Grace rang in my heart all night, “I shall forever lift mine eyes to Calvary...” Why am I looking to Calvary? Calvary symbolizes and implicates God's divine love for me. A love that is so full of glory and grace that my carnal mind cannot comprehend or receive it. Yet, He extends it to me and the world daily. The Apostle Paul was in a desperate place when He asked God to remove the thorn in His flesh. God's answer then is God's answer now, “My grace is sufficient...” What God did for us in Christ Jesus takes care of anything we have faced; anything we are facing and anything that we will ever face in our lives. There is nothing too hard for God. So, whatever you may be struggling through today—in this very moment, remember God looked beyond your fault and your guilt and He took care of your need. As you accept that extension of grace you will begin to see the manifestation of His power and glory in your current situation. Remember, “It is already done.” Be encouraged, be motivated and power-up for a blessed and prosperous day in the Lord.

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“And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts?”

—Luke 24:38

“Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.”

—John 20:29

Why does doubt arise? Jesus asked his disciples this same question. As I was in worship, the Holy Spirit began to minister to me, “doubt is fleeting.” When our faith is activated the illusion of doubt is revealed. This morning, I implore you, “ACTIVATE your FAITH!” I know there is no trace of Him but trust Him anyway. I know you can’t “feel it” but “faith it”. There is NOTHING too hard for God! It took faith to bring you to this point. The only way you will be able to move forward is by casting down the imagination of doubt. Don’t become troubled by what stimulates your senses. God is able to do exceeding, abundantly above all that you can ask or think. His power supersedes your human nature. His power that works in you will cause miracles to manifest on your behalf. It is already done by faith—so disregard that doubt and watch God’s will be done in your life from this day forward and forever more. Be encouraged, be motivated and power-up for a blessed and prosperous day in the Lord.

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“Don’t let your trouble overshadow your faith with doubt. God is right there to aide you! Trust HIM!”

— April’s Wisdom Keys

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“The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.”

—Psalm 51:17



“Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me. Break me, melt me, Mold me, fill me, Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.”

— Traditional Hymn

Are you broken? If so, you're in the right place for God to come in and complete His work in you. He needs you broken. What does it mean to be broken? Broken in this scripture refers to one being humbled—void of pride. It also implies one who is remorseful or sorrowful. Most people do not want to get to this type of “broken” place in their hearts. This type of brokenness seems to show signs of weakness within an individual. However, the truth is this “humbled” place indicates that you're pliable. It indicates that you are ready for God to stretch you and mold you into His will. It may seem easy to possess this type of spirit and attitude, but naturally we cannot. It is automatic for us to yield to the “lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life (1 John 2:15-16). We must submit to God in order to get to this broken place and be made whole. If you want a fresh wind, if you want God's spirit to overtake your life, lay aside your pride. Humble yourself before God and He will come in and make you; He will come in and develop you to your fullest potential. Be encouraged, be motivated and power-up for a blessed and prosperous day in the Lord.

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"The world is unprincipled. It's dog-eat-dog out there! The world doesn't fight fair. But we don't live or fight our battles that way—never have and never will. The tools of our trade aren't for marketing or manipulation, but they are for demolishing that entire massively corrupt culture. We use our powerful God-tools for smashing warped philosophies, tearing down barriers erected against the truth of God, fitting every loose thought and emotion and impulse into the structure of life shaped by Christ. Our tools are ready at hand for clearing the ground of every obstruction and building lives of obedience into maturity."

—2 Corinthians 10:3-6 (MSG)



"Give God Praise in the Press."

— Evangelist Agnew

If you are going to be victorious there has to be a deliberate attempt to follow hard after the heart of God. You can't go after His blessings, you can't go after His favor, you can't go after His anointing—all these are benefits of walking in Him. But you must go after His heart. If you are after the heart of God—your desire will be towards Him. All things that pertain to your flesh and fulfilling the lust thereof will be cast down. You must practice walking in the spirit. It must become a part of your second nature. It must become a habit. Remember though, you can't do this on your own! You need the Holy Ghost to aide you and give you the power over the flesh. As you deliberately walk in Him, you don't have to worry about what you have or don't have because the blessings, favor and anointing of God will overtake you. It will be as if you are walking into all these things. It will be a daily revival! It will be a daily refreshing! Satan will have you to believe that your struggles are permanent but they are temporary. This struggle came to overshadow your faith with doubt but take authority and cast it down. Don't be deceived by your perception—your trouble is fleeting! It will end. Set yourself! Prepare for the victory that shall be! Your faith will make you whole! Every area in your life will be made whole. Be encouraged, be motivated and power-up for a blessed and prosperous day in the Lord.

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The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

—1 Corinthians 15:56-58



“And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.”

— Psalm 1:3

In this life, there will be disappointments. Since the fall of man, there have been disappointments. The effects of sin can be dreary and disheartening to the believer if our focus is not on Jesus! Without Christ we have no victory and cannot conquer. So we are provoked to remain “steadfast, unmovable and always abounding in the work of the Lord.” We must stand our ground even in this hour. We cannot intermingle with the world nor accept its principles or practices and behaviors. We must move forward in God’s work—planted in our beliefs and standards. We must not be tossed about with every wind of doctrine (Ephesians 4:14) but we must be like that tree by the rivers of water as described by the Psalmist. We must be fruitful! Don’t stop seeking God. This is a critical time for the believer. God is raising an army of steadfast believers up; will you be in the number? Be encouraged, be motivated and power-up for a blessed and prosperous day in the Lord.

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Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

—1 Peter 5:7

One day while in worship I leaned over to a friend and whispered the words, “God is concerned about the things that concern you.” It was a beautiful moment and a reminder for me and her that God cares and is carefully attending to our business. In His word, we are encouraged to give our concerns to Him because He cares. If He is concerned and cares, why is it so difficult for us to freely give ourselves and our situations to Him? You can release your trouble to God. You don’t have to hold on to it. In fact, God is the only One who is able to handle all things that pertain to us. Though we desire to fix our situations and make things “better”, only God can give us the progressive peace, joy and prosperity we need in this ever changing world. He is the only constant. When we cast our care on Him—and we will have concerns and trouble in this life, we find the solace we need in order to get through the struggle and sometimes pain that comes with the cares of this world. Give it to Jesus, He can handle it and He is concerned about you! Be encouraged, be motivated and power-up for a blessed and prosperous day in the Lord.

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“God is concerned and He’s working it out for you...”

— Shirley Ceasar

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In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

—1 Thessalonians 5:18

Most of us know what it means to complain but one definition of the word “complain” that we may never deal with is “protest”. This definition puts a different spin on what it means to complain. We may think of grumbling, criticizing or fault finding but to think of the word “protest” actually broadens the idea of what it means to complain. Living a life for Christ is associated with abundance, peace and joy. No doubt, if we have Christ, we have truly experienced all that and much more. However, living for Christ also brings persecution. If there are ever times in our lives that we find it difficult to go through life due to unfavorable and difficult circumstances, we may find ourselves subconsciously protesting against the persecution associated with living a righteous life. Remember though, if you embrace the abundance of God by Christ Jesus, so too should you embrace the persecution. Practice taking what you must as you stand your ground as a child of God. How can you? I am glad you asked. Smile! We have the answer through the word. “In every thing, give thanks.” Instead of talking about it, thank God for it. Instead of wondering why, thank God for it. Instead of focusing on it, give God glory. We must be deliberate and strategic. Give thanks today no matter what happens and you will experience even more abundance, peace and joy. Through your thanksgiving souls will be won and God will get the glory! Be encouraged, be motivated and power-up for a blessed and prosperous day in the Lord.

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“Persecution is a part of your abundant and blessed life in Christ. If you accept the abundance and blessings, freely accept the persecution...”

—Words of Encouragement from Scripture

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I will bless the Lord at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

—Psalm 34:1

A great way to keep things in perspective and stay focused on the mark for which we as saints of God are pressing toward, is to bless the Lord at all times. It seems simple enough to allow Thanksgiving to reign in our hearts for we know like no one else how majestic He is. We know because we have accepted and walk in the benefits of His shed blood on the cross. However, life sometimes throws curve balls that can easily cause us to become blurred in our spiritual vision and/or disillusioned in our mindset and approach to living the abundant life. We must be determined though, to bless God even at times of uncertainty. Things will happen that are not favorable but we must bless God anyhow. We must make it our duty to express to Him and before man our gratitude for His justice—which looked beyond our fault and covered our sin by the blood of Christ. Praise Him when it feels good. Praise Him when it hurts. Praise Him when it looks right. Praise Him when you have no clarity. Praise God because He is God. Praise God for loving you when you could not even love yourself. Bless Him at all times, because He is worthy to be praised. Be encouraged, be motivated and power-up for a blessed and prosperous day in the Lord.

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“With my hands lifted up, and my mouth filled with praise, with a heart of thanksgiving, I will bless thee O Lord.”

—Lyrics, I Will Bless Thee O Lord