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and be refined unto God's goodness

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**Blessings.**

## **DAY 1**

### **TOPIC: CALL HIM FATHER**

**TEXT: Romans 8:15**

**Written by: ALADE OLUWASEGUN**

*‘For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.’*

In the Old Testament writings, no man ever dared to call God ‘Father’. He was either called ‘Jehovah’, ‘Yahweh’ or any other name but not ‘Father’. Jesus was the first person who expressly referred to God as ‘Father’ in the bible (*Mark 14:6*).

While other religions of the world hold the opinion that the Almighty God does not have a son and hence cannot be referred to as ‘Father’. The christian belief, however, is on the contrary. The word of God reveals the truth that the moment a man believes in Jesus; he becomes a son of God. He receives the spirit of sonship and can therefore relate with God as father.

It is very important for the believer to know that God is his father and should not relate with God as one vague entity but as his father. This relationship is made possible by the work of Christ Jesus on the cross.

Many believers ignorantly call God several names in order to eulogize him or revere him in their minds. But most of these names, invented by man, are not authorized by scriptures. In fact, some of these names breed fear and terror for God rather than love and reverence.

God is not a man. It has pleased Him to call us His sons; joint-heirs with Christ, same in character with Him. It suffices to call him ‘Father’.

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## **DAY 2**

**TOPIC: WAIT UPON THE LORD**

**TEXT: Isaiah 40:29-31**

**Written by: HARRISON AYINTETE**

*"29 He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. 30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: 31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."*

Many often confuse the above text for some exhortation to wait for God to move, wait for God to fix their situations, wait for God to help them, wait for God to show them what to do. The opposite is valid as regards this text; the text rather emphasizes drawing strength from God for action, not a passive position of waiting, hoping God will do something.

Many believers blame God today for happenings around them; they ask why God allowed a calamity to strike, why God didn't help them before the situation became 'irreversible'. They have been taught to wait for God; they have been taught to be powerless; they have been taught to be passive, hoping for some intervention. The text above says very differently; we are to wait upon God, not wait for Him; for He is neither inactive nor distant. Even though this text is an Old Testament writing, the man in Christ is to learn a lot from it. We are to acknowledge God's Spirit and power within us; we are to recognize God's ability within us. We are not to lean on physical strength which runs out, or physical sense which has limits; we are to draw from the strength in our recreated spirits and mount up like eagles, glide against the obstacles, and soar above the currents. We are to run, be in motion, make progress, against all odds, actively drawing from God's strength within us.

The situations in the earth realm often drown many but we are on the Lord's side, drawing strength from His endless strength, now and forever more.

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## **DAY 3**

## **TOPIC: REJOICE ALWAYS!**

**TEXT: Philippians 4:4**

**Written by: ALOBA TOWOJU**

***“Rejoice in the Lord alway: [and] again I say, Rejoice.”***

To rejoice is an active word that connotes giving expression to joy. A man cannot be said to be rejoicing when he's just gloomy and despondent. Rejoicing is an activity that is seen in physical display as it is done with shouting, jumping, lifting of hands and many others. In rejoicing, it shouldn't be difficult for anyone around to know that the subject is really excited.

The believer in Christ has joy as a fruit he has been enabled to display as a result of the new birth. A believer does not at any point in time lack joy. This is seen in the fact that Apostle Paul gave the instruction that the Philippians must rejoice always. It will be wickedness for him to have given an instruction for them to display what they may lack at some point. In short, joy is forever installed in the believer, as he has received the Holy Ghost who is an eternal seal.

Despite this background knowledge, it is a fact that in the earth realm there are times that we face challenging situations. At such times, worrying, crying, depression and so on are the responses that a natural man will give. But hey! That shouldn't be from the believer! He is instructed to rejoice! Such was seen in the life of Paul and Silas; even when they were in prison (Acts 16:20-29), they rejoiced irrespective of their situation.

The instruction to rejoice is for you also. Circumstances are not the determinant of our rejoicing; rather, we determine situations by rejoicing. We are an embodiment of rejoicing. Jesus conquered hell rejoicing; our salvation, by belief in Christ, stirred rejoicing in heaven. The gospel by which we were born arouses joy all by itself. To choose not to rejoice is to choose to be an abnormal believer. Choose to rejoice always!

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## **DAY 4**

**TOPIC: JESUS, OUR ADVOCATE**

**TEXT: 1 John 2: 1-2**

**Written by: MAY AYINTETE**

*“My little children, these things write I unto you, that you sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.”*

An advocate is one who argues for the cause of another person in a court of law. He speaks in favour of that person. The above text lets us know that we have an advocate with the Father in the person of Jesus Christ. The Greek word rendered ‘advocate’ in that text is *Parakletos* and it denotes one who pleads another’s cause; one who helps another by defending or comforting him.

Jesus, being our advocate, lives to make intercession for us before the Father. His seating in heaven is itself our intercession. Therefore, we have boldness before God for we have an eternal advocate in Christ Jesus. All men can now come to the Father through Jesus’ sacrifice because he is the propitiation for our sins. The Father was satisfied with Jesus’ offering for sins.

Jesus advocates for us in that our sins are not imputed unto us but they’re pardoned because he has shed his blood for the remission of sins. So beloved, when you sin, you are not to condemn yourself or self-loathe, rather you are to declare what Christ’s offering has done for you. Hallelujah!

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**Further Study:** Hebrews 7:25

## **DAY 5**

**TOPIC: NOW ARE WE IN ZION!**

**TEXT: Hebrews 12:22-24**

**Written by: ADEBAYO KOLAWOLE SAMUEL**

*"22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, 23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, 24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel."*

The writer of the book of Hebrews exposes to us that where we are right now is Zion. Zion, the city of the living God, is our country home. It's our place of origin and residence. We are inhabitants and citizens of God's city. We are not foreigners or strangers. We are natives; a race of the God-kind; men born in Zion.

Zion is that place of an innumerable company of angels, it's the assembly of all of God's children; men who have been justified and perfected by the blood of Jesus (the mediator of the new covenant). Glory to God!

**Psalms 50:2**

*"Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined."*

David, foreseeing in a glimpse of what we now have, referred to Zion as "the perfection of beauty". He must have seen a place of immense beauty with people arrayed in great glory and majesty. He had no other words to use than "the perfection of beauty". If you say a thing is beautiful, you infer perfection about it already. However, David lets us know in his description of Zion that it is "the perfection of beauty".

Now are we in Zion; that very place which David foresaw. We are the vision and prophecy of David come to pass. We are in Zion where God shines, and we shine too (for we are his sons). Go on today educating your mind about this. Grow in this knowledge. See yourself in a new light. Allow yourself swim perpetually in it, and there shall be a manifestation of the glory within in no small measure without!

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## **DAY 6**

### **TOPIC: GOD IS LIGHT**

**TEXT: 1 John 1:5**

**Written by: ALOBA TOWOJU**

*“This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.”*

John makes a clear statement about the identity of God as it had been heard of Jesus. He says God is light and there is not the slightest trace of darkness in him. Again, it is important to know that John didn't just infer this. He clearly said that He heard this truth about God from Jesus!

Jesus himself clearly declared this in Luke 10:22:

*“All things are delivered to me of my Father: and no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and [he] to whom the Son will reveal [him].”*

You see, no man has ever known the Father in precision and accuracy. Only the Son knows Him and also to those who Jesus has given the revelation of the Father. Jesus went on to say that prophets and kings desired to know accurately about God but they couldn't; only Jesus does. On this premise, John had the validity of information to declare that there is no darkness at all in God.

As a believer, you will do yourself a lot of good to accept this basic truth about God. He has never done any evil before and He cannot do evil because He doesn't have the capacity. He's light and light through and through. Let this conviction be firm in your heart and enjoy all that God has for you. Stand against any form of evil that comes your way, knowing that God isn't the source of such evil.

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## **DAY 7**

### **TOPIC: WE HAVE AN UNCHANGEABLE GOD**

**TEXT: JAMES 1:17**

**Written by: MAY AYINTETE**

*“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.”*

No one desires to talk to a God who changes like the weather; a God who says a thing now and does another the next minute. Our above text says that it is our God that gives good and perfect gifts to his children.

It went on to say that with Him is no variableness. In him, there's no fickleness; He does not change. He's always the same in all ages and at all seasons of the year. He is unmoving and unswerving in his character, purposes and plans. What he was before the foundations of the earth, he is now; and what he is now, he will be zillions of years to come.

God is never affected by the changes and chances to which humans are exposed. There is no evil whatsoever that might cause a change in him. All the goodness that emanates from him is constant. We must be rest assured that He is the same and what he promised to do He does it.

Beloved, it is this unchangeableness of God's character that motivates us to pray. For we do not pray to change God; rather we pray because we have the evidence that God can do the miraculous; that he answers prayers and never variates in this character.

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**Further Study:** Hebrews 13:8

## **DAY 8**

**TOPIC: WE ARE IN HEAVENLY PLACES!**

**TEXT: Ephesians 2:6**

**Written by: ADEBAYO KOLAWOLE SAMUEL**

*"And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:"*

When we pay close attention to the tense used in the verse above, we will realize that it is wrong to pray for God to enable us "make heaven". Moreover, that popular phrase "make heaven" doesn't occur in the entire bible at all; not even once. God has made us sit in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. In other words, if a man is in Christ, he is in heaven. When a man receives Christ Jesus, he has undergone that eternal transportation into heavenly places. He has walked into the realm of God, and abides therein forever!

**Colossians 3:1**

*"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God."*

Again, Paul tells us that we are risen with Christ, and are seated above, where Christ sits at the right hand of God. The right hand of God is the place of power, and authority, and dominion, and strength, and majesty, and glory. That is exactly where we are. We aren't going to go there at a later time; we are there right now!

O what confidence and assurance this evokes in us! O what gladness and joy! Such a joy that sets our hearts on fire, that ignites our legs to leap into the air, that causes our lips burst forth in tongues, our language as men of the God-kind. Glory to God! We are seated in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, far above all principalities and powers!

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## **DAY 9**

### **TOPIC: A MERRY HEART**

**TEXT: Proverbs 17:22**

**Written by: ALADE OLUWASEGUN**

*'A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.'*

Medical studies and research indicate 75 percent of physical sickness is caused by emotional problems such as depression, worries, stress, sadness and many more.

It is a blatant truth that the believer is eternally saved, and he has a hope of an immortal body which is not subject to death. But, at the moment, while he is on earth, he has a mortal body which is subject to emotional distress. That said, the believer has the responsibility to renew his mind by the word of God.

The word of God reveals that God wants us to have a healthy life. It is not the will of God for us to wallow in emotional distress which would eventually lead to sickness.

One of the several ways to maintain emotional soundness by the word of God is maintaining a heart full of joy and cheerfulness. The believer is to constantly stay conscious of the joy he has in the Holy Ghost. As we meditate of the things Christ has done for us, we are to respond by rejoicing. This brings refreshing to our soul and it nourishes our mind.

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## **DAY 10**

### **TOPIC: BE A FAITHFUL STEWARD**

**TEXT: 1 Corinthians 4:1-2**

**Written by: MAY AYINTETE**

*“Let a man so account of us as the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful.”*

Apostle Paul brought into view that one of the outstanding characteristics of a good steward is faithfulness. He regarded himself and other apostles as stewards of the mysteries of God in verse 1 of our text. Also, 1 Peter 4:10 describes anyone who believes as a steward.

The Greek word rendered steward is *‘Oikonomos’* and it means 'the manager of a household or estate.' Hence, we could say he is one who takes care of that which is entrusted to him. The steward referred to in the text is one who painstakingly shares the gospel with others as directed by his master who, in this case, is Jesus Christ.

He is never to have a desire to please men, but he is to act as someone under a higher authority to whom he will give account.

We have been given a commission to reconcile men back to God; it is pertinent that we handle this duty with all seriousness.

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## **DAY 11**

### **TOPIC: SELF CONTROL**

**TEXT: Galatians 5:22-23**

**Written by: HARRISON AYINTETE**

*"22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."*

Self-control or temperance is a fruit of our recreated spirits; thus we do not seek it, nor ask for it, we only acknowledge its reality within us.

The believer is empowered with self-control. God's Spirit inhabits us, and He produces this fruit within us. We have the ability of God within us to say 'NO' to works of the flesh, vices, wrongs, and carnal desires. We have an ability to say NO to alcoholic addictions, pornographic addictions, masturbation addictions etc.

We are not to pray to God for deliverance, however emotional this may sound, we are to acknowledge that our existence is now in God's Spirit, our reality is now in God's character. We have such abilities as God does. Now are we in the Spirit, thus we choose to walk in same.

The bible reveals to us that the Spirit and the flesh (carnal nature) have different desires. Thus, we must exercise ourselves to spiritual desires. The more we align our bodies and souls to our spiritual desires, the more we see them expressed.

Choose to agree with God today, that you have been empowered against every desire that makes us captive unto worldliness and carnality. In Christ is our reality and in Him, we reign.

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## **DAY 12**

### **TOPIC: HOLY LIVING IS ESSENTIAL**

**TEXT: 1 Peter 2:11-12**

**Written by: ALOBA TOWOJU**

*“11 Dearly beloved, I beseech [you] as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; 12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by [your] good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.”*

Our adoption into the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ is purely a work of grace. By this, I mean that there is nothing that a man will do or has done that will make him qualify for being a son. The call to becoming a son is entirely out of the loving-kindness of God. However, the call is not without its responsibilities, despite all the rights and privileges that we stand to enjoy. In other words, a believer is not saved by works no matter how good they appear but he has been saved to do good works.

One of the things we have been called to do is to live for God who has called us out of the abundance of His grace. Hence, we no longer live to do things that please our selfish gains, but we live to do what pleases God. It is also important to note that we have not just been called to do this; we have also been enabled for this same purpose.

The bible is, however, clear about the reason for this. We have peace in our souls as we're not using any of bodies or souls against the reason for which it is intended. Ultimately, unbelievers are easily drawn to our light and eventually give glory to God as they see the life which we profess manifesting through us.

Christ so much treasured (and still treasures you) you that he purchased you for himself. It is only reasonable that you live for him alone.

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## **DAY 13**

### **TOPIC: GOD WORKS IN YOU**

**TEXT: Philippians 2:13**

**Written by: MAY AYINTETE**

*“For it is God that worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure”.*

The verb ‘worketh’ in our text stems from the Greek word ‘*energeho*’ and it means "to be active; to produce effect." We can infer that God is always active within us; He produces a certain effect in us that influences our minds. This influence causes a change in our imaginations; we begin to imagine things that we naturally would not have imagined. We begin to see ourselves preaching the gospel to thousands, healing sick people in their droves, casting out devils, given to the things of the Spirit, and expressing God’s characters within our recreated spirits for all to see.

All these are products of God’s influence in, and over us. His influence over us is not to put us in bondage; rather it is to enable us do of his good pleasure; that is, to do in accordance with his will. The Holy Ghost is the active power of God at work in the believer. This power is that which makes us capable of any eternally significant work.

Our text-verse assures us that it is God that provides the desire to do His will when we do not have the will to do it. It is God who causes us to manifest the supernatural and triumph with the same. God is not sleeping in us; he is actively at work in us!

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**Further Study: 2 Corinthians 3:5**

## **DAY 14**

**TOPIC: GOD; MY HELP**

**TEXT: Psalms 121:1-2**

**Written by: ALADE OLUWASEGUN**

*'I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.'*

Our text scripture is so popular that it has been composed into a song which is sung by many people today. Many people erroneously and ignorantly believe that, based on this scripture, God is on the hills; and for a man to get help from God he must do so by going to hills or mountains to pray.

Our focus today is not to state the proper geographical location that a man should pray but to emphasize that help comes from God. And that God does not dwell on mountains or hills but he dwells in us as believers.

When faced with challenges or difficult situations, we are not to run from pillar to post or mountains to hills seeking help. We are to acknowledge that help comes from God and God is in us. In prayers (irrespective of the geographical location) we make our requests and supplications known to God. We receive help by focusing on the Spirit of God in us. The help we need is not on the mountain but in us; for God dwells in us. He is effectually working in us for our good. He is our constant help in time of need.

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**DAY 15**

**TOPIC: WALK IN THE SPIRIT**

**TEXT: Galatians 5:25**

**Written by: ADEBAYO KOLAWOLE SAMUEL**

*"If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit."*

The Apostle Paul is addressing believers here; he is telling us to walk in the Spirit. Paul's admonition to walk in the Spirit is premised on the fact that we live in Spirit. The phrase "if we live in the Spirit" does not in any way imply that there are some believers who don't live in the Spirit. Rather, he is saying "since we live in the Spirit..." For we are all new creatures in Christ Jesus; that's where we have our roots. It's our place of origin; our abode and dwelling place. Every believer lives in the Spirit.

**Romans 8:9**

*"But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his."*

Apostle Paul then admonishes us, after stating clearly that we are in the Spirit in our text verse, that we should walk in the Spirit. To walk in the Spirit is to take heed or yield to the promptings of the Spirit. It's to give ourselves over to the biddings of the Spirit. To walk in the Spirit is to busy ourselves with exercising and making full use of the things of the Spirit.

We are in the Spirit. We must take a step further to walk in the Spirit. When we do this, we make our dwelling in the Spirit much more evident for men to see. When we do this, we make the savour of the glory of Christ manifest in every place.

Dearly beloved, since we are in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit!

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## **DAY 16**

### **TOPIC: FORSAKE NOT THE ASSEMBLY**

**TEXT: Hebrews 10:25**

**Written by: HARRISON AYINTETE**

*"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."*

The writer of Hebrew points our attention to a long-existing manner among certain believers; they forsake the gathering of the saints.

There are many more today who stay off the gathering of the saints. We live in a world where information has widely increased and is accessible on many platforms, virtual and physical.

Thus, many would prefer to stay away from the gathering of the saints, giving reasons that they are getting blessed reading or watching many materials on the internet etc.

These believers do not enjoy the fellowship of other believers, they actively rebel against the apostolic instruction, they lack a spiritual over-sight over their lives, they lack the culture of serving other saints physically as is obtained in physical gathering, they lack the exercise of spiritual gifts as is obtainable when believers gather.

The gathering of the believers as a church is not a trend, neither a form of religion, it's a spiritual significance of very high value; for our gathering inspires us unto more services, spiritual demonstrations and communion as a body of the Lord Jesus, now and forever more.

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## **DAY 17**

### **TOPIC: MOSES POINTED TO CHRIST**

**TEXT: Deuteronomy 18:15, 18-19**

**Written by: ALOBA TOWOJU**

*“15 The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken; 18 I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. 19 And it shall come to pass, [that] whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require [it] of him.”*

It is very amazing how some present-day believers still hold on to Moses' law as God's requirement for them when indeed Moses pointed out that a greater prophet shall come after him and shall speak expressly God's mind. In fact, he went on to declare that it shall be required of such person who chooses to ignore the words of this greater prophet.

Peter further explains clearly the words of Moses in Acts 3:22:

*“For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.”*

Moses clearly said that “whatever” the greater prophet shall say is worth hearing and, consequently, believing. We clearly know that the greater prophet is Jesus Christ! Little wonder Jesus expressly declared that Moses wrote of him (John 5:46).

The fulfillment of the writings of the law and prophets has been declared and He has spoken! He is the explanation to the identity of God. Why hold on to shadows when the reality has been declared? You don't need to keep the law to be acceptable before God. Keep your gaze on Christ alone!

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## **DAY 18**

### **TOPIC: WE HAVE BEEN REDEEMED**

**TEXT: Galatians 3:13-14**

**Written by: MAY AYINTETE**

*“13 Christ Hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is everyone that hangs on a tree: 14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ: that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.”*

The Jews had a belief that the blessing of Abraham was meant to be enjoyed by them alone. Thus, they looked upon the Gentiles as unworthy people, for they saw them as unfit to share in the blessing of Abraham. But glory to God; Jesus came to redeem the world from the curse of the law; the punishment that came with transgressing the law. And by this same redemption, we have received that blessing of Abraham, who is the Holy Ghost (for Abraham's blessing is the Holy Spirit of promise).

In the scriptures, it is a curse for a man to be hanged on a tree; we are told that he that is hanged is accursed. Jesus went through the pains of bearing our sins on the cross. In the proper sense of the word, he wasn't guilty of any wrong-doing, but he bore the indignation of God due for our sin.

The law was so designed to make everyone guilty before God, but Jesus' sacrifice on the cross redeemed us from the curse of the law by being made a sin-offering for us.

Glory to God! We are no longer under any obligation whatsoever to uphold the law, which no man can uphold anyways, neither are we being held accountable by the law of Moses. It is the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus that we now live by.

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**Further Study: Romans 8:3**

**DAY 19**

**TOPIC: JESUS IS FOR EVERYBODY!**

**TEXT: John 3:16**

**Written by: ADEBAYO KOLAWOLE SAMUEL**

*"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."*

The text above is perhaps the most quoted Bible verse in the world. This over-familiarity has led to a subtle downplay of the beautiful message this verse conveys. It lets us know that God's love doesn't preclude anybody. In other words, God's love is not more predisposed to one race than the other. His love is not prejudicial; it's for the whole world.

He demonstrated his love for all of mankind by giving his son to die for the sins of the world! This shows us that Jesus' death is for everybody! It also presupposes to us that God wills that every man be saved. His desire for the unbeliever is that he or she receives the salvation which is freely given in Christ.

**1 Timothy 2:3-4**

*"3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; 4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth."*

Having known this, that there are no ethnic or cultural barriers to the gospel; that the unbeliever's sins don't render him unfit for the gospel, we should be spurred the more to preach the gospel. We should carry the gospel on our lips in every place. We must let the unbeliever know that Jesus is for him or her. We must make every man know that Jesus has paid for the sins of the whole world. It must be our manner. It must be our culture.

Let us all go out today, declaring with a mighty voice, to every man that comes our way that Jesus is for everybody; that we all are the very ones whose sins he paid for!

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## **DAY 20**

### **TOPIC: YOU ARE WASHED**

**TEXT: 1 Corinthians 11:6**

**Written by: ALOBA TOWOJU**

*“And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.”*

Paul used the verb “wash” in the past tense to pass across a salient point. He used this word to differentiate the believer from an unbeliever. He declared; you are washed! You see, a believer is not going to be washed, neither is he being washed. He has been washed! It’s a done deal.

It is therefore out of order for a believer to pray to God that He should wash him. You need not be praying that God should do what he already did without your permission. In fact, Paul hinted in another portion of his writings that this work was done for the believer without any work of righteousness which he has done (Titus 3:5). This simple truth explains the popular bible text in Ephesians 5: 25-26:

*“26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish”.*

The sanctification and cleansing of the church is not going to happen; it has happened already! Hence, the church as we speak is holy, spotless, and without blemish. Moreover, the church is not to present herself, it’s Christ sole responsibility! This should cause every believer to rejoice! Always bear it in mind that you are washed already! Glory!

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## **Day 21**

### **TOPIC: THEY WERE PERSUADED**

**TEXT: Hebrews 11:13**

**Written by: HARRISON AYINTETE**

*"These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth."*

The writer of Hebrews reveals some outstanding characters of the saints recorded in Hebrews 11. The writer makes us know plainly that none of them received the promise they believed in, yet they demonstrated their faith in that direction. The writer lets us know they were persuaded, they were convinced, beyond any arguments or shadow of doubt, and this led to their many actions as listed in Hebrews 11.

The writer further clarifies that the believer in Christ has received the promise these ones affirmed; we now exist in that heavenly Jerusalem they sought, we have received the Spirit of God, we are partakers of God's divine nature.

This reality should strengthen our confidence beyond theirs, this reality should spur us unto more activities of faith.

We are to be fully persuaded, knowing men who didn't have the indwelling of God's Spirit wrought amazing miracles and displayed innumerable signs; we should do more, we must walk in the assurance of God's ability in us and through us!

Now are we in Zion! Now are we sons! Now are we the temple of God's Spirit; thus we show forth our assurance with all authority, in nothing doubting or wavering.

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**DAY 22**

**TOPIC: DESIRE SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

**TEXT: Ephesians 4:14**

**Written by: MAY AYINTETE**

*“That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;”*

Here, in the text above, the Apostle Paul stresses the importance of spiritual growth or maturity. He lets us know that when we mature, we will not be tossed here and there by every wind of doctrine. This implies that one of the major results of growth is stability; an unwavering disposition in, and towards, the things of God. We become planted, rooted, and grounded in the realities of our recreated spirits.

It's the Lord's will that we mature in the things of the kingdom. God desires that we grow in the things of the Spirit. As believers, it is important that we mature in the understanding of the scriptures, praying, and also the manifestation of the fruit and gifts of the Spirit. It's not only important that we take count of the number of years that we've been born-again, we have to also grow in the understanding of the kingdom we were born into.

Growth doesn't just happen. It is intentional. You must desire to grow in the use of the things we have freely received of the Lord. Nevertheless, it's important to know that this isn't difficult, for God is substituting the natural desires in our hearts with supernatural ones. We only need to acknowledge this, and walk in the light of same. We must be deliberate about this. We are children of the light; hence, we must walk in the light, for we truly can walk in therein.

As we continually acknowledge that desires are being birthed by God in our hearts, we will wax bolder and bolder, and grow stronger and stronger in the reality of God in our spirits; and our bodies will respond more and more to the leadings of the Spirit.

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**DAY 23**

**TOPIC: PERFECTED FOREVER**

**TEXT: Hebrews 10:14**

**Written by: ALADE OLUWASEGUN**

*‘For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.’*

I once asked a brother (a believer in Christ) if he was perfect; he replied ‘I am not perfect; no man in this world is perfect. But, I am working on myself praying to be perfect.’

Although, it might be correct that in the sight of men, a man is not void of flaws and blames. But this is not true with God. It is disheartening that many believers still hold on to the cliché that ‘no man is perfect’. In fact, some believers would call the dead a saint but deny themselves of being called saints. It is erroneously believed that a saint is a man who has attained a very high level of moral accomplishment.

In the standard of God, a saint or a perfect being is not the one who has attained a very high level of morality but the one who believes in Jesus Christ. A saint is the man who has received the forgiveness of sins which is provided for by the sacrifice of Jesus.

Knowing this, a man might be called a saint for his moral success but he is not truly a saint if he has not received Jesus. The believer is to boast in what Christ has done. We are to confess and publicly declare that we are perfect in Christ; not by our moral works but by what Christ has done.

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**DAY 24**

**TOPIC: CONSIDER GOD!**

**TEXT: Romans 4:19-21**

**Written by: ADEBAYO KOLAWOLE SAMUEL**

*"19 And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb: 20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; 21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform."*

Here, we learn something quite very important from Abraham. In the midst of a naturally impossible situation, Abraham believed that God was able to make the naturally impossible become possible by His power. He placed his consideration not on the situation at hand, but on God.

Unpleasant circumstances and unpalatable situations are attributes of this fallen earth. They are things we encounter because we live in a fallen earth. However, in the midst of these occurrences, we must allow ourselves be submerged in the reality of God's ability, and not in those unfavourable happenings.

God must be our consideration. We are not to live in panic and fear like people who have no hope. In God is our vantage point. In Him is our hope, assurance, and confidence found. Our persuasion about God's ability is that it never fails; it always produces results.

Dearly beloved, are you going through tough times? Lift your hands in full assurance, not staggering at God's ability, strong in faith, giving glory to God; it's how we show our persuadedness about God. It's how we show that we only consider God's ability to perform, and nothing else!

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**DAY 25**

**TOPIC: LISTEN TO WISE COUNSELS**

**TEXT: Proverbs 19:20**

**Written by: ALOBA TOWOJU**

*“Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end.”*

At many instances in our lives, we come across situations that we have never faced or experienced before. Things seemingly look obscure to us. At such points, it is only wise for us to take counsels from those who have gone ahead of us and thus can lead us aright.

Moreover, beyond receiving words of advice and counsels, a man must live his life by instructions. A life without instructions is a life that is free to live anyhow. It ends up being without direction at the long run. Hence, Solomon affirms the reason why we should live by counsel and instruction; it will help us wiser at the long run.

Some things need not be experienced before they are learnt. By observation and paying attention to good counsels, a man will make fewer mistakes and therefore do things more accurately. Little wonder the book of Proverbs says that “...in the multitude of counsellors, there is safety.” (Proverbs 11:14)

To decide not to take good counsels in times when they are needed is actually a display of pride. Before making critical life decisions, it is always good to seek counsel from trusted and sincere people. Seeking counsel does not make you less in anyway, it makes you wiser. Like the text says, you will be better for doing so at the long run.

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**DAY 26**

**TOPIC: LET HIM NOT EAT**

**TEXT: 2 Thessalonians 3:10**

**Written by: HARRISON AYINTETE**

*"For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat."*

The Apostles, by God's Spirit, were very firm on industry. They were very firm on hardwork. They made it known, over and over that the believer must not be a liability, nor a lazy folk. They declare that we must not feed the lazy character of some saints who choose to be unproductive. We must provoke them to labour and be profitable, instead of choosing to be lazy and burdens to both the church and the nation.

Many today have resorted to begging, they have adapted to laziness and unproductivity, they have chosen to be burdens upon the local church. While it's true that many need help, for the economy of our nation often doesn't allow for prosperity and well-being, Apostle Paul in other letters recommend that we give to such who seek to work or are working yet have no money or profit to meet their needs. However, many yet seek to be cankerworms only, a source of burden only; we must never give in to laziness and unproductivity and such ineffective lifestyle.

We are sons of God, our father is a provider and a supplier, we must believe in this fully as we go about our businesses, with all faith and assurance that our hands will bear profit and our lives a blessing to everyone around us.

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**DAY 27**

**TOPIC: BE ANGRY; DO NOT SIN**

**TEXT: Ephesians 4:26**

**Written by: ALADE OLUWASEGUN**

***‘Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:’***

I remember a friend asking me if we were to keep quiet when we were evidently being cheated by people; he asked ‘are we to ignore whatever hurt is done to us and die in bitterness?’

The word of God is clear on this matter. We are not to keep quiet when evil is being evidently done to us. We are not to develop bitterness by our lack of expressing displeasure to wrongful actions done to us. Resentment is not a virtue in Christ.

However, while expressing displeasure, it must be done in a positive manner and not the negative form. Anger is basically the expression of displeasure. It is an emotional characteristic of man. It must be managed and used positively. Anger is to be controlled; it is not to control us. The believer must not forget that he is born of love. Therefore, whatever displeasure he is expressing must be from love’s perspective. Let us do all things in love, for we are products of love.

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**DAY 28**

**TOPIC: SUCH AS I HAVE**

**TEXT: Acts 3:6**

**Written by: ADEBAYO KOLAWOLE SAMUEL**

*"Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have given thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk."*

O, what mighty authority and power the Apostle Peter demonstrated here! He had no silver and gold, yet what he had caused a lame man to walk. He said "...but such as I have given thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk." In other words, Peter is saying that he has the name of Jesus. The word "name" here doesn't refer to just a nomenclature, the way it is generally used. It's the Greek word "onoma"; it refers to "an authority".

Therefore, Peter lets us know with all boldness that the authority of Christ is his. Also, we see that the functionality and efficiency of the authority of Christ isn't dependent on material possessions, or any such physical entity. You don't need to possess money to demonstrate your authority in Christ Jesus.

Dearly beloved, we have this same name as believers in Christ Jesus. We have the authority of Christ. It is such as we have. It is ours in him, and we can demonstrate it anywhere we go, and at any time.

Hence, wherever we go, we can affirm with all confidence the same words that Peter affirmed on that day. We can say with all boldness to the lame man "I give you such as I have; in the name of Jesus, get up and walk!" It's not by our good conduct (even though this is important). Peter showed to us in some verses later that the efficacy of this authority wasn't because of his own power or holiness. We are enabled to do this because we are new creatures in Christ Jesus, just as he was. We have been birthed by God, and thus can demonstrate our true identities as sons of God.

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## **DAY 29**

### **TOPIC: WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH JESUS?**

**TEXT: Acts 1:8**

**Written by: ALOBA TOWOJU**

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

Just after the Apostles' experience in the upper room, the manifestation of the Spirit could not be curtailed in their life. The supernatural rapidly became natural to them. They were no longer the weaklings they used to be. This was not just limited to the apostles alone, for there were other disciples who displayed the power of God. They could not be stopped from preaching and teaching Jesus, neither was anyone able to stop the supernatural amidst them. These men had not known so many scriptural revelations, yet the little they knew was enough propellant for them.

You must understand that God didn't intend that these 'Acts' should just be a documentation of experiences of the early church. The 'Acts' must continue with us. Let me ask you at this juncture; when last did use the power of God in healing the sick? When last did you supernaturally solve a lingering problem? When last did you demonstrate that the devil is defeated already?

You see, it's good we learn Christ; but I must confess that He's not worth learning if he cannot be demonstrated. Jesus is not a passive figure; He's rather an active personality who is never dormant at any time. You may say, Oh! I am a shy type but the good news is that we have not received the spirit of timidity. You don't have such Spirit. That is merely you in the flesh and glory to God for you're no longer in the flesh! The key to demonstrating Christ is just to start! You must realize that the dying world is in need of the saving Jesus every day. Again, I must ask you; what have you done with Jesus and what are you doing with Jesus?

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**DAY 30**

**TOPIC: BORN OF GOD**

**TEXT: John1:12-13**

**Written by: ALADE OLUWASEGUN**

*'But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.'*

Every man on earth has a lineage or genealogy; even Jesus was a descendant of David according to the flesh (physically). It is well-proven that many people's behaviour and disposition to life issues is often influenced by their background or lineage. One might often hear people say '...this is how we do things in our home,' ('home' here refers to their lineage); even though some of these practices are not approved by scriptures.

Today's devotional is not to spite any individual's earthly lineage but to reawaken the believer to the reality that he is in this world but not of this world. The believer is a citizen of heaven. The believer is born of God. Hence, his beliefs or thought patterns must be heavenly. We are not to be governed by our earthly heritage but we must be conscious of our heavenly heritage.

As we grow in this consciousness, we see more and more our true selves (which were all birthed by God himself) in expression.

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## **DAY 31**

### **TOPIC: ENJOY GOD DAILY**

**TEXT: Psalms 68:19**

**Written by: ALOBA TOWOJU**

*“Blessed [be] the Lord, [who] daily loadeth us [with benefits, even] the God of our salvation. Selah.”*

King David clearly declared that the God of our salvation daily loads us with benefits. This statement is worth meditating on. In reality, no matter the goodness of God you have enjoyed, there is that he wants you to see and enjoy. This should inform you that there is always more of God to experience.

There are times in our lives that we feel like God seems very far away and we tend to doubt the reality of his blessings and benefits. Today, God is pointing your attention to the fact that He is always available for you, if only you will open your heart to enjoy him daily. Just like manna came down from the sky every day in the wilderness, God still cares about you daily. The writer of Lamentations puts it this way:

*“22 [It is of] the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. 23 [They are] new every morning: great [is] thy faithfulness.” (Lamentations 3:22-23).*

Again you see the freshness of his mercies and compassion to you every day; and Glory to God for He's faithful to keep up his supply! Whenever you appear without help or supply in any situation, you must be conscious of this fact that God can never leave you without supply. He always has a provision to fix every situation. Let this become your reality and enjoy God.

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