



# The Refinery Devotional

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START YOUR DAY WITH CHRIST  
CONSCIOUSNESS AND BE REFINED  
UNTO ALL OF GOD'S GOODNESS.

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**Blessings!**

## **DAY 1**

### **TOPIC: A SELF-PROPELLING POWER**

**TEXT: MARK 4:37-39**

**Written by: ALADE OLUWASEGUN**

*“And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. 38- And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish? 39 -And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.”*

Today, we are considering our Lord Jesus Christ as He demonstrated power by calming the storm with the words of His mouth. It is worthy of note that this miracle is beyond the natural ability or power of man. Even the people were astonished at what He did.

Another thing that must be noted is that the power by which Jesus calmed this raging wind is at work in the believer. The Apostle Paul used the word “working” to qualify the power at work in the believer in his epistle to the church in Ephesus. The word translated as “working” in Greek is the word “*energeo*”, which means “*active or self-propelling*.” This means that the power of God in us is not passive. It does not need to be charged like a rechargeable battery; it is self-propelling.

Even though Jesus was asleep in the boat, the power in him was active. Jesus’ consciousness of the power at work in Him brought about this astounding miracle. Beloved, stay conscious of God’s power at work in you, the power is self-propelling.

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**Further Study:** Ephesians 1:16-19

## **DAY 2**

### **TOPIC: PERFECTED FOREVER**

**TEXT: Hebrews 10:12, 14**

**Written by: MAY AYINTETE**

*“But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; For by one offering he had perfected for ever them that are sanctified.”*

Child of God, God sees you with no flaw, spot or imperfection, for by one offering of Jesus on the cross, you were perfected forever. Your sins were purged perfectly. Not only were your sins perfectly purged, you were also sanctified i.e made holy. So, it doesn't matter the height and depth of your sins, beloved, they have been perfectly cleansed away by Jesus' blood. To see yourself as being far from perfect is failure to understand the perfect sacrifice that Jesus made for you, for that one offering of Him was sufficient for your sins and that of the whole world.

Today, Jesus is seated at the right hand of the Father because His work of purging your sins is completely finished and perfect. God now calls you a righteous man because that is what He has made you; His righteousness.

As you go about your day, walk with the consciousness that your sins have been perfectly cleansed, thereby walking and living in victory.

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### **DAY 3**

**TOPIC: EVER ABOUNDING JOY**

**TEXT: 1 Peter 1:8**

**Written by: ALOBA TOWOJU**

*“Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see [him] not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:”*

Peter's first epistle was purposely written to encourage believers who were scattered abroad and were facing various trials of faith. He wrote to strengthen their hope in Christ and to have enough strength to pull through such persecutions.

He commented on their disposition in such situation. The receivers of his epistle were people who, in the midst of perverse trials of faith, were given to active rejoicing with great joy, which is full of glory! Such act of rejoicing doesn't follow reason. It sounds stupid to be given to rejoicing in the midst of such circumstances. Nevertheless, this ought to be the attitude of believers every time. Every believer ought to be actively given to rejoicing in times when things are physically going well or otherwise.

Peter made it clear that such act of rejoicing is based on the reality of the salvation that such believers have and the hope of the resurrection of their bodies. This is the major reason why rejoicing will be always, since the reality of our salvation is forever. Little wonder the Bible instructs us to rejoice forevermore and always. Cultivate the habit of rejoicing always.

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## **DAY 4**

### **TOPIC: CONFESS YOUR FAULTS**

**TEXT: James 5:16a**

**Written by: ADEBAYO KOLAWOLE SAMUEL**

*"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another..."*

A close look at our text of consideration will reveal that this confession of faults is to be done amidst saints, and not to God. This is because God's forgiveness of sins has got nothing to do with our confession of sins, but it is by the blood of Jesus Christ (Ephesians 1:7; Ephesians 4:32; 1 John 2:12). However, saints need a lot of confession of faults to do in their relationships with one another. The word translated as "confess" here is the Greek word "exomologeō", which implies "to agree fully, and then profess what has been agreed to".

In other words, saints mustn't deny it when they have wronged other saints, but rather acknowledge their misdeeds. This is quite necessary, as it will help us not to walk in bitterness towards one another, and ultimately strengthen the bond of love that we share. Not doing this may hinder us from praying for one another, as one can not be quickly disposed towards praying for someone he or she is keeping malice with or has a grudge with.

So, what do I do when I wrong my brother or sister? I should tell him or her. This is the way of the saints. The one who has also been confessed to must be quick to forgive. We are to be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven us.

Tell it to your brother. Tell it to your sister. Forgive your brother. Forgive your sister. Let nothing be done with dissimulation, but rather let love reign!

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## **DAY 5**

### **TOPIC: THIS REJOICING**

**TEXT: 1 Thessalonians 5:16**

**Written by: OLUMIDE ADEDOTUN**

***"Rejoice evermore."***

The above is a very clear instruction. Rejoice evermore! This means “rejoice always”; that is, believers should never stop to rejoice. The word “rejoice” means “cheerful, happy or joyful”; therefore, rejoicing always is the same as being joyful always or being happy always. Now, the realities on earth make it difficult to rejoice; certain difficulties or challenges make it seem so. Thus, it makes no sense to think or affirm that our response to rejoicing should come from the things on the earth. No; not at all! Rejoicing is the demonstration of the reality of God's Spirit in us. This means our response to rejoicing is within not in the outward things of this earth, Rejoicing is that moment when we choose to be oblivious of the realities outward and manifest the realities we have in the Holy Spirit.

Hallelujah! That moment when we ignore the sicknesses in our bodies and choose to laugh in the Holy Spirit; those periods when things don't look good but you say “I have joy on my inside or those many periods you just got drunk in the Holy Spirit and you leap out for joy. We are just consumed with the fullness of the Spirit; nothing matters that moment. You just run around knowing you are forgiven, justified, seated with Christ and those days, you are just filled with the consciousness of the faithfulness of God that you just sing aloud, dancing in awe of God.

Rejoicing is a part of us; it is just spontaneous. We don't think it; we just see Jesus at work within and through us. We rejoice again and again and again obeying the charge “rejoice, again I say rejoice”.

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## **DAY 6**

**TOPIC: INSTEAD OF WORRYING, PRAY!**

**TEXT: Philippians 4:6**

**Written by: MAY AYINTETE**

*“Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.”*

God doesn't want us to be fearful, fretful or anxious; rather He admonishes that we “be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, our requests should be made known to Him”.

In other words, when you have a care or worry, turn that care to the Lord in prayer. You might say your cares and worries are too numerous such that you do not know how to pray about them, but Romans 8:26 lets us know that “Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities; for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.”

Beloved, you are to pray in the Spirit at all times about your cares and worries, and while you do so, endeavor to thank the Lord for hearing and answering your prayers. You are to pray until you see the results and answers that you seek; you are not to faint or relent in the place of prayer (Luke 18:1). Your heavenly Father has promised never to leave nor forsake you so you might boldly call Him your helper, so keep at it (praying), for in due time you will have the petitions that you ask of.

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## **DAY 7**

### **TOPIC: YOU SHALL RAISE THE DEAD**

#### **TEXT: 1 KINGS 17:17-24**

**Written by: ALADE OLUWASEGUN**

*"17-And it came to pass after these things, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that there was no breath left in him. 18-And she said unto Elijah, What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? art thou come unto me to call my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son? 19-And he said unto her, Give me thy son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into a loft, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed. 20-And he cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, hast thou also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son? 21 -And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again. 22 -And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived.23 And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother: and Elijah said, See, thy son liveth."*

The will of God is that man should enjoy life in good health. There is no death in God. The Bible records that death came into the world through sin. Hence, death was never in the plan of God. The believer is empowered by the Spirit of God to raise the dead. In the passage we read, Prophet Elijah revived the life of the widow's son. The sickness was so sore that he had no breath in him. But, the child was restored by the power of God.

It is worthy of note that the servant of God that performed this miracle did it not by his own natural strength but by the power of God. Now; if this can be done by a prophet of the Old Testament, how much, more the believer in Christ? Jesus declared in Mark 16:15-16 that as many who believe in Him shall lay their hands on the sick and they shall recover. Note that Jesus did not use the word "may" but "shall". The word "shall" is a very strong affirmative word. The word of God is true. You can raise the dead. Believe and act accordingly.

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**Further Study: Mark 16: 15-17**

**DAY 8**

**TOPIC: NOT BY WORKS**

**TEXT: Titus 3:5**

**Written by: OLUMIDE ADEDOTUN**

*"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;."*

The Apostle Paul affirms herein that we were not saved by the works of righteousness that we did. This is very profound! It means that nothing we ever did got us saved. The highest level of religiosity observed did kept us as sinners. What saved us therefore is the receiving of the Holy Ghost; hence, salvation also is the receiving of the Holy Ghost. Believers have received the Holy Ghost; hence, they are fully saved. Our activities as believers give further evidence to the indwelling of the Holy Ghost. So, for a believer, your works are not to make you re-saved again; you are saved already. If you are not a believer yet, what saves is not any of your actions. Believe in Christ for the forgives on your sins and you will receive the gift of salvation with its accompanying gift of the Holy Ghost.

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## **DAY 9**

### **TOPIC: THERE IS SAFETY IN COUNSEL**

**TEXT: Proverbs 11:14**

**Written by: MAY AYINTETE**

*“Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counselors there is safety.”*

Considering other points of view and drawing on the experience of others is good. Our Bible text is telling us that there is some wisdom in seeking a wide range of advice from others. This is not to say one is to always totally rely on others to make decisions that concern his life, family and ministry.

It is extremely important to surround one's self with trusted advisors, realizing that people can see many things differently. We are not to go through life living like an island. Ask questions, make enquiries, ask for wise counsels on issues before venturing into anything.

We set ourselves for disappointments and often disasters when we build our lives or ministries based upon the counsel of just one person. Having a multitude of counselors is valuable because hearing varied viewpoints gives us a healthier foundation upon which to form opinions. We make the soundest decisions when we have fully investigated any issue from many angles.

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## **DAY 10**

### **TOPIC: THE PROMISE OF RESURRECTION**

**TEXT: 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18**

**Written by: ALOBA TOWOJU**

*“For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 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. 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.”*

The reason why Paul wrote the text above is so that believers do not sorrow about other believers who have slept (died physically). He pointed out that to be sorrowful about them is to be ignorant of God’s will for such category of people, and even we who are still physically alive.

Paul explains that when believers physically die, they are not dead in reality, rather that are only asleep and they shall wake up when Jesus shall physically come again. This will be so because such people are already partakers of the immortality that is in Christ; they have received eternal life. Understanding this will take us from the room of the ignorant who do sorrow whenever believers die to a place where we have comfort knowing that physical death is only a way of sleeping till we see them again. This same promise of resurrection at Christ’s coming is available to every believer who will be physically alive when Christ shall come. Both the “sleeping” and the “living” in Jesus will resurrect!

Our hope is not only in this present world; hence we look forward to the promise of resurrection and we comfort ourselves in it for we shall see again all our friends and loved ones that have slept in the Lord.

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## **DAY 11**

### **TOPIC: WHEN YOU HEAR HEARSAY**

**TEXT: Matthew 18:16**

**Written by: ADEBAYO KOLAWOLE SAMUEL**

*"But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established."*

In the mouth of two or three witness shall every word be established. This was a principle gleaned from the law of Moses. In those times, you weren't to sentence a person to death based on the witness of one person (Deuteronomy 17:6). You weren't also to make a judgment against someone who committed a sin by the witness of just one person (Deuteronomy 19:15).

This is very important for life and relationships with men. Many have destroyed the relationships they have with people by judging them from hearsay. When a matter is brought to you concerning someone, as a wise man, you must seek to know the facts for yourself. A wise man is one who is not hasty in his judgments. A wise man is one who establishes his judgments after having sought to know the truth in the mouth of two or more witnesses.

Brethren beloved, let us not destroy our relationships with people because of hearsay. Let us not form a judgment of people based on the things we have heard people say about them. This is not to say those things may not be true, but it is to show the importance of knowing the facts for yourself. Many have heard things that were not true about others and because they did not seek to know facts, they have wrongfully acted toward others, only to discover that the things they heard were nothing but lies. Don't be a tool for manipulation; judge every matter in the mouth of two or more witnesses.

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## **DAY 12**

### **TOPIC: SUBDUING THE FLESH**

**TEXT: Romans 8:5**

**Written by: OLUMIDE ADEDOTUN**

*"For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit."*

From the above verse, it is safe to affirm that gratifying the flesh comes from desire for or desire to gratify the flesh. The Amplified Version puts it in a simpler form, it says: *"for those who are according to the flesh and are controlled by its unholy desires set their minds on and pursue those things which gratify the flesh..."*

It is therefore clear that indulging in the flesh is a result of having set our minds to the things that gratify the flesh. Thus, for us not to yield to the desires of the flesh, we need to set our minds away from the things that gratify the flesh.

The Apostle Paul provides for us a safe haven; he says "...but they that are after the Spirit the, things of the Spirit". Usually, when the word "but" is used in a sentence, it is to provide a contrary opinion to the preceding statement or idea. Hence, what Apostle Paul affirms to us is that for us not to gratify the flesh, we should set our minds on the things of the Spirit.

What are these things? They are things that pertain to the Holy Ghost— all the fruits and gifts of the Spirit; that is, love, joy, peace, praying in tongues, healing the sick, prophecy etc. When we allow these things find expression through us, we are subduing the flesh. This therefore means we must consistently do the things of the Spirit to subdue the flesh consistently. Hallelujah!

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## **DAY 13**

### **TOPIC: AVOIDING COMPANY WITH CERTAIN BELIEVERS**

**TEXT: 2 Thessalonians 3:14-15**

**Written by: ALOBA TOWOJU**

*"14 And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed. 15 Yet count [him] not as an enemy, but admonish [him] as a brother."*

The New Testament teaches that we always seek peace with fellow brethren and even unbelievers in the midst of conflicts. However, whenever a brother is caught in the act of deliberate and continuous refusal to do the word, the Bible gives clear instructions on how to deal with such brethren.

In the text above, Paul instructs the church in Thessalonica to spot any believer that deliberately disobeys the Epistles and the teachings handed over to them. Having marked such believer, they are expected to have no company with such people. He further explains the reason for such instruction; such dissociation will make the disobedient believer ashamed and ultimately repent. Through it all, they are never to forget that he is still a brother.

Every believer ought to take heed to this caution. This is because we have tendencies of being influenced by our association. At the long run, both the disobedient believer and other believers that take heed to the instruction in the text above will be helped.

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## **DAY 14**

### **TOPIC: GOD CARES FOR LITTLE THINGS TOO**

**TEXT: John 21:9, 12**

**Written by: MAY AYINTETE**

*“As soon as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread. Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine. And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? Knowing that it was the Lord.”*

God cares about the tiniest details of our lives. The preceding verses of our Bible text shows us that the disciples who went fishing hadn't caught any fish but at Jesus' command, they had a great catch of fish. While they were wrapping up their catch for the night, Jesus had already prepared them some fish and bread with some coal fire to keep them warm at the sea shore.

Child of God, this text explains that God is concerned about every aspect of our lives, ranging from a cold to food in our barns. He is not only interested in the big things that affect us, He also cares about the minor things that affect us. There is nothing insignificant to Him about us.

We do not bother Him with our issues, no matter how small they are. He, in fact, wants us to tell Him about them. He is delighted to meet our needs, whatever category they fall into. When you go to God for your needs, you're letting Him know that He is your sufficiency.

Be rest assured that nothing escapes the Father's eyes that concerns you. He's forever pleased with you because of Jesus. So when you pray to the Father about your needs, do not hold anything back, either small or big.

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## **DAY 15**

### **TOPIC: FORGIVEN TO FORGIVE**

**TEXT: Ephesians 4:32**

**Written by: ADEBAYO KOLAWOLE SAMUEL**

*"And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."*

The statement above is very explicitly made: the man in Christ forgives because he has been forgiven. Apostle Paul, by the Holy Ghost, lets us know that the believer in Christ is the forgiven one. An observation of the tense used helps us to know that this has happened in the past. God is not forgiving the saint, nor is He yet to forgive him, nor will He forgive him in the future; rather, He has forgiven him. Notice also that this forgiveness is not because of anything the believer does. It is not because of his pleas, nor his wails nor his shouts, but for Christ's sake. Hence, we can say that only in Christ Jesus is the forgiveness of the believer. Paul reiterates this same information in Ephesians 1:7 and Colossians 1:14, letting us know that we have forgiveness of sins in Him. Thus, in Christ Jesus, we are the forgiven ones.

Upon this information, Paul then gives an instruction: forgive one another. Paul is describing what must be the believer's walk (conduct) here. The believer forgives. He is not one who holds grudges or keeps malice, because he is tenderhearted and kind. One of the characters a believer exhibits in Christ Jesus is love, and love keeps no record of wrongs. We forgive, because we have been forgiven. A believer who refuses to forgive has refused to act out his true nature. He has chosen to act as though God has not forgiven him for Christ's sake. And that is nothing but a denial of the truth. To say you cannot forgive is to deny the truth that you have been forgiven; it is to act beside yourself. Unforgiveness is a stranger in Christian dictionary and parlance; it is alien to Christian communication, language, and culture. We forgive, because we are the forgiven ones.

Today, and beyond, let go off that hurt and pain. Let go off that thought that keeps making you hate that fellow who wronged you. That is not who you are; for you are tenderhearted, kind, and full of love. Forgive today and always, for you are the forgiven one!

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## **DAY 16**

### **TOPIC: YE ARE SONS**

**TEXT: Galatians 4:6-7**

**Written by: OLUMIDE ADEDOTUN**

*“And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.”*

The sacrifice of Jesus Christ makes certain realities affirmatory that is we can confidently say this is who we are without fear or intimidation. It is called being bold, being reassured. In the above text, the Apostle Paul was (is) bold, he says to believers “you are God’s sons.” The Apostle Paul lets us know that the Holy Ghost is the assurance that we are God’s children, We know we are His children because we have His Spirit.

Beloved, we are sons! We know without any doubts in our hearts that we are sons. See Apostle Paul’s words of affirmation again in verse 6; he says you are no more a servant but a son. Very definite use of words— “a son”— that is; I know who you all are, you are sons of God. Glory to God! Never should we doubt this reality.

Beloved, when next you are asked or you have to attest to your identity, don't be timid, say it loud and clear; “I am a son of God”, and you will not be lying, you will only be telling the truth.

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## **DAY 17**

### **TOPIC: MAKE THE POWER OF GOD AVAILABLE**

**TEXT: 1 KINGS 18:41-45**

**Written by: ALADE OLUWASEGUN**

*“And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain. 42 So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees, 43 And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, There is nothing. And he said, Go again seven times. 44 And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare thy chariot, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not. 45 And it came to pass in the meanwhile, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel.”*

The power of God is ever-present and active in the believer. However, the believer might, in some circumstances, feel incapable to demonstrate or manifest the power of God. In such situations, the believer is expected to make power available physically from his spirit. The power needed at such difficult time is right there in the Spirit. The same power that one uses in healing a fever is the same needed to raise the dead or calm a storm.

The believer must be assured that prayer is of the essence in manifesting power. The believer's prayer is not to make the power of God come down from heaven; it is to direct the power which he already has towards a particular situation. Apostle James made a reference to the patriarch Elijah on how he prayed and it rained. The prayer of the believer is effectual and it makes power available.

Today, choose to address that difficult situation by the power of God through prayers. You are more than a conqueror.

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**Further Study: James 5:14-18**

## **DAY 18**

**TOPIC: HELP ME; I DON'T THINK I CAN LOVE OTHERS**

**TEXT: Romans 5:5**

**Written by: ADEBAYO KOLAWOLE SAMUEL**

*"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."*

The text above quietens such a thought as is captioned in the title of today's devotional. The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given to us. The phrase "the Holy Ghost which is given to us" makes us know the text above is the reality of the man in Christ. For it is the man in Christ who has the Holy Ghost. The unsaved man does not have the Holy Ghost, but he can have Him, and will have Him if he believes in the gospel of Jesus Christ. Having said this, we can say assuredly that the love of God is in the heart of the man in Christ. In other words, the believer, the man in Christ, the saint, the child of God does not have a love problem. The child of God is that one in whom the love of God dwells.

Paul, the great apostle, further explains to us that love is a fruit of the believer's spirit (Galatians 5:22). Hence, the believer does not need to pray for the ability to love; he only needs to walk in the ability to love, which he has been given. How will walk in this ability of love? He will do so by first acknowledging that he has the ability to. This will mean that he will not say such things as "I don't think I can love others". To say that is to lie against himself. It is like a man who says, "help me; I think I am a woman". This is nothing but a lie. His sight about himself must have been blurred. He needs to see himself in the mirror again. The written word is the mirror in which the believer sees himself. Therein is the truth which dispels every lie rising within an unrenewed mind. It is the tool with which we reeducate and remould our minds.

So, today and beyond, acknowledge that you have the love of God within you. Throw away the lie that you can't love others, and embrace the truth that you can. The written word tells us that we can walk in love, and that settles it! We will walk in love to the degree that we acknowledge that we can. There's no telling how much love we can demonstrate when we allow this truth totally infiltrate our minds!

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**DAY 19**

**TOPIC: ALIVE IN HIM**

**TEXT: Colossians 2:13**

**Written by: OLUMIDE ADEDOTUN**

*"And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses"*

In the above text, we find out what was our previous reality outside Christ. We were dead in sins but in Christ Jesus, he hath quickened us together with him. The phrase "quicken together" means "to make alive together with him". The Apostle Paul makes it clear also in the above text how we were made alive; we were made alive having received the forgiveness of our trespasses. This therefore means that in Christ, what it means for us to be quickened is to be made free from sins.

The Apostle Paul made this clear to the Ephesian Church; he says:

*"Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 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."* [Ephesians 5:25-27]

So, to be quickened in Christ is to be spotless, without wrinkle, to be without blemish. Therefore, the old is passed away; we have a new life in Christ. In the past, we were dead in sins but in this new life in Christ Jesus, we have been quickened together with Him, being made free from the judgment of sin. Hallelujah!

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**DAY 20**

**TOPIC: FORGET YOUR PAST**

**TEXT: Philippians 3:13-14**

**Written by: MAY AYINTETE**

*“Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”*

If anyone had a past that was filled with unimaginable horrors that were done to the church, it was Apostle Paul. His past was such that the enemy could constantly taunt him about it. First of all, he persecuted the Church day and night and he caused the death of so many, including Stephen. But after his encounter with the Lord Jesus on his way to Damascus, he received forgiveness of all his sins and he could now boldly declare, “ forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”

Beloved, God remembers your sins no more for he hath said in Hebrews 10:17, “*your sins and lawless deeds, I will remember no more*”. Do not let your past rob you of today’s joys. You need not live in regret all your life wishing you had done this or that thing correctly. It’s all in the past now. No matter the horrendous act you’ve committed, God wants you to know that, He had loved you and gave up His Son for you while you were yet in your sins and as such, all you need do is receive His forgiveness of sins and enjoy all of His goodness and daily benefits.

As you go about your endeavours, know that there’s nothing you do now that will ever surprise God. Let this truth register in your heart that your past, present and future sins are forgiven.

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## **DAY 21**

### **TOPIC: THE NAME OF JESUS IS OUR FAMILY NAME**

**TEXT: Philippians 2:9-11**

**Written by: ALOBA TOWOJU**

*"9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of [things] in heaven, and [things] in earth, and [things] under the earth; 11 And [that] every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ [is] Lord, to the glory of God the Father."*

The texts above reveal that Jesus Christ was given a name upon His resurrection. This, in the real sense, does not imply that God gave Him a name that was different from the name "Jesus" which he had always borne, just as there were many people named Jesus as at that time and there are still many named so today.

What these texts teach is that because of Jesus' submission and humility to the point of death, God raised Him up and set Him at an exalted place; that is, His right hand. This was so done such that He was given an authority that is above every other authority in heaven and on earth. Much more, whoever believes in Him has a right to operate with that same authority. Simply put, the name He was given is the highest authority in the whole universe to which all things are subject.

Since every believer has the right to the name of Jesus, which speaks of His authority, it is therefore our responsibility to use the name of Jesus. We, however, must not forget that the only confidence we have for using the name of Jesus is because Jesus is forever exalted; hence, His authority is forever. While the Bible teaches that we maintain a lifestyle of devotion and consecration to God, we must never be lured to imagine that Jesus' name will work at any time because of such devotions. Our confidence must always be in the fact that Jesus conquered hell and He is forever exalted! Always!

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**DAY 22**

**TOPIC: WE HAVE AN ADVOCATE IN JESUS**

**TEXT: Romans 8:34**

**Written by: MAY AYINTETE**

*“Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.”*

Beloved, we are called the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus because of Jesus' sacrifice for us at the cross. This sacrifice exempted us from the consequences we were to face for our sins. Jesus ascended to sit with the Father as our advocate. He's not an advocate who serves His own interests like some earthly lawyers do, rather He's an advocate that serves our interests by interceding on our behalf with the Father.

As our advocate, He ensures that all He died to get us, we get! Hence, we are to have confidence in and rest in the ability of our advocate, that He's for us and not against us. Child of God, refuse to allow the enemy gain grounds in your life by condemning you for every wrong you do. Remind him that “It is Christ that died for your sins, and is resurrected, is now glorified to give you right standing with the Father.”

As you go about your day, rejoice in the truth that Jesus, your advocate, defends and represents you before the Father day and night.

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**DAY 23**

**TOPIC: A LESSON FROM THE MACEDONIAN CHURCH**

**TEXT: 1 Corinthians 8:1-2**

**Written by: OLUMIDE ADEDOTUN**

*“Moreover, brethren, we do a you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia; How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.”*

We can learn sacrifice from the Macedonian Church in how they gave liberally even in their poor state. These believers did not respond to their circumstances in their giving; it would have made logical sense to hold back the little they had, but they gave it. The Apostle testified that they gave within and beyond their power, for they were willing of themselves to give to the support other saints. This is a great demonstration of love that in spite of themselves and the situations they faced, it mattered more to them to give support to other believers in Jerusalem.

We can learn of this great show of love that in spite of ourselves and despite our circumstances we are still able to demonstrate love to one another within and beyond our power. This could be in sending support as it is in this context, praying for one another, and reaching out to one another. We should not always be prone to making excuses of our circumstances as a reason not to render help.

Let us be like the Macedonian Church; never let us withhold a show of love because of life’s circumstances. Let us show love despite and in spite of all.

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## **DAY 24**

### **TOPIC: PRAYING EFFECTIVELY (1)**

**TEXT: James 1:5-7**

**Written by: ALOBA TOWOJU**

*“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all [men] liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. 6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. 7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.”*

Apostle James admonishes in his epistles that men that lack wisdom should be quick in asking from God. He then proceeds to explain how men pray and receive from God. This concept does not just apply to making request for wisdom; it applies to every other need that a man may have. He expressly declares that God assuredly will give to as many as made requests from Him whenever they are in need. This is a simple but very powerful truth! Whenever we request something we need from the Father, His response is to give, always!

In between the request from the believer and God’s steady and sure response, James describes God’s personality as to explain why He always gives when requests are made; God gives to all men liberally and upbraids not. The term “liberally” explains the generousness of a person; that is, such a personality delights in giving— He is always ready and eager to give. To “upbraid not” means not to give any reason whatsoever for not giving; not finding fault with the person that is making the request. James is easily saying that when any man asks from God, God’s automatic response is to answer him without disqualifying the person that is asking.

Henceforth, be very bold in asking God whatsoever you need; He doesn’t and won’t disqualify you because of any perceived weakness whatsoever. Moreover, you can talk to Him without any fear or guilt because He’s your father.

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## **DAY 25**

### **TOPIC: PRAYING EFFECTIVELY (2)**

**TEXT: James 1:5-7**

**Written by: ALOBA TOWOJU**

*“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all [men] liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. 6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. 7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.”*

We have learned how that God is always eager to give us whenever we ask Him and that He doesn't give reasons for not giving to us when we ask Him. However, James goes ahead to explain that as God gives whenever we pray, it is our responsibility to receive from Him. He further explains that any man that is doubtful cannot receive from God, even though God has already given him. A doubtful man is a man whose heart doesn't believe the requests that he makes with his mouth. Such display of unbelief can easily be traced to a lack of confidence in God and consequently His word.

People often lack confidence in God when they doubt any or all of God's ability, willingness and faithfulness concerning a particular situation. For anyone to ask without doubting, he must be persuaded in his heart that God has the ability to do (no matter how impossible the situation looks like). Such a person must also believe that God is willing to use that ability to his or her favour irrespective of his weakness. He or she must also be persuaded that God is faithful to His word; He will not fail to do whatever He has promised!

Dear believer, the battleground is in your mind, and you have to stay glued to the word till your heart is freed from every form of unbelief in God concerning anything or situation. God gives every time we ask Him but it takes a heart that is free of unbelief to also receive every time God gives. Learn to receive all that God gives in prayer!

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## **DAY 26**

**TOPIC: YOU ARE NEVER ALONE**

**TEXT: 2 KINGS 6:15-16**

**Written by: ALADE OLUWASEGUN**

*“And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do? 16- And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.”*

There is a lot to learn from the Old Testament Prophets. It is not a lie to say that they were conscious of the power of God and they manifested same.

Prophet Elisha, in our text today, made a remarkable statement as he was faced with a host of enemies on chariots and horses who gathered round about him to harm him. He said to his servant *“Fear not for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.”*

This is awesome. Apostle John in 1 John 4:4 makes us understand this more as He reveals to us that greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world.

The believer should never be held bound in fear of the enemy. He has an innumerable company of angels working for him (Hebrews 12:22). He has an ability that is greater, which tremendously exceeds the impending difficulty.

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## **DAY 27**

### **TOPIC: EVEN A DEAD RAISED ANOTHER**

**TEXT: 2 Kings 13:20-21**

**Written by: ALOBA TOWOJU**

*“And Elisha died, and they buried him. And the bands of the Moabites invaded the land at the coming in of the year. 21 And it came to pass, as they were burying a man, that, behold, they spied a band [of men]; and they cast the man into the sepulchre of Elisha: and when the man was let down, and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived, and stood up on his feet.”*

Again and again, it is clear from the Bible how God’s power can flow through human bodies and even objects, such that they end up being channels to blessing humans. This again is affirmative from the story of Elisha’s dead bones raising a dead man.

Physically, Elisha’s bones were dead already, yet the power of God was still active through it. God’s power flows through inanimate objects. This is awesome, and shouldn’t be difficult to understand. Elisha’s body was so used to the power of God that even at his death, the remains of his body carried power.

As a believer, you stand in a better position to dispense God’s power than Elisha for the Holy Spirit now dwells in you, never to leave again. He substantiates God’s power in a believer. You only need to stay conscious of this reality and constantly enjoy the vitality of this possession as participate in spiritual activities.

A believer already has 100% of all of God’s power he will ever need. If Elisha’s dead body can raise the dead, nothing stops your living body from doing more. The same Spirit that resurrected the fractured body of Jesus now indwells you and can dispense life to dead bodies. Be more decisive about raising the dead today, and beyond!

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## **DAY 28**

### **TOPIC: HOW SHOULD I TREAT MY PASTOR?**

**TEXT: 1 Timothy 5:17**

**Written by: ADEBAYO KOLAWOLE SAMUEL**

*"Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine."*

The verse above gives a direct answer to the question today's topic poses. The word "elders" here does not necessarily really mean "old people". It's a word that implies "labourers in the word and doctrine"; in other words, these are leaders in the local church. To count an elder worthy of double honour doesn't just mean you say "God bless you sir/ma. Thank you for giving us the word". In the pockets of the saint, there's that with which he must count the elder worthy of double honour. This is no prayer for the man or woman of God. Of course, we must pray for they who labour over us in the word and doctrine; but much more, we must minister to their needs.

If they have ministered to us in spiritual things, as saints beloved of God, we must also minister to them in our carnal things, for our carnal things are good indeed, and will serve them well, even making them minister more unto us in spiritual things. Now, what are these our carnal things? Money, cars, clothes, houses, shoes, wristwatches, foodstuff— these are our carnal things. A saint counts the one who labours over him in the word and doctrine worthy of double honour by meeting his or her needs.

Galatians 6:6

*"Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things."*

The word "communicate" here doesn't mean "speech"; it rather implies "to distribute; to share". The phrase "all good things" here refers to "material things". So, the communication of the one who has been taught in the word to him that teaches him is in his material things. In this, he communicates well. Beloved, let us have a heart that cares for our pastors and leaders. Let us give and give them until they are full. Let us do this with joy, that joy may also be birthed in their hearts, that they may do the work with a merry heart, with all gladness and cheerfulness!

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**DAY 29**

**TOPIC: LORD, WILL YOU?**

**TEXT: Luke 5: 12-13**

**Written by: ALADE OLUWASEGUN**

*"12 And it came to pass, when he was in a certain city, behold a man full of leprosy: who seeing Jesus fell on his face, and besought him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. 13 And he put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will: be thou clean. And immediately the leprosy departed from him."*

Our scripture text gives us an account of one of the numerous miracles Jesus did on earth. According to Luke, there was a man who had leprosy (a chronic and infectious disease that causes severe, disfiguring skin sores and nerve damage in the arms, legs, and skin). The man saw Jesus afar off and having heard of Jesus' mighty works and miracles, He believed that Jesus could heal him. However, he felt that although Jesus could heal him, He may not be willing to do so. Hence, he said: "Lord if you are willing, you can make me clean". This is more like asking in a pitiful tone that: "Lord are you willing to heal me? Will you do it? Will you heal me...I am unclean, a sinner...will you hear my prayer?"

The questions above are the puzzles in many people's minds whenever they expect a miracle from God. Sometimes, these unanswered questions in their minds debar them from even trusting or receiving a miracle from God. It is not a very good situation to know God can do a thing but to also doubt whether He would do it.

In response to the leper, Jesus touched him and said "I will, be clean". This is awesome! This man would have felt loved by the touch and the words that came out from Jesus. He might have expected worse but He got the best of Jesus. He received healing in his body because the man who healed him is able and willing to do so.

Beloved, God is able and willing to do all that we ask of Him. Let not your heart be troubled, hold on to His word today and receive your miracle.

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## **DAY 30**

### **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 31**

### **TOPIC: PRAYER; A TOOL OF FAITH**

**TEXT: 1 Kings 17: 21-22**

**Written by: MAY AYINTETE**

*“21 And he stretched himself on the child three times, and cried to the Lord, and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this child’s soul come into him again. 22 And the Lord heard the voice of Elijah, and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived.”*

The Christian life is a life of faith and walking with the Lord. It’s a life of trusting and developing a relationship and commitment to God.

From the story of the widow of Zarephath and Elijah, we see that Elijah exercised perseverance and unwavering faith as he kept on praying until he saw evidence of an answer. He was confident that it was not God's will for the widow's son to be dead. The widow had shown him much kindness and he didn’t want her to think that God cared less for whatever happens to her and her family.

Elijah was certain that God would restore the boy’s soul back to him, and that was why he kept on praying. As he took the boy into his room and stretched himself upon the child, he cried unto the Lord. He didn’t let the situation before him (the boy's corpse) deter him from traveling in prayers. The Lord heard him and answered his prayers and the boy came back to life. Hallelujah! Our God hears us anytime we call upon Him.

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**Further Study: 1 John 5:14-15**