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The Pastor's Desk

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Beloved,

It is with great joy that I welcome you to the 4th month of the year 2021. I am confident that every waking day is a guarantee that your expected harvest will definitely get into your hands. So brace up child of God and know this: God doesn't promise to bless if He had no intention of doing so. He has not forgotten you or His promises to you for the year.

Note this friend, ignorance can place a child of God in unnecessary captivity and deprive him of all the blessings God has already made available. (Hosea 4;6). Seek to know more by studying God's word daily, use this devotional as a guide, devour every word with zest and zeal and see God reward you beyond human comprehension. Joshua 1:8 admonishes us to meditate on the word of God "...day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success". (Also see James 1:25).

The level to which you know God determines how He will manifest Himself in your life. Study every page carefully and take every prayer focus, action focus and wisdom focus seriously. Don't forget to also read the testimonies which will produce faith for you to birth your own testimonies. This year and in this month, I see The Power of God work wonders in your life and destiny in Jesus name.

Rev. Nia J. Nia

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Prayer of **SALVATION**

We trust the Fresh Word Devotional has been a blessing to you. We enjoin you to make Jesus Christ your Lord and Saviour by taking this time to pray this prayer:

“Lord Jesus, I come to you today. Your Word says *'With the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation'* (Romans 10:10)

I surrender all my life to You. I believe You died on the cross for my sake. I am sorry for all my sins, I confess them now and ask that You come into my heart to be the Lord of my life. I receive eternal life into my spirit and into my soul. I declare that I am saved; I am born again; I am a child of God. I now have Christ dwelling in me. Satan I forsake you and all your works. I belong to Jesus Christ now. I receive the Spirit of sonship. Thank You Lord for saving me in Jesus' Name. I am a new creature. Praise the Lord.”

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**THURSDAY
APRIL 1**

JESUS CHRIST HAS COME

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

John 10:10

We can see the following from the text:

1. The revelation of His coming: *"I am come ..."*
2. The confirmation of His intervention: *"that they might have ..."*
3. The impartation of His provision: *"have life ... more abundantly"*

To come means:

1. To appear or arrive on the scene.
2. To enter or step into a situation.
3. To be present and to accompany.
4. To bring needed supplies.

The coming of Jesus is the answer to all the troubles of life. The coming of Jesus has overturned and destroyed all the evil works of Satan. Glory to God!

How has Jesus come?

1. **He has come into the world.** (John 1:10) *"He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not."*
2. **He has come into our hearts through salvation.** (John 1:12) *"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that*

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believe on his name."

3. **He comes into our life situation by His presence and power:** (Matthew 14:27) *"But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid."*
4. **He comes to us by His Word.** (John 1:14) *"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."*

Beloved, when you receive the Word of God, you receive Jesus the saviour, deliverer, healer, provider, protector, and everything else that Jesus is and has. Beloved, receive this truth with hope and faith. Jesus has come!



PRAYER FOCUS

Jesus, I receive You today into my life. I know You came and died for me that I might be saved. Thank You for saving and setting me free.

STUDY FOCUS

John 10:10,
John 1:1-16

For further studies, get the message:

JESUS CHRIST HAS COME



1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

MORNING

Deuteronomy 32:2 - 33:13



EVENING

Luke 5:18 - 5:39

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REMEMBER HIS CROSS

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18

One of the key power secrets of the kingdom of God is the cross of Jesus Christ. Anybody that will understand the message of the cross will encounter the power of God. To be ignorant of the mysteries of the cross is to be a victim of the attacks of the devil. The Bible admonishes us to know the fellowship of His suffering in Philippians 3:10 *'That I may know him, ... and the fellowship of his sufferings....'*

What are we to remember?

- **He humbled himself and became a servant that we might be lifted to the glory of sonship.** *'But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.'* (Philippians 2:7-8). When you humble yourself under God, you become qualified for divine promotion.
- **He carried our heaviness and sorrow, that we might have joy and gladness.** *'Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death...'* (Matthew 26:38). By His death on the cross, every sorrow and heaviness is removed from you in the name of Jesus.

- **He was arrested and bound that we might go free and live free.** *'...Then the people came and grabbed Jesus and arrested him.'* (Matthew 26:50). *'And they bound Him and led Him away and handed Him over...'* (Matthew 27:2. AMP). Because they bound Him, you are free by the power of God.
- **He was accused and condemned that we might be discharged and acquitted.** *'Now the chief priests and the whole council (the Sanhedrin) sought to get false witnesses to testify against Jesus, so that they might put Him to death.'* (Matthew 26:59 AMP).

Beloved, His death on the cross was for your benefit. Do not allow the devil to bind, enslave, accuse and condemn you. It is against the will of God. Jesus has paid for your freedom. Speak against every trouble and battle in your life and grab your freedom.



PRAYER FOCUS

In the name of Jesus, by the divine power of the cross, I command every affliction, bondage, sorrow and attack to give way to glory in all areas of my life. I claim my liberty.

STUDY FOCUS

Matthew 26

For further study, get the message:



1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

MORNING

Deuteronomy 33:14 - 34:12,
Joshua 1:1 - 2:18



EVENING

Luke 6:1 - 6:22

And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses beheld where he was laid.

Mark 15:47

The death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ are for the blessing of all who believe in Jesus Christ. When He was buried, all believers were buried with Him and when He resurrected, all believers resurrected with Him. (Romans 6:4) *"Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."*

Looking closely at the burial of Jesus Christ, there are key truths to know and believe for our benefit.

Let's consider some blessings of His burial.

1. **Jesus was buried to go down to the lowest depths so that we might rise with him, never to be down anymore.** (Eph 4:8-10) *"Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)"*
2. **Jesus was buried to confront and conquer the power of death and the grave.** (1 Corinthians 15:55) *"O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"*

3. **Jesus was buried that he might recover the keys of death and hell held by the devil.** (Revelation 1:18) *"I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death."*
4. **Jesus was buried so that he can declare the opening of all spiritual prisons for total liberation.**

Beloved, meditate on these blessings and engage faith as you confess and celebrate them. Be blessed.



PRAYER FOCUS

Father in the name of Jesus, I enjoy all that Jesus died and was buried for.

STUDY FOCUS

Mark 15:42-47

For further study, get the message:

THE BLESSING OF HIS BURIAL



1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

MORNING

Joshua 2:19 - 6:2



EVENING

Luke 6:23 - 6:44

And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

Matthew 28:5-7

Beloved, the resurrection of Jesus Christ was prophesied by God ahead of time, and God performed it as He promised. (Acts 5:30) *"The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree."* No devil can stop God from doing what He has promised in His Word. Hallelujah!

All believers in Christ are called to celebrate and preach the resurrection of Jesus to everyone, everywhere. *"Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection."* (Acts 1:22).

Some blessings available to us by Christ's resurrection:

1. **The promise of God can never fail.** (2 Corinthians 1:20) *"For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us."*
2. **The Lordship of Jesus Christ can never be challenged.** (Acts 17:31) *"Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead."*

3. **We have victory over obstacles and limitations.** (Matthew 27:52-53) *"And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many."*
4. **We are raised above demotion and destiny reduction.** (Ephesians 2:6) *"And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus."*

Beloved, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, you are not permitted to be defeated in life. Claim your total victory now.



PRAYER FOCUS

Father, thank You for the power of the resurrection. I enjoy all its blessings and benefits in Jesus name.

STUDY FOCUS

Matthew 28:1-7

**For further study, get the message:
THE BLESSING OF HIS RESURRECTION**



1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

MORNING

Joshua 6:3 - 8:13



EVENING

Luke 6:45 - 7:17

**SUNDAY,
4TH
APRIL
2021**

SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE

THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST

LUKE 24:1-10

INTRODUCTION:

One of the greatest demonstration of the power of God was the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the bedrock of our Christian faith and not just a mere historical event. Understanding Christ's Resurrection unlocks its immense benefits and blessings in our lives.

Some of these benefits include

1. **Price For Sin Fully Paid.** The full weight of sin was laid on Him at Calvary and He was raised from the dead when the father was satisfied with the payment. So His Resurrection is proof that the sins of mankind have been fully paid. This makes a believer righteous without any weight of guilt. Gal.3:13-14; 1Cor.15:17; Rom.4:25; Isa.53:11
2. **Validation Of A Future Resurrection.** The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is proof that all Believers in Christ will one day resurrect from the dead into paradise while unbelievers will be raised to judgement and hell. It is also proof that a day of reward is coming. 1Thess.4:13-17; 1Cor.15:12-15; 1Cor.15:20-22
3. **Availability Of God's Resurrection Power.** Every believer now has access to God's Power of Resurrection. This power revitalises physical

bodies, renews youth and energizes for supernatural exploits. The same way no power could stop the Resurrection of Christ, nothing should stop the rising of a Believer. Eph.1:19-20, Rom.8:11; Phil.3:10

CONCLUSION

The resurrection of Jesus Christ was critical to the total redemption, restoration and salvation of man. It was the final blow to Satan and his associated and has empowered every Believer to live a victorious life.

MEMORY VERSE

Philippians 3:10

That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

PERSONAL ASSESSMENT

Are you mindful of life after death? How real are the Resurrection benefits to you?

HYMNS

2. GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my father
There is no shadow of turning with thee,
Thou changest not, Thy compassion, they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever will be

*Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me*

2. Summer and winter, and spring time and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all natures in manifold witness,
To Thy great faithfulness, mercies and love
3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside

3. LET US WITH A GLADSOME MIND

1. Let us with a gladsome mind
Praise the Lord, for He is kind:
For His mercies aye endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure
2. Let us blaze His Name abroad,
For of gods He is the God:
For His mercies aye endure

Ever faithful, ever sure

3. Let us then with gladsome mind
Praise the Lord, for He is kind:
For His mercies aye endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure

1. TO GOD BE THE GLORY

1. To God be the glory great things he hath done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His son
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And open'd the life gate that all my go in.

*Praise the lord, Praise the lord, Let the earth
hear his voice*

*Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the people
be rejoice*

*Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son;
And give Him the glory great things He hath done*

3. Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.
3. Great things he hath taught us, great things
He hath done,
And great our rejoicing thro' Jesus the Son,
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see

JESUS TOOK OUR PLACE ON THE CROSS

For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.

1 Corinthians 1:17-18

The Cross of Jesus is the power of God, not a picture of defeat and weakness. When Jesus was crucified on the Cross, there was a divine exchange: He took our place of sin and death.

What power does the Cross reveal?

1. **The power of the love of God.** (John 15:13) *“Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.”* The Cross of Jesus shows how much God loves us.
2. **The power of humility and submission to God.** (Philippians 2:8-9) *“And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name.”* Submission to God will lead to promotion in life. When you humble yourself to the will and plan of God, He will promote you in destiny.
3. **The power of divine substitution.** He took our nature of humanity and gave us His new nature of divinity. (2 Corinthians 5:17) *“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature ...”*
 - He took our place of condemnation and gave us

His place of righteousness. (2 Corinthians 5:21)

- He took our place of misery and gave us His place of dignity and honour.
- He took our place of punishment and condemnation and gave us total restoration. (Romans 8:1-2).
- He took our place of captivity and gave us freedom and liberty (Hebrew 2:14-15).

Beloved, Christ has raised us to sit with him in heavenly places, far above principalities and powers. Your place is above.



PRAYER FOCUS

Father, thank You for raising me to sit with You in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

STUDY FOCUS

1 Corinthians
1:17-19

For further study, get the message:

THE POWER OF THE CROSS OF JESUS



1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

MORNING

Joshua 8:14 - 10:15

EVENING

Luke 7:18 - 7:39

RESPOND TO THE MESSAGE OF THE CROSS

After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst. When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

John 19:28 & 30

When Jesus died on the cross, God was giving a divine message to all who will believe.

- 1 The wisdom of God is greater than the wickedness of the devil.** (1 Corinthians 2:7-8) *“But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.”*
- 2. The love of God has been lavishly poured out.** (Romans 5:5) *“And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.”*
- 3. The judgement of God has been satisfactorily and successfully executed upon Jesus for man's freedom.**

How to respond to this message:

- 1. Receive, believe and obey the call to repentance and salvation.** (Philippians 1:29) *“For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake.”*

- 2. Devote and dedicate yourself to living the new life in Christ.**
- 3. Believe and consciously recognize that Christ lives in you and you are complete in Him.** (Colossians 2:10) *“And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power.”*



PRAYER FOCUS

Father, I accept Jesus into my life and all the benefits His death on the Cross brought to me.

STUDY FOCUS

John 19:28-30,
1 Corinthians 1:18

For further study, get the message:

THE VICTORY OF THE CROSS (IT IS FINISHED)



1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

MORNING

Joshua 10:16 - 12:13

EVENING

Luke 7:40 - 8:11

And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and bake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; for this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Matthew 26:26-28

Beloved, another access to benefitting from the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus is by the revelation of the power of the communion. Everything Jesus paid for are yours by right but can only be enjoyed by revelation.

Let's consider some revelations captured by the Holy Communion.

1. **It is a table of divine benefits prepared by God for His people.** In Psalm 23:5, the bible says, *"Thou prepares a table before me in the presence of my enemies, thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over".*
2. **It is the table of all divine virtues contained in the body and blood of Jesus, given to us in edible form.** (John 6:33) *"For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world."*
3. **It is a table of all good things from above, ready to be received by eating it.** (Psalm 103:5) *"Who satisfied thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagles."*

4. **It is a table of all divine blessings for our completeness.** The Bible in 1 Corinthians 10:16 says *"The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?"*

The blood of the communion is as potent as the blood that Jesus shed, and the bread of the communion is as potent as the body that was on Jesus.



FAITH FOCUS

Believe in the communion, it works wonders. Partake of the communion always with faith.

STUDY FOCUS

Matthew 26:17-30.

**For further study, get the message:
THE POWER OF THE COMMUNION**



1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

MORNING

Joshua 12:14 - 15:5

EVENING

Luke 8:12 - 8:33

Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord
Romans 12:11

The business of destiny, ministry and spirituality cannot be successfully actualized without fervency. What you're passionate about is where you will record progress, results and success. Examine yourself and be sure you are fervent, not slothful. (2 Corinthians 13:5a) *"Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves."*

The command by scripture that we should not be slothful is proof that there are slothful believers. To be fervent is to decide to be responsible for life. Let's look at what it means to be fervent.

1. **Energetic:** You need energy to pursue purpose. Weaklings don't go far in destiny. (Ephesians 6:10) *"Finally my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might."* . The kingdom of God is only possessed by the forceful and the energetic.
2. **Enthusiastic:** You need a passionate interest of mind, intense liveliness and hyper-alive involvement with extraordinary willingness to achieve success. (Nehemiah 4:6 NLT) *"At last the wall was completed to half its height around the entire city, for the people had worked with enthusiasm"* .
3. **Emotional.** Emotion is a force required for the

pursuit of success. It is only what moves your heart that your heart can move. (John 14:7) *"... and I brought him word again as it was in my heart."*

4. **Eager (Zealous):** To be restless and determined in your drive. Our God is a zealous God and He partners with zealous people. (Titus 2:4) *"Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem ... unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."*

Child of God, you must decide to be fervent and not slothful in your walk with God. Examine yourself sincerely and confront every spirit of dullness and passiveness in destiny. As you decide to be fervent, I see God granting you success in your pursuit in Jesus name.



PRAYER FOCUS

Father, thank you for Your Word. I reject slothfulness and receive the fervency of spirit in Jesus name.

STUDY FOCUS

John 2:13-17,
Matthew 11:12

For further study, get the message:

ARE YOU FERVENT OR SLOTHFUL?



1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

MORNING

Joshua 15:6 - 16:6



EVENING

Luke 8:34 - 8:55

LEARN TO PRAY LIKE JESUS

And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples

Luke 11:1

Jesus is our example in all things including prayer. (1 Peter 2:21) *“For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps.”* Prayer can be successfully taught and learnt. Jesus commanded us to learn all things from Him including how to pray.

Two ways we can learn to pray like Jesus include:

1. Copying his prayer practices.
2. Following His teachings on prayer.

Some prayer practices of Jesus:

1. **Pray well to begin new season well.** *“Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also being baptized and praying, the heaven opened”. (Luke 3:21).*
2. **Learn to pray early in the morning.** *“And in the morning rising up a great while before day, he went out and departed into a solitary place and there prayed” (Mark 1:35).*
3. **Pay in the night and through the night.** *“And it came to pass in the days, that he went out into a mountain*

to pray and continued all right in prayer to God” (Luke 6:12).

Beloved, when you pray like Jesus you will see results like Jesus.



PRAYER FOCUS

Lord, I receive the heart and mind of Christ to pray like Jesus.

STUDY FOCUS

Luke 11:1-6,
Matthew 14:22-24

For further study, get the message:

THE PRAYER LIFE OF JESUS

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

MORNING

Joshua 16:7 - 19:14

EVENING

Luke 8:56 - 9:21



PRAY TO RECEIVE POWER

He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

Isaiah 40:29

God gives power to the weary and worn out, and strength to the weak. Do not despair over your state of spiritual weakness, tiredness or powerlessness; instead pray to God for fresh power. Are you weak or low in faith, prayer, word, strength, zeal for service, or impact? God wants to baptize you with fresh power. (Acts 1:8) "... *Ye shall receive power ...*" God wants you to come to Him for a new level of spiritual power.

Facts to note:

1. **Every new season of life calls for fresh empowerment from God.** Yesterday's strength is not enough for today's exploits. (Acts 2:3-4) "*And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost...*"
2. **Receiving fresh power from God is an urgent spiritual necessity that must be taken seriously.** (Luke 24:49) "...*but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.*"
3. **Today's preparation determines tomorrow's manifestation.** Spend time with God and you will mount up in life. (Isa 40:31) "*But they that wait upon the*

Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles..."

Beloved, decide to break out of spiritual redundancy, normalcy and apathy. You must live a life of divine fire and power.

PRAYER FOCUS

Father, I yield my life to You as a vessel for Your use. Purge, prepare and empower me in Jesus name.

STUDY FOCUS

Matthew 3:11,
Psalms 63:1-2

For further study, get the message:

THE TIME TO RECEIVE POWER IS NOW

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

MORNING

Joshua 19:15 - 21:18

EVENING

Luke 9:22 - 9:43

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF CALVARY I

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be executed with Him. And when they came to the place which is called The Skull [Latin: Calvary; Hebrew: Golgotha], there they crucified Him, and [along with] the criminals, one on the right and one on the left. (AMP)

Luke 23:32-33

The death of Jesus at Calvary brought total victory to all mankind: victory from sin, Satan and hell. Because He paid the price, favour and total deliverance is yours; breakthrough, prosperity and eternity in heaven is yours. Receive total victory in the name of Jesus.

Note the following:

- **At Calvary, God's eternal plan of salvation was finally fulfilled.** (1 Peter 1:20) *"Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world...."*. Revelation 13:8 describes Jesus as *"... the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."* CALVARY is a proof that God's Word over your life will be fulfilled no matter the opposition.
- **At Calvary our preservation was guaranteed by His blood.** (Exodus 12:23) *"...and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the Lord will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you."*
- **At Calvary we have been ushered into the life of signs and wonders.** In the middle of His arrest on the way to Calvary, Jesus still performed signs and wonders. *'...And He touched his ear and healed him.'*

Luke 22:51 (NASU). Calvary commands signs and wonders.

- **At Calvary, God's love was demonstrated and freely given for sinful man.** (John 3:16 AMP) *"For God so greatly loved and dearly prized the world that He [even] gave up His only begotten (unique) Son, so that whoever believes in (trusts in, clings to, relies on) Him shall not perish (come to destruction, be lost) but have eternal (everlasting) life."*

Beloved, God greatly loves you and He died for you. He died for you even when you were His enemy. (Romans 5:7-8) *"We can understand someone dying for a person worth dying for, and we can understand how someone good and noble could inspire us to selfless sacrifice. But God put his love on the line for us by offering his Son in sacrificial death while we were of no use whatever to him."* Calvary is the fulfilment of God's love for you.



PRAYER FOCUS

Father, help me to appreciate your work on Calvary for my life. Let your love fill me through and through in the name of Jesus.

STUDY FOCUS

Romans 5.

For further study, get the message:

WHAT HAPPENED AT CALVARY?



1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

MORNING

Joshua 21:19 - 23:3



EVENING

Luke 9:44 - 10:3

**SUNDAY,
11TH
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SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE

AVOID UNGODLY PRIDE

PROVERBS 6:16-19

INTRODUCTION:

One of the things a Christian believer must dutifully avoid like a plague is Pride. Ungodly pride is an obnoxious evil that is just a step away to doom. God hates pride and opposes the proud. No matter how endowed or rich you are; Let it be settled in your heart that you're nothing without God.

Note the following about Pride

1. **God Hates Pride.** God hates pride in all its forms: overt or subtle. God cannot be deceived, He knows our heart conditions. Hate what God hates and stay away from Pride. Remember the Christian is someone the love of God has found. Prov.6:16, Proverbs 16:5; Prov.18:3; 1John 2:16
2. **Pride Will Definitely Lead To A Downfall.** The bible states unequivocally that pride will bring you down. The destiny of the proud is to fall because when God resists the proud, no one can help him. Proverbs 11:2a; Prov.16:18; Prov.18:12a ; Prov.29:23a
3. **Pride Can Be Caused By The Following:** Beauty, Material Abundance, Promotion and Intellectual Pride. When you ascribe any of these to your personal prowess, you deny God His glory and attract His judgement. Learn to Give God Glory all of the time. Eze.28:17; Deut.8:12-14;

2Chron.26:15-16; 1Tim.6:3-4

CONCLUSION

A proud thought from Satan infuriated God enough to cast him down from heaven. God hates pride loathsomely. Remember also Herod, smitten by an angel and eaten up by worms because he gave not God the Glory. Avoid Pride.

MEMORY VERSE

Proverbs 16:18

Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

PERSONAL ASSESSMENT

What is that thing in you that makes you proud? Bring it to order now before it brings you down.

HYMNS

1. OH LORD MY GOD

1. Oh Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hands has made
I see the stars, I hear the roaring thunder
Thy power thro-out, the universe displayed

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art*

2. When through the wood and forest glad I wonder
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
And I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brooks and feel the gentle breeze

3. When Christ shall come
With shout of exclamation
And lead me home what joy shall full my heart
Then I shall bow with humble adoration
And then proclaim my Lord how great Thou art

2. PRAISE TO THE LORD

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation
O my soul, praise Him, for he is thy health and
salvation;
All ye who hear,
Now to His temple draw near
Joining in glad adoration.

2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously
reigneth,
Shieldeth thee gently from harm, or when fainting
sustaineth;
Hast thou not seen
How thy heart's wishes have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?
3. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises
before Him!
Let the Amen, sound from His people again:
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

1. O WORSHIP THE KING ALL-GLORIOUS ABOVE

1. O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sin His power and His love,
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.
2. O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder-clouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.
3. The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, Thy power hath founded of old,
Hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath east, like a mantle, the sea

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF CALVARY 2

Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

Matthew 27:50-53

Calvary is a reminder to us that we should celebrate the love of God upon our lives. (John 3:16) *“For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”* Despite the fact that people may have rejected you, maltreated and despised you, and even though you may have failed and lost all glory, Jesus still chose to love you and die for you.

Calvary is a display of undying hope. (Job 14:9) *“For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease. Though the root thereof wax old in the earth, and the stock thereof die in the ground; Yet through the scent of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant.”*

Because of Calvary, you are not permitted to give up in life. Jesus did not give up when He was tortured and crucified for you, you shouldn't give up on life for His sake. *“And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.”* (Matthew 26:39). *“And being found in fashion as a man, he*

humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.” (Philippians 2:8). Jesus did not give up on you; do not give up. Your victory is guaranteed through Calvary.

Beloved, when you remember Calvary, remember God's love, recall the persistence and resolve of Jesus not to give up. Celebrate the love of Jesus daily. God bless you.

PRAYER FOCUS

Father, because of Your work at Calvary, I refuse to give up in life. I make a decision today to serve You with all my heart. Thank you for your love.

STUDY FOCUS

Isaiah 53

For further study, get the message:

WHAT HAPPENED AT CALVARY

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

MORNING

Joshua 23:4 - 24:33,
Judges 1:1 - 1:18

EVENING

Luke 10:4 - 10:25

Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.

Zechariah 4:6

The Holy Spirit is the spirit of power. (2 Timothy 1:7) *“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”* Beloved, we need the power of God to live for God and do His work.

Why the Holy Spirit is called the Spirit of Power

- 1. He equips people with God's power.** (1 Corinthians 2:4) *“And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.”*
- 2. He shields and secures people with God's power.** (Isaiah 4:5) *“And the Lord will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory shall be a defence.”*

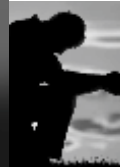
Power is

1. Authority to rule, subdue and dominate.
2. Capacity to change and cause changes.
3. Audacity to confront, conquer and control.

Operations of the Spirit of Power in Scriptures:

1. Creating things that are desired but don't exist. (Psalms 33:6) *“By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.”*

2. **Quickening dead things back to life.** (John 6:63) *“It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.”*



PRAYER FOCUS

Father, in the name of Jesus everything I need in life, I claim and receive by the power of the Holy Spirit.

STUDY FOCUS

Isaiah 40:29,
John 1:12,
Psalm 66:3, 110:2-3

For further study, get the message:

HOLY SPIRIT: THE SPIRIT OF POWER



1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

MORNING

Judges 1:19 - 3:23

EVENING

Luke 10:26 - 11:5

But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6:22-23

Calvary is the place where Jesus was crucified. His death on the cross was necessary for the redemption of man. (Deuteronomy 21:23. NLT) "...for anyone who is hung is cursed in the sight of God." God turned His back on His only begotten son that He might accept you into His family. (Matthew 27:46) "And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

Why is Calvary so important to every believer?

- **At Calvary, the sinless Son of God took our sins upon Himself and was made sin for us that we sinners might be made the righteousness of God through Him.** He died because of sin, and gave us the gift of eternal life. (Romans 6:23) "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."
- The Lamb of God died the worst death in our place and for our sins, giving His life as a ransom for our salvation.
- The head of the serpent, Satan the devil, was

bruised, destroyed and he was eternally defeated. (Colossians 2:14-15. NCV) "He cancelled the debt, which listed all the rules we failed to follow. He took away that record with its rules and nailed it to the cross. God stripped the spiritual rulers and powers of their authority. With the cross, he won the victory and showed the world that they were powerless."

Beloved, there is therefore now no condemnation or defeat for those who are in Christ Jesus. Satan can no longer hold you down, death has been defeated, (1 Corinthians 15:55-57) "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? ... thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."



PRAYER FOCUS

Father, I receive your gift of righteousness and eternal life, and I reject sin and death. Thank Jesus you for accepting to die on Calvary for my redemption.

STUDY FOCUS

Romans 8

For further study, get the message:

WHAT HAPPENED AT CALVARY



1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

MORNING

Judges 3:24 - 6:1

EVENING

Luke 11:6 - 11:27

Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.

Zechariah 4:6

Beloved, the work of God cannot be done without the power of God. The Holy Spirit is the spirit of power. (Isaiah 11:2) *“And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord”*

Why the Holy Spirit is called the Spirit of Power

- 1. He custodies the power of God.** (Romans 1:4) *“And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.”*
- 2. He deploys God's power into situations.** (Jeremiah 32:17) *“Ah Lord God! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee”.*
- 3. He deposits God's power upon people.** (Micah 3:8) *“But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the Lord...”*

Power is

1. Energy to command speedy progress.
2. Potency and potentials for productivity.
3. Mentality for outstanding performance.

Operations of the Spirit of Power in Scripture

- 1. Doing miracles, signs and wonders.** (Luke 4:18)

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised.”

- 2. Destroying bondage and afflictions.** (Isaiah 10:27) *“And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.”*

To see these results in our lives, we need to connect with the Holy Spirit for His help and empowerment.



PRAYER FOCUS

In the name of Jesus I connect with the Holy Spirit by faith for the breakthrough miracle I need.

STUDY FOCUS

Isaiah 40:39,
Deuteronomy 18:8,
Romans 8:11

For further study, get the message:

HOLY SPIRIT: THE SPIRIT OF POWER

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

MORNING

Judges 6:2 - 7:25

EVENING

Luke 11:28 - 11:49



**RECEIVE GOOD THINGS
BY THE GOSPEL**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

Luke 4:18

The gospel means good news. The gospel is good news about good things. The gospel contains good things, delivers good things and causes good things to happen for people.

Note the following about the gospel:

1. The gospel is the gospel of God.
2. The gospel is the gospel of Jesus Christ.
3. The gospel is the gospel of the kingdom
4. The gospel is the gospel of God's word.
5. The gospel is God's prepared table of good things.

Good things available in the gospel:

1. **Salvation:** (Romans 1:16) *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."*
2. **Blessing:** (Galatians 3:13-14) *"Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us; for it is written, cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: that the blessing of Abraham might come on the gentiles through*

Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the spirit through faith."

3. **Light:** (Psalm 119:130) *"The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple."*
4. **Truth:** *"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth" (John 17:17).*
5. **Mercy and love:** (Luke 1:78-79) *"Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us; to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."*

In conclusion, the gospel is God's message full of good things. Receive, believe and be blessed.



PRAYER FOCUS

Father, in the name of Jesus, cause every good thing available in the gospel be released into my life and destiny. Amen.

**STUDY
FOCUS**

Isaiah 61:1-3,
Ephesians 1:17-18

**For further study, get the message:
GOOD THINGS OF THE GOSPEL**

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN



MORNING

Judges 8:1 - 9:29



EVENING

Luke 11:50 - 12:17

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners

Isaiah 61:1 (NIV)

Every good thing and every good news flows out of the goodness of God. (James 1:17) *“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.”* The good things of God are made possible by the power of the anointing. Jesus came in the power of the anointing to deliver all good things to man. As we connect and flow in the anointing, we are empowered to enjoy the flow of good things.

How the anointing brings the flow of good things:

- 1. The anointing of the Holy Ghost can create something good out of every ugly situation.** *“And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light; and there was light”* (Genesis 1:2-3).
- 2. The anointing of the Holy Ghost destroys yokes and bondages to release good happenings.** *“And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing”.* (Isaiah 10:27).

- 3. The anointing of the Holy Ghost magnets good things into people’s destiny.** *“Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.”* (Psalm 23:5-6).

Be blessed by the anointing of the Holy Ghost.



PRAYER FOCUS

Father in the name of Jesus destroy every garment of shame from my life. I magnet and retain good things and good news by the anointing of the Holy Ghost.

STUDY FOCUS

1 Samuel 10:1-7,
Isaiah 61:1-7

For further study, get the message:

ANOINTED TO GENERATE GOOD NEWS



1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

MORNING

Judges 9:30 - 11:18



EVENING

Luke 12:18 - 12:39

As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

Galatians 6:10

One of the gifts God gives to men to facilitate destiny impact is opportunity. To make impact in life and destiny, you must learn to make use of opportunity. Opportunity abounds everywhere in life. Every opportunity is an opening for making impact. All meaningful opportunities will place a demand on you. A great opportunity can come in a very negative season or environment. (1 Samuel 17:23) *“And as he talked with them, behold, there came up the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, out of the armies of the Philistines, and spake according to the same words: and David heard them.”*

Let us consider some kinds of opportunities:

1. **Sovereign or divine opportunities.** (Luke 5:3-4) *“And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And...he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.”*
2. **Self-created opportunities:** (Judges 12:3) *“...And when I saw that ye delivered me not, I put my life in my hands, and passed over against the children of Ammon, and the Lord delivered them into my hand....”* If you follow your passion, you will enter into your position.
3. **Subtle or disguised opportunities.** These are

opportunities that are not obvious. (1 Samuel 16:17-18) *“And Saul said unto his servants, Provide me now a man that can play well, and bring him to me. Then answered one of the servants, and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, that is cunning in playing, and a mighty valiant man, and a man of war, and prudent in matters, and a comely person, and the Lord is with him.”*

Beloved, learn to value opportunity. It creates room to receive unusual favour, to exercise uncommon faith, and to render service to man and God. Learn to expect, appreciate and invest in opportunities. In life, what you invest is what you harvest. You are blessed.



PRAYER FOCUS

Father, I receive the gift of opportunities into my life. I receive the grace to be diligent and serve selflessly in the house of God and everywhere I find myself.

**STUDY
FOCUS**

1 Samuel 16

For further study, get the message:

OPPORTUNITY: YOUR MOMENT FOR IMPACT 1



1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

MORNING

Judges 11:19 - 14:2

EVENING

Luke 12:40 - 13:2

**SUNDAY,
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SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE

AVOID SLOTHFULNESS

MATTHEW 25:14-30

INTRODUCTION:

A Slothful person is one who is lazy, indolent and exhibits spiritual apathy. Another word for Slothful in the bible is sluggard. Every Christian should be active, vibrant, productive and consciously avoid slothfulness. God works and so must you.

- Let's consider some dangers of Slothfulness
1. **Suffering And Penury Are Associated With The Slothful.** The Bible teaches that poverty travels with the slothful. Only those who work hard are qualified to enjoy rest. You can escape the reproach of slothfulness by deliberate resolve to work smart and hard. Prov.6:9-11; Prov.10:4; Prov.12:24; Proverbs24:33-34.
 2. **Excuses And Wastefulness Are Associated With The Slothful.** When you're slothful and insensitive, you lose life and destiny opportunities. Such people are unprofitable and just like salt that has lost its saltiness, they will be despised, become beggarly and settle in failure. Prov.20:4; Prov.12:27; Prov.18:9; Matt.5:13.
 3. **Slothful People Usually End Up As Gossips, Liars And Idlers.** Slothful people are comfortable amongst their kind. No successful

person wants to be associated with Sloths; As such they lack helpers and end up as busy bodies, gossips and liars who say things they ought not to. 1Tim.5:13; 2Thess.3:10-12; Prov.10:26; Prov.14 :23

CONCLUSION

The choice is yours to make either to be slothful and end in shame; or be Industrious and successful. Life works out for those who work hard and smart. Set goals for yourself, grow in your spirituality, join a department in church and be consistent both in worship and service

MEMORY VERSE

Romans 12:11

Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

PERSONAL ASSESSMENT

How passionate, committed and consistent is your service in Church? Do you have set goals with definite timelines?

HYMNS

3. BLESSED ASSURANCE

1. Blessed assurance Jesus is mine
Oh, what a fore taste of glory Divine
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His spirit, washed in His blood

*This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Saviour all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Saviour all the day long*

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture burst on my sight:
Angels descending, bring from above,
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
3. Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Saviour am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above
Fill'd with His goodness, lost in His love

2. WE PRAISE, WE WORSHIP THEE O GOD

1. We praise, we worship Thee O God;
Thy sovereign power we sound abroad;
All nations bow before Thy throne,
And Thee the great Jehovah own.
2. Loud hallelujahs to Thy Name
Angels and seraphim proclaim;
By all the powers and thrones in heaven

Eternal praise to Thee is given.

3. Glory to Thee, O God most high!
Father, we praise Thy majesty;
The son, the Spirit we adore
One Godhead, blest for evermore.

3. IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days
Almighty, victorious, Thy great Name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. Great Father of glory, pure Father of Light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.

I have observed something else under the sun. The fastest runner doesn't always win the race, and the strongest warrior doesn't always win the battle. The wise sometimes go hungry, and the skilful are not necessarily wealthy. And those who are educated don't always lead successful lives. It is all decided by chance, by being in the right place at the right time.

Ecclesiastes 9:11 (NLT)

One of the key instruments for commanding destiny impact is the gift of opportunity. Proper use of opportunity makes destiny beautiful and colourful. (Ecclesiastes 3:11). *"He hath made every thing beautiful in his time...."* A life without purpose is a life without a future. Opportunity is from the Greek word "Kairos" and it means *convenient time* or *appropriate occasion*. It is important to note that opportunity comes to everyone at some time. No opportunity waits for anyone forever. Opportunities are best maximized by those that are prepared. Not every opportunity that comes is good or godly.

How do opportunities come?

- **Opportunities can come at set-time:** (Psalm 102:13) *"Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come."*
- **Opportunities can also be supernaturally programmed:** (Genesis 8:20-21) *"And Noah builded an altar unto the Lord; and took of every clean beast, and of*

every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. And the Lord smelled a sweet savour; and the Lord said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake...."

- **Opportunities can be sought:** Only those who press possess. (Luke 16:16) *"The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it."*

Beloved, recognize the available opportunities, maximize those opportunities and recognize that there is a price to pay for access. What you do not recognize you cannot receive or benefit from. Adapt to and utilize every opportunity available to you.



PRAYER FOCUS

Father, open my eyes to see the opportunities available to me. I receive the grace to maximize the opportunities available to me.

STUDY FOCUS

1 Samuel 17

For further study, get the message:

OPPORTUNITY: YOUR MOMENT FOR IMPACT



1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

MORNING

Judges 14:3 - 16:26

EVENING

Luke 13:3 - 13:24

'And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him.'

Daniel 2:21-22

Beloved, when opportunities are utilized, destiny becomes beautiful and colourful. Opportunities not utilized result in destiny failure and frustration. (Ecclesiastes 8:6-7. NLT) *"For there is a time and a way for everything, even when a person is in trouble. Indeed, how can people avoid what they don't know is going to happen?"* Without opportunities, destiny potentials remain unproductive.

All favourable opportunities are a gift from God. The opportunities that come to you affect your performance and productivity. (John 9:4. BBE) *"While it is day we have to do the works of him who sent me: the night comes when no work may be done."* Opportunities do not announce themselves, they have to be sought after, discovered and utilized. How you invest in the opportunity determines what you harvest from it.

The different kinds of opportunities:

- 1. Seasonal opportunities:** (Ecclesiastes 3:1. AMP) *"To everything there is a season, and a time for every matter or purpose under heaven."*
- 2. Set-up opportunities:** These are opportunities that come via human connections. To maximize this type of opportunity, you must be cordial, friendly and principled. Before people give you favour or access, they

have to see your principles. (Proverbs 18:24) *"A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly..."*

- 3. Surrendered Opportunities:** These are opportunities meant for others that they failed to utilize and therefore transferred to others. Saul's kingship was transferred to David and Eli's priesthood was transferred to Samuel.

To effectively maximize opportunities you must open your heart to perceive and discern opportunities. Your level of perception affects the extent of your connection. Develop capacity for opportunities. Press into opportunities. Success happens when preparation meets opportunity. Opportunity can't be possessed by the timid, fearful or cowardly. Be bold, focused and determined. You will not miss your opportunities in Jesus name.



PRAYER FOCUS

Father, in the name of Jesus, I recover every lost opportunity. Right now, I receive the grace to effectively maximize every opportunity.

STUDY FOCUS

Acts 9

For further study, get the message:

OPPORTUNITY: YOUR MOMENT FOR IMPACT



1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

MORNING

Judges 16:27 - 19:15



EVENING

Luke 13:25 - 14:11

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. We love him, because he first loved us.

1 John 4:18-19

Beloved, God is love, therefore no man or woman understands love more than God. (1 John 4:16) *“And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.”* Anyone who has not received God's love does not have what it takes to show true love.

What are the characteristics of true love?

1. **It has its foundation in God who is love.** (1 John 4:16) *“... God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.”*
2. **It steps out to show love.** It takes action without being asked. *“The moment Jacob spotted Rachel... arriving with his uncle Laban's sheep, he went and single-handedly rolled the stone from the mouth of the well and watered the sheep of his uncle Laban.”* (Genesis 29:10. MSG).
3. **True love reserves sex until marriage.** *“NOWAS to the matters of which you wrote me. It is well [and by that I mean advantageous, expedient, profitable, and wholesome] for a man not to touch a woman [to cohabit with her]...”* (1 Corinthians 7:1. AMP).

True love comes from God. Therefore to love truly you must connect to God wholeheartedly and committedly.



PRAYER FOCUS

Lord Jesus, help me to be an example of your true love to others.

STUDY FOCUS

Romans 5:5,
1 John 4:7-8

For further study, get the message:

PURSUE LOVE



1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

MORNING

Judges 19:16 - 21:1

EVENING

Luke 14:12 - 14:33

There is no fear in love: true love has no room for fear, because where fear is, there is pain; and he who is not free from fear is not complete in love. We have the power of loving, because he first had love for us.

1 John 4:18-19 BBE

Beloved, true love cannot be measured by feelings. God's love for us is unconditional and cannot be measured by feelings or circumstances. (Romans 5:7-8. MSG) *"We can understand someone dying for a person worth dying for, and we can understand how someone good and noble could inspire us to selfless sacrifice. But God put his love on the line for us by offering his Son in sacrificial death while we were of no use whatever to him."* True love is unconditional love.

More characteristics of true love

1. **True love is not self-seeking.** It is sacrificial. (John 3:16) *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."*
2. **True love takes responsibility.** (Mark 10:7,9. AMP) *"For this reason a man shall leave [behind] his father and his mother and be joined to his wife and cleave closely to her permanently... What therefore God has united (joined together), let not man separate or divide."*
3. **True love overlooks offence.** (Proverbs 19:11)

MSG) *"Smart people know how to hold their tongue; their grandeur is to forgive and forget."*

4. **True love is not proud, touchy, easily offended, rude or arrogant.** (1 Corinthians 13:14 BBE) *"Love is never tired of waiting; love is kind; love has no envy; love has no high opinion of itself, love has no pride; Love's ways are ever fair..."*

True love makes effort in maintaining peace. People who don't know how to pursue peace are not walking in true love. Those who love God will seek peace. (Matthew 5:9) *"Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God."* Pursue true love.



PRAYER FOCUS

Father, I receive the grace to love You with all my heart and might. Help me to love others truly in Jesus name.

STUDY FOCUS

1 Corinthians 13:4

For further study, get the message:

PURSUE LOVE



1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

MORNING
Judges 21:2 - 21:25,
Ruth 1:1 - 2:18

EVENING
Luke 14:34 - 15:20

O LORD, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.

Psalm 104:24

The world and everything that God made was created with the instrument of divine wisdom. You too can use wisdom to create the world you desire to see. If you access divine wisdom, you will make God's kind of impact.

Inspiration is the impartation of divine wisdom, revelation and knowledge into man by God, to make him a commander of wonders and exploits. When God blesses a man with divine inspiration, he becomes mentally productive and full of results. *“And he set the rods which he had pilled before the flocks in the gutters in the watering troughs when the flocks came to drink, that they should conceive when they came to drink. And the flocks conceived before the rods, and brought forth cattle ringstraked, speckled, and spotted”* (Genesis 30:38-39).

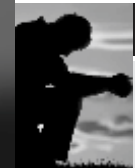
How do you access divine inspiration?

1. Desire it from God.
2. Ask for it in passionate prayer with fasting.
3. Receive the Holy Spirit in increasing measure.
4. Accumulate God's Word in your heart.
5. Submit and sit under anointed pastoral impartation.
6. Be a giver to God, His Word and the poor.

Your destiny depends on God for success. You

cannot accomplish your purpose on earth without the flow of divine inspiration. Daniel distinguished himself from his contemporaries by divine inspiration. *“God made the four young men smart and wise. They read a lot of books and become well educated. Daniel could also tell the meaning of dreams and vision”* (Daniel 1:17 CEV).

Divine inspiration is a key you cannot do without in your pursuit of higher levels of success.



PRAYER FOCUS

Father, I receive Your wisdom and divine inspiration. I must matter in my world.

STUDY FOCUS

Genesis 41:37-40,
1 Corinthians 2:6-7

For further study, get the message:

DIVINE INSPIRATION



1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

MORNING

Ruth 2:19 - 4:22,
1 Samuel 1:1 - 1:19

EVENING

Luke 15:21 - 16:10

Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies make thy way straight before my face

Psalm 5:8

To ensure a future of good success, we must seek God for divine direction. That is what makes the difference between advancement and frustration, progress and stagnation. Divine direction is our escape route from shame in destiny. (Ezra 8:21-23) *“... to seek of him a right way for us and for our little ones, and for all our substance. So we fasted and besought our God for this: and he was entreated of us.”*

Divine direction answers the question of what to do; where to go and who to connect with.

What is divine direction?

1. **God leading you in the right way.** (Psalm 107:7) *“And led them forth by the right way that they might go to a city of habitation.”*
2. **God accompanying you with His presence in the way.** (Exodus 13:21) *“And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud, to lead them the way.”*
3. **God backing you up and partnering with you in the right way.** (Mark 16:20) *“And they went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the*

word with signs and wonders following. Amen.”

4. **God making your way successful and prosperous.** *“... I being in the way the Lord led me to the house of my masters brethren ... and prosper thy way and thou shall take a wife for my son ...”* (Genesis 24:27, 40).

Beloved, dreams direction is what connects a man to the help and intervention of God. When God directs, He protects.



PRAYER FOCUS

Father, help me to follow your leading that will guarantee my success in life and destiny in Jesus name.

STUDY FOCUS

Ezra 8:21 - 23

For further study, get the message:

SEEK GOD FOR DIVINE DIRECTION



1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

MORNING

1 Samuel 1:20 - 3:19

EVENING

Luke 16:11 - 17:1

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

Galatians 6:7

The command of sowing and reaping is God's divine plan and idea for man's success. The seed was given to man for continuous sowing. (Genesis 8:22) *"While the earth remaineth, seed time and harvest ... shall not cease."*

Our God honours sowing and reaping. He provides the seed as a key for reproduction. (Genesis 1:11) *"And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass the herbs yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth and it was so."*

Seed refers to anything of value that you have to give in expectation for what you need.

How should we sow for our success?

- Sow promptly:** (Genesis 22:2-3) *"And he said, take now they son, thine only son Isaac whom thou lovest, and get thee unto the land of Moriah, and offer him ... And Abraham rose up early in the morning and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him and Isaac his son."* Abraham did not delay to offer Isaac to God.
- Sow cheerfully:** (2 Corinthians 9:7) *"Every man according as he has purposed in his heart, so let him give not grudgingly, or of necessity for God loveth a cheerful giver."* Joy is a sign of trust in God.
- So sacrificially:** (Mark 14:3) *"And being in Bethany in the*

house of Simon, the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious and she brake the box and poured it on his head"
Those who sow sacrificially reap bountifully.



PRAYER FOCUS

Father, by the revelation of Your Word, I engage the key of sowing for my record-breaking success in Jesus name.

STUDY FOCUS

Genesis 22:1-16

**For further study, get the message:
SOWING FOR RECORD-BREAKING SUCCESS**



1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

MORNING

1 Samuel 3:20 - 7:7

EVENING

Luke 17:2 - 17:23

**SUNDAY,
25TH
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SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE **PRAY WITHOUT CEASING**

MARK 14:33-38

INTRODUCTION:

Christians are commanded to pray without ceasing. Prayer is the live wire of a fruit bearing Christian. It is instructive to note that Jesus our perfect example was a man given to prayers. This no doubt validates the fact that a consistent and vibrant prayer life is required for a life of supernatural exploits.

Prayer is required for the following

1. **Spiritual Warfare.** Every Christian is in constant battle with principalities and powers and other forces of darkness. It is through prayer that we deploy our spiritual weapons to win life's battles. To be prayerless is to allow the enemy run riot in your life. Eph.6:12-18; 2Cor.10:4; Luke 10:19
2. **Intimacy with God.** God desires to spend time with His children. Prayer provides the privileged opportunity to fellowship with God. When you pray, you pour out your heart to God, while God pours out His love, wisdom and power into us. Mark 3:14; Psalm 27:4; Jer.33:3;
3. **To Receive From God.** Prayer provides the Christian the opportunity to ask and receive

from God. Until you pray in faith in the name of Jesus, you're are not qualified to receive. Anything you lack and desire can be received in the place of prayer. Matt.7:7-8; John 16:23-24; Matt.21:22; 1Chron.4:9-10

CONCLUSION

To be successful in your walk with God, you must spend quality time in prayer. Prayer investment is an investment that pays in all areas of life. Praying without ceasing will set you up for a life of exploits

MEMORY VERSE

Ephesians 6:18

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints

PERSONAL ASSESSMENT

Does Praying Excite You? How consistent is your prayer life?

HYMNS

3. MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

1. My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus name

*On Christ the solid rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand*

2. When darkness seems to hide his face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
3. When he shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne

2. MY GOD, HOW WONDERFUL

1. My God, how wonderful Thou art,
Thy majesty how bright!
How beautiful thy mercy-seat,
In depths of burning light!
2. How dread are Thine eternal years,
O everlasting Lord,
By prostrate spirits day and night
Incessantly adored.

3. How beautiful, how beautiful,
The sight of Thee must be,
Thine endless wisdom, boundless power,
And awful purity!

1. ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS

All hail the power of Jesus' name
Let angels prostrate fall
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
crown Him, crown Him, crown Him
crown Him, And crown Him Lord of all.

2. Ye seed of Israel's chosen race
Ye ransom from the fall
Ye ransom'd from the fall
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
crown Him, crown Him, crown Him
crown Him, And crown Him Lord of all.
3. Oh that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall,
Join in the everlasting son,
And crown Him Lord of all
And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
crown Him, crown Him, crown Him
crown Him, And crown Him Lord of all.

Be not deceived: God is not mocked; for what so ever a man soweth, that shall he also reap

Galatians 6:7

God has given man seed as the key to all desired harvest. Inside every seed is a future harvest. (Genesis 1:29) *“And God said, Behold, I have given you every herbs bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.”*

The quality of your seed will affect the quality of your harvest. Learn to sow bountifully and sacrificially. (Psalm 126:6) *“He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheave with him.”*

Abraham lived a life of sowing and reaping, and was greatly blessed. (Genesis 22:1-2 AMP) *“Now after these things, God tested the faith and commitment of Abraham and said to him “Abraham ... Take you son, your only son (of promise) ... and go to the region of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering ...”*

Benefits of Seed sowing from Abraham's life

- 1. Seed secures manifestation of the promised blessing.** (Genesis 22:15-16) *“And the angel of the Lord called unto Abraham ... and said, by myself have I sworn saith the Lord ... in blessing I will bless you and in multiplying, will multiply thy seed.”*

- 2. Seed provokes flow of vision and revelation.** (Genesis 22:13) *“And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind a ram caught in the thicket by his horns ...”*
- 3. Seed terminates prolonged limitations.** (Genesis 24:1) *“And Abraham was old and well stricken in age and the Lord lead blessed Abraham in all things.”*
- 4. Seed sponsors preservation and deliverance from evil.** (Genesis 15:1) *“... fear not Abram, I am thy shield and thy exceeding great reward ...”*



PRAYER FOCUS

Lord, as I obey Your Word and sow my seed, destroy every anti-harvest force in my life, family and destiny in Jesus name.

STUDY FOCUS

Psalm 126:1-6

**For further study, get the message:
UNDERSTANDING THE POWER
OF SOWING AND REAPING**



1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

MORNING

1 Samuel 7:8 - 10:5

EVENING

Luke 17:24 - 18:8

And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.

Genesis 2:19

Beloved, connections in life and destiny was a part of God's original idea from the beginning of creation. Everyone's blessing in life is tied to his connection with others, and every level of relationship connection should be preserved for future benefit.

Some levels of destiny connections.

1. **Divine connection.** This is our connection to God. (John 15:5) *"I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing."*
2. **Parental connection.** This is our genetic link to our parents. It is responsible for our make-up. Without our parents, we would not exist.
3. **Family connection.** Creation will rebel against anyone that rebels against his family. (Psalm 68:6) *"God setteth the solitary in families..."*
4. **Spiritual connection.** This is your connection with your church family. It is in the church that we are raised and groomed in the principles of God. Having a

pastor that connects you to God's Word and truth is a blessing.

5. **Marital connection.** This refers to the person God has prepared for you and is preparing you for. It matters who you marry.

Child of God, the creator has ordained all people to be divinely connected and remain planted in proper and positive relationships. Value and maintain all divine connections.



PRAYER FOCUS

*Father, I connect myself to You.
Help me to connect and relate
wisely with others.*

**STUDY
FOCUS**

Proverbs 30:17,
Genesis 2:15-18

For further study, get the message:

VALUE DESTINY CONNECTIONS



1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

MORNING

1 Samuel 10:6 - 13:2

EVENING

Luke 18:9 - 18:30

But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

1 Peter 5:10

Beloved, do not be moved by any attack of trials and persecution that might come against you. God has great glory prepared for us. (Acts 7:55) *“But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God.”* The greatest glory God has for us is laid up in heaven.

Facts to note about the glory of God in heaven:

1. Heaven is a place of eternal glory. (It is a place of eternity)
2. **The glory of heaven surpasses anything on earth.** (1 Peter 1:4) *“To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you.”*
3. **God wants all believers to make the glory of heaven their greatest desire.** (Colossians 3:1-2) *“If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.”*

What does the glory of heaven consist of?

1. **Resurrection life and body.** (1 Corinthians 15:42-44)

“So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption... It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.”

2. **Reunion with our Lord and lover of our soul.** (1 Thessalonians 4:17) *“Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”*
3. **Release from all tears, troubles and tribulations.** (2 Thessalonians 1:7) *“And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels.”*

Beloved, to live to enjoy the glory of heaven you must live to please God, stand firm in faith and live, labouring in kingdom service. God bless you.



PRAYER FOCUS

Oh Jesus, keep me clothed in Your righteousness. Do not let me fall. Help me to keep serving You.

STUDY FOCUS

1 Peter 5:10,
1 Thessalonians
4:16-17

**For further study, get the message:
GLORY IN HEAVEN**



1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

MORNING

1 Samuel 13:3 - 14:43

EVENING

Luke 18:31 - 19:9

But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

1 Peter 5:10

More facts to note about the glory of God in heaven include:

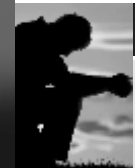
1. **Jesus while on earth had a greater desire for the glory of heaven than life on earth.** *“And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.”* (John 17:5). 1 Peter 1:11 tells about the suffering of Christ and the glory that should follow. *“Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.”*
2. **No suffering in life should make any believer backslide, and forfeit the glory of heaven.** (1 Peter 4:13) *“But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ’s sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.”*

What does the glory of heaven consist of?

1. **Rest from labour.** (Revelations 14:13) *“And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.”*

2. **Reward and promotion for faithful service.** (1 Peter 5:4) *“And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.”*

Beloved, it is not how long we live that counts, but how well we live for God and His kingdom.



PRAYER FOCUS

*Father, help me to live for You.
Satan will not cheat me of the glory
prepared for me in heaven.*

**STUDY
FOCUS**

1 Peter 5:10,
1 Corinthians
15:40-43

For further study, get the message:

GLORY IN HEAVEN



1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

MORNING

1 Samuel 14:44 - 16:20

EVENING

Luke 19:10 - 19:31

**GOD'S WORD BRINGS THE
HARVEST OF GOOD THINGS**

Blessed be the Lord, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant.

1 Kings 8:56

God's Word is a good Word. (Hebrews 6:5) *"And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come."*

How the Word of God brings us good things:

1. The Word of God is the force that created all good things in life.
2. The Word of God gives us knowledge, enabling us to enjoy all good things that God has for us.

Let us consider some key connections between good things and God's Word.

1. **God's Word is God's promise that makes available all good things.** (Isaiah 34:16) *"Seek ye out of the book of the Lord, and read: no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered them."*
2. **God's Word is the good news that gives information about all the good things God has and can give.** (Proverbs 12:25) *"...but a good word maketh it glad."*
3. **The Word of God is God's blueprint that outlines**

how God performs His good works. (Jeremiah 29:10) *"For thus saith the Lord, That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place."*

Beloved, know more of God's Word and you will enjoy more of His harvest of good things.



ACTION FOCUS

Receive God's Word, believe, declare, pray and act out God's Word.

STUDY FOCUS

2 Timothy 2:15,
Jeremiah 29:10-11,
Psalm 119:18, 165

For further study, get the message:

**STUDY GOD'S WORD FOR A
HARVEST OF GOOD THINGS**



1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

MORNING

1 Samuel 16:21 - 18:3



EVENING

Luke 19:32 - 20:5