PRAYERS

Reflecting on my own sin and the resulting pain today ...

The lord revealed the sin from my mom dad sister uncles' cousins since I was born, He then revealed pain they had growing up from their family.

He provides healing in all this sin. The healing of that came to me. I saw it more clearly and my forgiveness and hope abounded.

Then it came we on earth rejoice at Christmas and Easter songs of Him and His healing thru grace and love both here and everlasting.

if you listen closely, you can hear us all in heaven, singing loudly, boldly, with strength truth purpose and conviction like you do on Christmas and Easter songs for Him and for you.

Know that It is never ending each moment many songs in perfect harmony of praises and healing for you.

When you are low and quiet or paused, listen, know and hear with your heart, mind, soul and all of you, that we are real in the heavenlies and in the world.

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John Calvin writes: "We have been forewarned that an enemy relentlessly threatens us, an enemy who is the very embodiment of rash boldness, of military prowess, of crafty wiles, of untiring zeal and haste, of every conceivable weapon and of skill in the science of warfare. We must, then, . . . stand our ground in combat. Since this military service ends only at death, let us urge ourselves to perseverance. Indeed, conscious of our weakness and ignorance, let us especially call upon God's help, relying upon him alone in whatever we attempt, since it is he alone who can supply us with counsel and strength, courage and armor (Book I, Ch. XIV, section 13, 173 in McNeill edition)."

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IF YOU LEARN TO TRUST ME---really trust Me---with your whole being, then nothing can separate you from My Peace. Everything you endure can be put to good use by allowing it to train you in trusting Me. This is how you foil the works of evil, growing in grace through the very adversity that was meant to harm you. Joseph was a prime example of this divine reversal, declaring to his brothers: "You meant evil against me, but God meant if for good."

Do not fear what this day, or any day, may bring your way. Concentrate on trusting Me and on doing what needs to be done. Relax in My sovereignty, remembering that I go before you, as well as with you, into each day. Fear no evil, for I can bring good out of every situation you will ever encounter.

As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant if for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive. ---Genesis 50:20

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ---Psalm 23:4

"Enjoy My perfect Love, which expels every trace of fear."

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Wisdom for God to prepare all of us for the tomorrows of our life as we fully live out the todays of our life.

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Gratitude is a way for people to appreciate what they have instead of always reaching for something new in the hopes it will make them happier or thinking they can't feel satisfied until every physical and material need is met. Gratitude helps people refocus on what they have instead of what they lack. And, although it may feel contrived at first, this mental state grows stronger with use and practice.

Jesus, bible, spirit of god, hope that doesn't fail, love overflowing and unconditional forever before I was made, a special purpose, he saved me, Louise, freedom in US, family, church, dear friends, ministers/servants of god, home, running water, food, safety, health, doctors, sanitation, environment, finances, fruits of the spirit, my giftings, there in my weakness, his strength

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Gratitude

Our whole life is a life of gratitude

• By deepening our awareness of the beauty and grace already present in our daily lives.

• By noticing acts of kindness and compassion.
• By leaving judgment to God.
• By keeping alive our sense of wonder at the world and its inhabitants.
• By looking for signs of God's presence and activity in our own lives and in the lives of others.
• By recalling what we owe others.
• By listening, watching, expectantly.
• By praying the "General Thanksgiving" every day (Book of Common Prayer, p.101).

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and lovingkindness
to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages.

Amen.

He has given us life in the image of Him, male and female, by His Glory that we serve others in prayer, deed, and joy by His unconditional love in all fullness of Him. Hallelujah. Amen.

Hidden Envy

Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Galatians 5:26

According to the journal Science Advances, researchers in Spain conducted a study of the personality types of 540 people and grouped them into four categories: optimistic, pessimistic, trusting, and envious. The first three groups represented sixty percent of the total, and other ten percent were impossible to define. The remainder, the largest single group, was made up of people whose personalities were dominated by envy, though they usually didn't recognize it.

We all battle envy, of course, but we often don't realize how much we're motivated by silent contests with those around us. We quietly compete to get the upper hand, to be noticed, to have our way, and to feed our ego—allow without realizing it.

The Bible's medicine for the heart disease of envy is Christian love. Envy is an emotion that devalues the importance of loving others. Love is much stronger than envy. The best way to counteract envy is to make up our minds to love others. When we love someone, we want the best for him or her. Suddenly it's not all about us, it's about how we can help others succeed.

Whenever you attempt a good work you will find other men doing the same kind of work, and probably doing it better. Envy them not.

Henry Drummond, in The Greatest Thing in the World

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Quote:

Two stonecutters were asked what they were doing.

The first said, "I'm cutting this stone into blocks."

The second replied, "I'm on a team that's building a cathedral."
- Anonymous

REFLECTION:
Learn to see yourself as part of a larger picture than what you see around you. You're not just doing what you do for the effects on your life only, but for the ripple effect such good deeds have, and because you are one of God's kingdom builders.

You're not just cutting stone into blocks; you're building a house for the God of living stones.

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He had compassion on them.
Mathew 14:14

The Greek word for compassion is "splanchnizomai," which won't mean much to you unless you are in the medical field and studied "splanchnology" in school. If so, you remember that "splanchnology" is the study of the gut.

When Matthew writes that Jesus had compassion on the people, he is not saying that Jesus felt casual pity for them. No, the term is far more graphic. Matthew is saying that Jesus felt their hurt in his gut:

He felt the limp of the crippled.
He felt the hurt of the diseased.
He felt the loneliness of the leper.
He felt the embarrassment of the sinful.

And when he felt their hurts, he couldn't help but heal their hurts. And he will do the same for you.

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Faith is the belief that God will do what is right.

God says that the more hopeless your circumstances,

the more likely your salvation;
the greater your cares,
the more genuine your prayers;
the darker the room, the greater the need for light.

The light shines brighter out of the deeper darkness to those he loves and the hopeless have a line open to the Lord, who will see you through.

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Faith means being sure of the things we hope for and knowing that something is real even if we do not see it."
Hebrews 11:1

Faith is the belief that God is real, and that God is good…. It is a choice to believe that the one who made it all hasn't left it all and that this Creator still sends the breath of life into the shadows and responds to gestures of faith….

Faith is the belief that God will do what is right. God says that the more hopeless your circumstances, the more likely your salvation; the greater your cares, the more genuine your prayers; the darker the room, the greater the need for light. God's help is near and always available, but it is only given to those who seek it.

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God will always give what is right to his people who cry to him night and day, and he will not be slow to answer them.
Luke 18:7

Why does God wait until the money is gone? Why does he wait until the sickness has lingered? Why does God wait until after our failures? Why does he choose to wait until the other side of the grave to answer the prayers for healing? I don't know. I only know his timing is always right. I can only say he will do what's best…. Though you hear nothing he is speaking. Though you see nothing, he is acting. With God there are no accidents. Every incident is intended to bring us closer to him.

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Pray and ask God for everything you need, always giving thanks
Philippians 4:6

Heaven knows no difference between Sunday morning and Wednesday afternoon. God longs to speak as clearly in the workplace as he does in the sanctuary. God longs to be worshipped when we sit at the dinner table and not just when we come to his communion table. You may go hours without thinking of the Lord, but there's never a moment when God's not thinking of you.
Knowing this, we understand Paul's rigorous goal: "We capture every thought and make it give up and obey Christ" (2Cor.10:5). We can fathom why he urges us to "pray without ceasing" (1Thess. 5:17), "be constant in prayer" (Rom.12:12) …and "let heaven fill your thoughts" (Col.4:2 TLB).

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1. What's one thing you could do this year to increase your enjoyment of God?
2. What's the most humanly impossible thing you will ask God to do this year?
3. What's the single most important thing you could do to improve the quality of your family life this year?
4. In which spiritual discipline do you most want to make progress this year, and what will you do about it?
5. What is the single biggest timewaster in your life, and what will you do about it this year?
6. What is the most helpful new way you could strengthen your church?
7. For whose salvation will you pray most fervently this year?
8. What's the most important way you will, by God's grace, try to make this year different from last year?
9. What one thing could you do to improve your prayer life this year?
10. What single thing that you plan to do this year will matter most in ten years? In eternity?

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I will be with you always.
Matthew 28:20

God, I pray that I might come to you to be spiritually fed. I ask you to be present with me all day long, in my work and in my rest. God, help me to stay focused on my work and the tasks that lie ahead. Lord be with those who are deployed. I thank you for blessing me so bountifully with food, good friends, and a land of natural wonders in which to live and work. Bless our leaders with wisdom. Keep me healthy and strong physically and spiritually for I ask these things in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

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Everyone who is a child of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world – our faith.
1John 5:4

You get impatient with your own life, trying to master a habit or control a sin – and in your frustration begin to wonder where the power of God is. God is using today's difficulties to strengthen you for tomorrow. He is equipping you. The God who makes things grow will help you.

If you dwell upon the fact that God lives within you, then you can really think about the power that gives your life. It could change the places you hang out and things you choose to do tomorrow.

Do whatever is right this week, whatever it is, whatever comes down the path, whatever problems and dilemmas you face – just do what is right. Maybe no one else is doing what is right, but you do what is right.

You be honest. You take a stand. You be true to a coworker. After all, regardless of what you do, God does what is right – he saves you with his grace.

Prayer:
God I pray that for the rest of this day I would do what is right. I pray that tomorrow, when I am faced with decisions, and sometimes decisions that go against popular opinion, I would make the right decisions. I pray that for the next week I would be honest, and for the next month I would take a stand against things that are wrong. I pray for the next year that I would stand up for what is right and be true to my faith. Bless them and keep us all safe within your care. Amen.

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Spiritual hope under distress
psalm 35,56,57,141:10,73
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“Now we do not live following our sinful selves, but we live following the Spirit.”
Romans 8:4

Growing up memories for some people produces more hurt than inspiration. The voices of the past cursed, belittled and ignored. At the time, these were thought to be normal and typical, but now it is clear it wasn’t.

How do you explain a past like this?

Does a person rise above the past and make a difference? Or does a person remain controlled by the past and make excuses?

Think about this:

Spiritual life comes from the Spirit! Your parents may have given you genes, but God gives you grace.

Your parents may be responsible for your body, but God has taken charge of your soul.

You may get your looks from your mother, but you get eternity from your Father, your heavenly Father.

And God is willing to give you what your family didn’t.

Prayer: God, thank you for giving me spiritual life and a soul. Help me to help others find spiritual life in you also. I pray that I may be one who truly seeks to make a difference. Amen.

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Let us give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His steadfast love endures forever.
Psalm 106:1

Worship is when you’re aware that what you’ve been given is far greater than what you can give. Worship is the awareness that were it not for his touch, you’d still be hobbling and hurting, bitter and broken. Worship is the half-glazed expression on the parched face of a desert pilgrim as he discovers that the oasis is not a mirage. Worship is the “thank you” that refuses to be silenced. We have tried to make a science out of worship. We can’t do that. We can’t do that anymore than we can “sell love” or “negotiate peace. “Worship is a voluntary act of gratitude offered by the saved to

the Savior, by the healed to the Healer, and by the delivered to the Deliverer.
In The Eye Of The Storm" Max Lucado

Prayer: God, may my life reflect the life of a beloved one who has been saved, healed, and delivered. Thank you for all you give and more. Amen.

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God fights for us. He joins the fray and takes over. "Remain calm; the Lord will fight for you" (Exodus 14:14). God's job is to fight while our job is to trust. Just trust: not direct, or question, or second-guess. Our job is to pray and wait. God will direct us. God knows what will happen, and God knows what to do next. "We are many, but in Christ we are all one body. Each one is a part of that body."
Romans 12:5

God has enlisted us in His military and placed us on His ship. The ship has one purpose – to carry us safely to the other shore.

This is no cruise ship; it's a ship designed for battle. We aren't called to a life of leisure; we are called to a life of service. Each of us has a different task. Some are rescue swimmers, concerned with those who are drowning in sin, and they set about rescuing people. Others are occupied with the enemy, so they handle the big guns of worship and prayer. Still others are God's Culinary Specialists, and Training Team, devoting themselves to the feeding and training of the crew.

Though different, we are the same. Each can tell of a personal encounter with the Commanding Officer, for each has received a personal call…

We each follow him across the quarterdeck of his grace onto the same ship. There is one Commanding Officer and one destination. Though the battle is fierce, the ship is safe, for our CO is God. The ship will not sink. For that there is no concern.

Prayer:
God, thank you for letting me be a member of your crew and calling me to a life of service to you. Thank you for the gift of your heavenly kingdom at the end of our journey. Thank you for guiding me and for protecting the wellbeing of my soul. Help me to accomplish all that you made me for. Amen.

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"Let us always offer to God our sacrifice of praise."
Hebrews 13:15

Our God is an Awesome God.
God's character is holy.
God's truth is absolute.
God's strength is unending.
God's discipline is fair.
God provides abundantly for our needs.
God's light is adequate for our path.
God's grace is sufficient for our sins.
God is never early, never late…
God sent the Son in the fullness of time and will return at the consummation of time.
God's plan is perfect - bewildering, puzzling, and even troubling at times, but perfect.
"He Reminded Us of You (A prayer for a friend)" Max Lucado

Prayer:
Thank you, God, for being you. I also thank you for those who remind me of you. Help me to continue to look for the light in others and reflect the light that comes from you in my own life. Amen.

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Faith is not the belief that God will do what you want. Faith is the belief that God will do what is right. God is always near and always available, just waiting for your touch.

So let him know, demonstrate your devotion:
Write a letter.
Ask forgiveness.
Attend worship.
Feed a hungry person.
Pray at home.
Teach a class.
Read from the Bible.
Do something that demonstrates faith. For faith with no effort is no faith at all. God will respond! God has never rejected a genuine gesture of faith. Never!

Prayer:
God, may I find ways in my life to make my faith real, to do as Jesus would have me do. May I trust that you will do what is right. I believe, help my unbelief. Amen.

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God, I ask that I might be counted among the poor in spirit, merciful, pure in heart peacemakers who mourn their sin. Teach me to be a brave bridge builder, who uses words that heal instead of hurting. And God, I ask for your blessing, not that I deserve your blessing but because you are a gracious and loving God. May I reach out to others as you have reached out to me. Give me strength to endure trials, and bravery to face danger. For I ask these things in your holy name. Amen.

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I reflected on the last 7 years of LMEd.

Two stonecutters were asked what they were doing.
The first said, “I’m cutting this stone into blocks.”
The second replied, “I’m praying for all who work on this house and those that will occupy it to the glory of the Lord. May my stonework, and He has me here, contribute to furthering the Lord's mercy and grace for all the Loves in obedience to Him.

LMEd for 7 years was one of the most satisfying things I had ever done and the lowest pay I ever had. At some point by serving others, people would ask, why do you do this?

My main message, I am a Christian and this project the Lord used all my gifts and interests in this work to care about you personally first in your health. To me, fueled daily by prayer for each person I met in the US and around the world, it was one person at a time.

That we together would reach millions through sharing lifestyle medicine education as an example of the Lords love for all people. Medical people reach millions of patients over their careers. I am so happy what we started and now going under its own momentum. LMEd is for a time, the Lord is forever

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Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me, for I am gentle (meek) and humble (lowly) in heart, and you will find rest . . . for your souls. For My yoke is wholesome (useful, good---not harsh, hard, sharp, or pressing, but comfortable, gracious, and pleasant), and My burden is light and easy to be borne.
Matthew 11:20-30

But if we walk in the Light as He is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son, purifies us from all sin.
1 John 1:7

I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For He has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like priest and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
Isaiah 61:10

When Jesus spoke again to the people, He said, “I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.
John 8:12

Now may the Lord of Peace Himself give you Peace at all times and
in every way. The Lord be with all of you.
2 Thessalonians 3:16

As for God, His way is perfect, the Word of the LORD is flawless. He is a shield for all who take refuge in Him.
Psalm 18:30

For I am the LORD, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, do not fear; I will help you.
Isaiah 41:13

Cease striving and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.
Psalm 46:10

Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when He appears, we
shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.
1 John 3:2

Now may the Lord of Peace Himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.
2 Thessalonians 3:16

Submit to God and be at peace with Him; in this way prosperity will come to you.
Job 22:21

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.
Colossians 2:6-7

Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the Light of Your Presence, O Lord.
Psalm 89:15

My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love,
so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order
that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are
hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.
Colossians 2:2-3

The LORD gives strength to His people; the LORD
blesses His people with peace.
Psalm 29:11

Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the LORD'S purpose that prevails.
Proverbs 19:21

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.
Romans 15:4

My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in Me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you believe in Me and I am in You. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent Me. I have given them the glory that You gave Me, that they may be one as We are One: I in them and You in Me. May they be
brought to complete unity to let the world know that You sent Me and have loved them even as You have loved Me.
John 17:20-23

He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:29-31

The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace,
Romans 8:6

Yet I am always with you; You hold Me by my right Hand. You guide me with Your counsel, and afterward You will take me into glory.
Psalm 73:23-24

You have not seen God, but still you love him. You cannot see him now, but you believe in him.
1 Peter 1:8

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.
1 Corinthians 15:10

I say to myself, “The LORD is my portion; therefore, I will wait for him.” The LORD is good to those whose hope is in Him, to the one who seeks Him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.
Lamentations 3:24-26

But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint.
Isaiah 40:31

You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.
Psalm 16:11

Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set His seal of awareness on us, and put His Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.
2 Corinthians 1:21-22

No one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.
Joshua 1:5

God made you alive with Christ, and he forgave all your sins. He cancelled the debt, which listed all the rules we failed to follow.
Colossians 2:13-14

The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.
Zephaniah 3:17

So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ. and to know this love that surpasses knowledge that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.
Ephesians 3:17-19

No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us.
1 John 4:12

Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

For nothing is impossible with God.
Luke 1:37

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations, forever and ever! Amen.
Ephesians 3:20-21

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.
Hebrews 12:2

For I am the LORD, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, do not fear; I will help you."
Isaiah 41:13

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."
John 14:27

We are assured and know that (God being a partner in their labor) all things work together and are (fitting into a plan) for good to and for those who love God and are called according to (His) design and purpose.
Romans 8:28

Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take My yolk upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in
heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
Matthew 11:28-29

I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing.
1 Timothy 2-8

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth gives way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.
Psalm 46:1-2

The LORD gives strength to His people; the LORD
blesses His people with peace.
Psalm 29:11

"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn His face toward you and give you peace."
Numbers 6:24-26

But I trust in Your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in Your salvation.
Psalm 13:5

What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us?
Romans 8:31

So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.
2 Corinthians 4:18

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world but be
transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - His good, pleasing and perfect will.
Romans 12:2

Look to the LORD and His strength; seek His face always.
Psalm 105:4

For He will give His angels (especial) charge over you to accompany and defend and preserve you in all your ways (of obedience and service). They shall bear you up on their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone.
2 Corinthians 5:7

For we walk by faith, not by sight.
2 Corinthians 5:7

The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and I am helped. My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to Him in song.
Psalm 28:7

Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.
Matthew 6:34

When I am afraid, I will trust in You. In God, whose Word I praise, I will not be afraid. What can mortal man do to me?
Psalm 56:3-4

I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.
Genesis 28:15

We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.
2 Corinthians 10:5

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in Me. In My Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you.
John 14:1-2

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.
Proverbs 3:5-6

I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.
John 16:33

Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for the gracious and compassionate and righteous man. He will have no fear of bad news; his heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.
Psalm 112:4,7

And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into His likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.
2 Corinthians 3:18

Yet I am always with you; You hold me by my right hand. You guide me with Your counsel, and afterward You will take me into glory.
Psalm 73:23-24

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you
face trials of many kinds.
James 1:2

I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.
John 16:33

But I am like an olive tree flourishing in the house of God; I trust in God's unfailing love for ever and ever.
Psalm 52:8

Lean on, trust in, and be confident in the Lord with all your heart and mind and do not rely on your own insight or understanding. In all your ways know, recognize, and acknowledge Him, and He will direct and make straight and plain your paths.
Proverbs 3:5-6

Neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Romans 8:39

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.
James 1:5

For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.
2 Corinthians 4:17

The Sovereign LORD is my strength; He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; He enables me to go on the heights.
Habakkuk 3:19

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:7

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning
to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"
Matthew 14:29-30

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.
Hebrews 12:2

I will be with you always.
Matthew 28:20

The LORD replied, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” Exodus 33:14

Remain in Me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in Me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in Me, he is like branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.
John 15:4-7

Let be and be still and know (recognize and understand) that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations! I will be exalted in the earth!
Psalm 46:10

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.
Colossians 4:2

His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness. Through these He has given us His very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.
2 Peter 1:3-4

When I am afraid; I will trust in You. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I will not be afraid. What can mortal man do to me?
Psalm 56:3-4

But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
Matthew 6:20-21

What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us?
Romans 8:31

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, even though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; its waters roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with its swelling
Psalm 46:1-3

For nothing is impossible with God!
Luke 1:37

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever!
Ephesians 3:20-21

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
Psalm 46:1

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in Prayer.
Romans 12:12

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Romans 15:13

Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 5:18

Look to the LORD and His Strength; seek His face always.
Psalm 105:4

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is His good, pleasing and perfect will.
Romans 12:2

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.
Jeremiah 29:11

But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My Name. will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."
John 14:26-27

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!
2 Corinthians 5:17

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.
Ephesians 2:10

Good people pass away; the godly often die before their time. But no one seems to care or wonder why. No one seems to understand that God is protecting them from the evil to come. For those who follow godly paths will rest in peace when they die.
Isaiah 57:1-2

Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not look
to the proud, to those who turn aside to false gods.
Psalm 40:4

When I am afraid, I will trust in you. In God, whose Word I praise, in God I trust; I will not be afraid. What can mortal man do to me?
Psalm 56:3-4

Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to Him, for God is our refuge.
Psalm 62:8

You will keep in perfect peace Him whose mind is steadfast, because He trusts in You. Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD, the LORD, is the Rock Eternal.
Isaiah 26:3-4

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth gives way and the mountains fall into the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. Psalm 46:1-3

Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim You, who walk in the light of Your presence, O Lord.
Psalm 89:15

I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing.
John 15:5

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.
Psalm 36:9

If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in Him and He in God. And so, we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.
1 John 4:15-16

The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. Deuteronomy 33:27

Everyone who is a child of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world – our faith.
1 John 5:4

Surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.
Matt.28:20

Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.
Hebrews 13:5

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest.”
Luke 2:13-14

Every good gift comes from God. These good gifts come down from the creator of the sun, moon, and stars, who does not change like their shifting shadows.
James 1:17

To choose life is to love the Lord your God, obey him, and stay close to him.
Deuteronomy 30:20

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.
Galatians 5:22-24

I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld Your power and Your glory.
Psalms 63:2

We live by faith, not by sight.
2 Corinthians 5:7

Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?
John 11:40

Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.
Proverbs 16:3

But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”
Matthew 6

For our light, momentary affliction (this slight distress of the passing hour) is ever more abundantly preparing and producing and achieving for us an everlasting weight of glory (beyond all measure, excessively surpassing all comparisons and all calculations, a vast and transcendent glory and blessedness never to cease!)
2 Corinthians 4:17

For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.
2 Corinthians 4:6

You took away my garments of sadness and clothed me in happiness.
Psalm 30:11

In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.
Proverbs 3:6

Now in Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us.
Ephesians 3:20

We are assured and know that (God being a partner in their labor) all things work together and are (fitting into a plan) for good to and for those who love God and are called according to (His) design and purpose.

Romans 8:38

Then Job replied to the LORD: “I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted. You asked, “Who is this that obscures My counsel without knowledge?” Surely, I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know.
Job 42:1-3

Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.
1 Peter 5:7

We live by faith, not by sight.
2 Corinthians 5:7

Everyone who is a child of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world – our faith
1 John 5:4

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God, I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.
Isaiah 41:10

Even there your hand will guide me, Your right hand will hold be fast.
Psalm 139:10

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds. James 1:2

And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:19

My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.
Colossians 2:2-3

Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.
Deuteronomy 6:5

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.
Colossians 3:23

You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill Me with joy in Your Presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.
Psalms 16:11

“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways,” declares the LORD. “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.”
Isaiah 55:8-9

Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.
Hebrews 13:15-16

Because of the LORD'S great love, we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.
I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion; therefore, I will wait for Him." The LORD is good to those whose hope is in Him, to the one who seeks Him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.
Lamentations 3:22-26

But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables Him to bring everything under His control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body.
Philippians 3:20-21

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you
Psalm 32:8

Trust in Him at all times, you people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us.
Psalm 62:8

Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.
1 Peter 5:7

I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge---that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.
Ephesians 3:16-19

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word, I hope.
Psalm 130:5

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.... And be thankful.
Colossians 3:15

This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Psalm 118:24

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels or demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Romans 8:38-39

I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith and I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,

may have
power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and how long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.
Ephesians 3:16-19

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever.
Romans 11:36

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds
in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:6-7

Yet I am always with you; you hold Me by My right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward You will take me into glory.
Psalm 73:23-24

Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.
1 Thessalonians 3:11-13

And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.
2 Corinthians 9:8

May the God of your hope so fill you with all joy and peace in believing (through the experience of your faith) that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound and be overflowing (bubbling over) with hope.
Romans 15:13

Look to the LORD and His strength; seek His face always.
Psalm 105:4

If you hide your sins, you will not succeed.
Revelation 7:14

Let us give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His steadfast love endures forever.
Psalm 106:1

Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim You, who walk in the light of Your Presence, O LORD. They rejoice in Your Name all day long; they exult in Your righteousness.
Psalm 89:15-16

Then Jesus said to His disciples: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. Life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. Consider the ravens; they do not sow or reap; they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?”

Luke 12:22-25

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you.
Deuteronomy 31:6

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right Hand.
Isaiah 41:10

I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!
Psalm 27:13

Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD."
Jeremiah 9:23-24

Delight yourself in the LORD and He will give you the desires of your heart.
Psalm 37:4

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.
Colossians 4:2

My eyes are always on the LORD, for he rescues me from the traps of my enemies.
Psalm 25:15

Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.
Hebrews 12:3

Do not try to punish others when they wrong you but wait for God to punish them with his anger.
Romans 12:19

Those people who know they have great spiritual needs are happy, because the kingdom of heaven belongs to them.
Matthew 5:3

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful; I know that full well.
Psalm 139:14

The Lord hears good people when they cry out to him, and he saves them from all their troubles.
Psalm 34:17

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable, think about such things.
Philippians 4:8

I am the good shepherd; I know My sheep and my sheep know me---just as the Father knows me and I know the Father---and I lay down my life for the sheep.
John 10:14-15

May [Jesus] enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you.
Ephesians 1:18

I sought the LORD and He answered me; He delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to Him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.
This poor man called, and the LORD heard him; He saved him out of all his troubles.
Psalms 34:4-6

Look to the LORD and His strength; seek His face always.
Psalm 105:4

Praise be to God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.
2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.
James 1:2-4

Let them give thanks to the LORD for His unfailing love and His wonderful deeds for men. Let them sacrifice thank offerings and tell of His works with songs of joy.
Psalm 107:21-22

We all have different gifts, each of which came because of the grace God gave us.
Romans 12:6

“The LORD makes His face shine upon you can be gracious to you; the LORD turns His face toward you and give you peace.”
Numbers 6:25-26

When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.
Psalm 56:3

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.
James 1:17

A man who is kind benefits himself, but a cruel man hurts himself.
Proverbs 11:17

Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.
Proverbs 11:25

Whoever heeds instruction is on the path to life, but he who rejects reproof leads others astray.
Proverbs 10:17

Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Delight yourself in the LORD and He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in Him and He will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.
Psalm 37:3-6

And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:19

Splendor and majesty are before Him, strength and joy in His dwelling place. Chronicles 16:27

But I trust in Your unfailing love; My heart rejoices in your salvation.
Psalm 13:5

Always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Ephesians 5:20

Everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord will be saved.
Romans 10:13

Which God will bring about in His own time---God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To Him be honor and might forever. Amen.
1 Timothy 6:15-16

For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways," declares the LORD. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.
Isaiah 55:8-9

Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.
Matthew 11:28

Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.
Matthew 6:34

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me.
Psalm 138:7

I sought the LORD, and He answered me; He delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to Him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame. This poor man called, and the LORD heard him; He saved him out of all his troubles.
Psalm 34:4-6

O LORD, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me. But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child is my soul within me.
Psalm 131:1-2

I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.
Ephesians 3:16-19

Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence.
Hebrews 4:16

Lord, show us the Father. That is all we need.
John 14:8

The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. He will drive out your enemy before you, saying, “Destroy him!”
Deuteronomy 33:27

I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the. LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD. Psalm 27:13-14

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me: Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
Psalm 23:4

Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of Your presence, O LORD. They rejoice in Your Name all day long; they exult in your righteousness.
Psalm 89:15-16

I have set the LORD always before me. Because He is my right hand, I will not be shaken.
Psalm 16:8

Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.
2 Peter 1:2

Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens.
Psalm 68:19

The LORD is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise Him, my father’s God, and I will exalt Him.
Exodus 15:2

We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:5

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. Hebrews 10:23

I will ponder the way that is blameless. Oh, when will you come to me? I will walk with integrity of heart within my house; I will not set before my eyes anything that is worthless.
Psalm 101:2-3

In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.
Psalm 5:3

A man's steps are directed by the LORD. How then can anyone understand his own way?
Proverbs 20:24

For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So, we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.
2 Corinthians 4:17-18

And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.
Ephesians 2:6

The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace.
Romans 8:6

Do not love the world or anything in the world. The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.
1 John 2:15, 17

Therefore, we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.
2 Corinthians 4:16-17

On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased.
Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered. Trust in Him at all times, you people; pour out your heart before Him, God is a refuge for us.
Psalm 62:8

Upon you I have learned from before my birth; you are he who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you. Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart. Those who look to Him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.
Psalm 34:5

Whoever pursues righteousness and kindness will find life, righteousness, and honor. So that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe.

Philippians 2:15

Jesus - Light of the World. When Jesus spoke again to the people, He said, “I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness but will have the Light of Life.”
John 8:12

Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things. I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I
will counsel you and watch over you.
Psalms 32:8

It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives to his beloved sleep. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.
Romans 12:12

Jesus replied: “’Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’”
Matthew 22:37

The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands. Almighty; the whole earth is full of His glory.”
Isaiah 6:3

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Romans 8:38-39

LORD, I cry out to You; make haste to me! Give ear to my voice when I cry out to You.
Psalm 141:1

Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones. Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. ---Ephesians 4:29

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.
Colossians 4:2

Christ rose first; then when Christ comes back, all his people will become alive again.
I Corinthians 15:23 TLB

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for Him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.
Psalm 37:7

God is against the proud, but he gives grace to the humble.
James 4:6

Though the fig tree does not blossom and there is no fruit on the vines, (though) the product of the olive fails and the fields yield no food, though the flock is cut off from the field and there are no cattle in the stalls. Yet I will rejoice in the
Lord; I will exult in the (victorious) God of my salvation! The Lord God is my Strength, my personal bravery, and my invincible army; He makes my feet like hinds' feet and will make me to walk (not to stand still in terror, but to walk) and make (spiritual). progress upon my high places (of trouble, suffering, or responsibility)!
Habakkuk 3:17-19

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple. Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.
2 Thessalonians 3:16

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock."
Matthew 7:24-25

You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.
Ephesians 4:22-24

Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers, consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels, that you may tell the next generation that this is God, our God forever and ever. He will guide us forever. Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.
Psalm 119:105

I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power,
together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high an deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge---that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.
Ephesians 3:16-19

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.
Romans 8:26

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it in the full. I am the good Shepherd. The good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.
John 1:10-11

For this God is our God for ever and ever; He will be our guide even to the end. Psalm 48:14

Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to Him, for God is our refuge.
Psalm 62:8

But we your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give thanks to you forever; from generation to generation we will recount your praise. But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint.
Isaiah 40:31

Finally, brothers, whatever is true. whatever is noble, whatever is right,
whatever is pure, whatever is admirable---if anything is excellent or
praiseworthy----think about such things. Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the Name that is above every name, that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is LORD, to the glory of God the Father.
Philippians 2:9-11

He who dwells in the shelter of the Highest will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. After this I heard what sounded like the roar of a great multitude in heaven shouting: “Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God.”
Revelation 19:1

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for Him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.
Psalm 37:7

Blessed is the man whom you discipline, O LORD, and whom you teach out of your law, “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find.”
Matthew 7:7

O LORD Almighty blessed is the man who trusts in You.
Psalm 84:12

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23

Make no friendship with a man given to anger, nor go with a wrathful man,
lest you learn his ways and entangle yourself in a snare.
Proverbs 22:24-25

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. James 4:7

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us.
Ephesians 3:20

We proclaim God, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. To this end I labor, struggling with all God’s energy, which so powerfully works in me.
Colossians 1:28-29

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths
Proverbs 3:5-6

The Lord confides in those who fear Him; He makes His covenant known to them. My eyes are ever on the LORD, for only He will release my feet from the snare.
Psalm 25:14-15

Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."
John 14:27

Many are asking, "Who can show us any good?" Let the light of Your face shine upon us, O LORD. You have filled my heart with greater joy than when their grain and new wine abound. I will lie down and sleep in peace, for You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.
Psalm 4:6-8

Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.
Proverbs 16:3

The LORD your God is with you, He is Mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing. Zephaniah 3:17

Their sins, and the evil things they do – I will not remember anymore.
Hebrews 10:17

With one sacrifice Jesus made perfect forever those who are being made holy"
Hebrews 10:14

Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and His understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and
increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not faint.
Isaiah 40:28-31

The LORD watches over all who love Him, but all the wicked He will destroy. ---Psalm 145:20

But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. For when I am weak, then I am strong.
2 Corinthians 12:9-10

For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.
1 Corinthians 14:33

You are My hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.
Psalms 32:7

Sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything.
2 Corinthians 6:10

I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For He has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
Isaiah 61:10

Let us hold firmly to the hope that we have confessed, because we can trust God to do what he promised.
Hebrews 10:23

Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, my Savior.
Psalm 42:5

Show me Your ways, O LORD, teach me Your paths; guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God my Savior, and my hope is in You all day long. ---Psalm 25:4-5

By day the LORD commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life. I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promise you."
Genesis 28:15

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.
Philippians 4:4, 12

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.
John 14:27

Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent.
John 17:3

Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim You, who walk in the light of Your Presence, O LORD.
Psalm 89:15

They will make war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will overcome them because He is Lord of lords and King of kings and with Him will be His called, chosen and faithful followers."
Revelation 17:14

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into His likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.
2 Corinthians 3:17-18

God has planted eternity in the hearts of humans.
Ecclesiastes 3:10

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.

1 Peter 5:6-7

But seek first His Kingdom and His Righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.
Matthew 6:33

The One who sent me is with me; He has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases Him.
John 8:29

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.
Colossians 3:23-24

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Gratitude

Our whole life is a life of gratitude

- By deepening our awareness of the beauty and grace already present in our daily lives.
- By noticing acts of kindness and compassion.
- By leaving judgment to God.
- By keeping alive our sense of wonder at the world and its inhabitants.
- By looking for signs of God's presence and activity in our own lives and in the lives of others.
- By recalling what we owe others.
- By listening, watching, expectantly.
- By praying the "General Thanksgiving" every day (Book of Common Prayer, p.101).

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and lovingkindness
to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,

by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages.

Amen.

He has given us life in the image of Him, male and female, by His Glory that we serve others in prayer, deed, and joy by His unconditional love in all fullness of Him. Hallelujah. Amen.

Hidden Envy

Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Galatians 5:26

According to the journal Science Advances, researchers in Spain conducted a study of the personality types of 540 people and grouped them into four categories: optimistic, pessimistic, trusting, and envious. The first three groups represented sixty percent of the total, and other ten percent were impossible to define. The remainder, the largest single group, was made up of people whose personalities were dominated by envy, though they usually didn't recognize it.

We all battle envy, of course, but we often don't realize how much we're motivated by silent contests with those around us. We quietly compete to get the upper hand, to be noticed, to have our way, and to feed our ego—allow without realizing it.

The Bible's medicine for the heart disease of envy is Christly love. Envy is an emotion that devalues the importance of loving others. Love is much stronger than envy. The best way to counteract envy is to make up our minds to love others. When we love someone, we want the best for him or her. Suddenly it's not all about us, it's about how we can help others succeed.

Whenever you attempt a good work you will find other men doing the same kind of work, and probably doing it better. Envy them not.

Henry Drummond, in The Greatest Thing in the World

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Quote:

Two stonecutters were asked what they were doing.

The first said, “I’m cutting this stone into blocks.”

The second replied, “I’m on a team that’s building a cathedral.”
- Anonymous

REFLECTION:
Learn to see yourself as part of a larger picture than what you see around you. You’re not just doing what you do for the effects on your life only, but for the ripple effect such good deeds have, and because you are one of God’s kingdom builders.

You’re not just cutting stone into blocks; you’re building a house for the God of living stones.

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He had compassion on them.
Mathew 14:14

The Greek word for compassion is “splanchnizomai,” which won’t mean much to you unless you are in the medical field and studied “splanchnology” in school. If so, you remember that “splanchnology” is the study of the gut.

When Matthew writes that Jesus had compassion on the people, he is not saying that Jesus felt casual pity for them. No, the term is far more graphic. Matthew is saying that Jesus felt their hurt in his gut:

He felt the limp of the crippled.
He felt the hurt of the diseased.
He felt the loneliness of the leper.
He felt the embarrassment of the sinful.

And when he felt their hurts, he couldn’t help but heal their hurts. And he will do the same for you.

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Faith is the belief that God will do what is right.

God says that the more hopeless your circumstances,

the more likely your salvation;
the greater your cares,
the more genuine your prayers;
the darker the room, the greater the need for light.

The light shines brighter out of the deeper darkness to those he loves and the hopeless have a line open to the Lord, who will see you through.

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Faith means being sure of the things we hope for and knowing that something is real even if we do not see it."
Hebrews 11:1

Faith is the belief that God is real, and that God is good…. It is a choice to believe that the one who made it all hasn't left it all and that this Creator still sends the breath of life into the shadows and responds to gestures of faith….

Faith is the belief that God will do what is right. God says that the more hopeless your circumstances, the more likely your salvation; the greater your cares, the more genuine your prayers; the darker the room, the greater the need for light. God's help is near and always available, but it is only given to those who seek it.

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God will always give what is right to his people who cry to him night and day, and he will not be slow to answer them.
Luke 18:7

Why does God wait until the money is gone? Why does he wait until the sickness has lingered? Why does God wait until after our failures? Why does he choose to wait until the other side of the grave to answer the prayers for healing? I don't know. I only know his timing is always right. I can only say he will do what's best…. Though you hear nothing he is speaking. Though you see nothing, he is acting. With God there are no accidents. Every incident is intended to bring us closer to him.

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Pray and ask God for everything you need, always giving thanks
Philippians 4:6

Heaven knows no difference between Sunday morning and Wednesday afternoon. God longs to speak as clearly in the workplace as he does in the sanctuary. God longs to be worshipped when we sit at the dinner table and not just when we come to his communion table. You may go hours without thinking of the Lord, but there's never a moment when God's not thinking of you.
Knowing this, we understand Paul's rigorous goal: "We capture every thought and make it give up and obey Christ" (2Cor.10:5). We can fathom why he urges us to "pray without ceasing" (1Thess. 5:17), "be constant in prayer" (Rom.12:12) …and "let heaven fill your thoughts" (Col.4:2 TLB).

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1. What's one thing you could do this year to increase your enjoyment of God?
2. What's the most humanly impossible thing you will ask God to do this year?
3. What's the single most important thing you could do to improve the quality of your family life this year?
4. In which spiritual discipline do you most want to make progress this year, and what will you do about it?
5. What is the single biggest timewaster in your life, and what will you do about it this year?
6. What is the most helpful new way you could strengthen your church?
7. For whose salvation will you pray most fervently this year?
8. What's the most important way you will, by God's grace, try to make this year different from last year?
9. What one thing could you do to improve your prayer life this year?
10. What single thing that you plan to do this year will matter most in ten years? In eternity?

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I will be with you always.
Matthew 28:20

God, I pray that I might come to you to be spiritually fed. I ask you to be present with me all day long, in my work and in my rest. God, help me to stay focused on my work and the tasks that lie ahead. Lord be with those who are deployed. I thank you for blessing me so bountifully with food, good friends, and a land of natural wonders in which to live and work. Bless our leaders with wisdom. Keep me healthy and strong physically and spiritually for I ask these things in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

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Everyone who is a child of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world – our faith.
1John 5:4

You get impatient with your own life, trying to master a habit or control a sin – and in your frustration begin to wonder where the power of God is. God is using today's difficulties to strengthen you for tomorrow. He is equipping you. The God who makes things grow will help you.

If you dwell upon the fact that God lives within you, then you can really think about the power that gives your life. It could change the places you hang out and things you choose to do tomorrow.

Do whatever is right this week, whatever it is, whatever comes down the path, whatever problems and dilemmas you face – just do what is right. Maybe no one else is doing what is right, but you do what is right. You be honest. You take a stand. You be true to a coworker. After all, regardless of what you do, God does what is right – he saves you with his grace.

Prayer:
God I pray that for the rest of this day I would do what is right. I pray that tomorrow, when I am faced with decisions, and sometimes decisions that go against popular opinion, I would make the right decisions. I pray that for the next week I would be honest, and for the next month I would take a stand against things that are wrong. I pray for the next year that I would stand up for what is right and be true to my faith. Bless them and keep us all safe within your care. Amen.

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Spiritual hope under distress
psalm 35,56,57,141:10,73
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"Now we do not live following our sinful selves, but we live following the Spirit."
Romans 8:4

Growing up memories for some people produces more hurt than inspiration. The voices of the past cursed, belittled and ignored. At the time, these were thought to be normal and typical, but now it is clear it wasn't.

How do you explain a past like this?

Does a person rise above the past and make a difference? Or does a person remain controlled by the past and make excuses?

Think about this:

Spiritual life comes from the Spirit! Your parents may have given you genes, but God gives you grace.

Your parents may be responsible for your body, but God has taken charge of your soul.

You may get your looks from your mother, but you get eternity from your Father, your heavenly Father.

And God is willing to give you what your family didn't.

Prayer: God, thank you for giving me spiritual life and a soul. Help me to help others find spiritual life in you also. I pray that I may be one who truly seeks to make a difference. Amen.

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Let us give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His steadfast love endures forever.
Psalm 106:1

Worship is when you're aware that what you've been given is far greater than what you can give. Worship is the awareness that were it not for his touch, you'd still be hobbling and hurting, bitter and broken. Worship is the half-glazed expression on the parched face of a desert pilgrim as he discovers that the oasis is not a mirage. Worship is the "thank you" that refuses to be silenced. We have tried to make a science out of worship. We can't do that. We can't do that anymore than we can "sell love" or "negotiate peace. "Worship is a voluntary act of gratitude offered by the saved to
the Savior, by the healed to the Healer, and by the delivered to the Deliverer.
In The Eye Of The Storm" Max Lucado

Prayer: God, may my life reflect the life of a beloved one who has been saved, healed, and delivered. Thank you for all you give and more. Amen.

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God fights for us. He joins the fray and takes over. "Remain calm; the Lord will fight for you" (Exodus 14:14). God's job is to fight while our job is to trust. Just trust: not direct, or question, or second-guess. Our job is to pray and wait. God will direct us. God knows what will happen, and God knows what to do next. "We are many, but in Christ we are all one body. Each one is a part of that body."
Romans 12:5

God has enlisted us in His military and placed us on His ship. The ship has one purpose – to carry us safely to the other shore.

This is no cruise ship; it's a ship designed for battle. We aren't called to a life of leisure; we are called to a life of service. Each of us has a different task. Some are rescue swimmers, concerned with those who are drowning in sin, and they set about rescuing people. Others are occupied with the enemy, so they handle the big guns of worship and prayer. Still others are God's Culinary Specialists, and Training Team, devoting themselves to the feeding and training of the crew.

Though different, we are the same. Each can tell of a personal encounter with the Commanding Officer, for each has received a personal call…

We each follow him across the quarterdeck of his grace onto the same ship. There is one Commanding Officer and one destination. Though the battle is fierce, the ship is safe, for our CO is God. The ship will not sink. For that there is no concern.

Prayer:
God, thank you for letting me be a member of your crew and calling me to a life of service to you. Thank you for the gift of your heavenly kingdom at the end of our journey. Thank you for guiding me and for protecting the wellbeing of my soul. Help me to accomplish all that you made me for. Amen.

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"Let us always offer to God our sacrifice of praise."
Hebrews 13:15

Our God is an Awesome God.
God's character is holy.
God's truth is absolute.
God's strength is unending.
God's discipline is fair.
God provides abundantly for our needs.
God's light is adequate for our path.
God's grace is sufficient for our sins.
God is never early, never late…
God sent the Son in the fullness of time and will return at the consummation of time.
God's plan is perfect - bewildering, puzzling, and even troubling at times, but perfect.
"He Reminded Us of You (A prayer for a friend)" Max Lucado

Prayer:
Thank you, God, for being you. I also thank you for those who remind me of you. Help me to continue to look for the light in others and reflect the light that comes from you in my own life. Amen.

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Faith is not the belief that God will do what you want. Faith is the belief that God will do what is right. God is always near and always available, just waiting for your touch.

So let him know, demonstrate your devotion:
Write a letter.
Ask forgiveness.
Attend worship.
Feed a hungry person.
Pray at home.
Teach a class.
Read from the Bible.
Do something that demonstrates faith. For faith with no effort is no faith at all. God will respond! God has never rejected a genuine gesture of faith. Never!

Prayer:
God, may I find ways in my life to make my faith real, to do as Jesus would have me do. May I trust that you will do what is right. I believe, help my unbelief. Amen.

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God, I ask that I might be counted among the poor in spirit, merciful, pure in heart peacemakers who mourn their sin. Teach me to be a brave bridge builder, who uses words that heal instead of hurting. And God, I ask for your blessing, not that I deserve your blessing but because you are a gracious and loving God. May I reach out to others as you have reached out to me. Give me strength to endure trials, and bravery to face danger. For I ask these things in your holy name. Amen.

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INSIGHTS

Six Disciplines - A Christian Checklist

1. Spiritual Vitality
2. Relational Quality
3. Strategic Clarity
4. Business Contribution
5. Financial Fulfillment
6. Life Balance

Leadership quotes are:

1. “A leader is best when people barely know he exists. When his work is done, his aim fulfilled, they will say: we did it ourselves.” – Lao Tzu

2. “Leadership is the art of giving people a platform for spreading ideas that work.” – Seth Godin

4. "The greatest leader is not necessarily the one who does the greatest things. He is the one that gets the people to do the greatest things." – Ronald Reagan

5. "To add value to others, one must first value others." – John Maxwell

6. "The task of the leader is to get their people from where they are to where they have not been." – Henry Kissinger

7. "The quality of a leader is reflected in the standards they set for themselves." – Ray Kroc

8. "The growth and development of people is the highest calling of leadership." – Harvey S. Firestone

9. "The function of leadership is to produce more leaders, not more followers." – Ralph Nader

10. "Effective leadership is not about making speeches or being liked; leadership is defined by results, not attributes." – Peter F. Drucker

11. "Leadership is the art of getting someone else to do something you want done because he wants to do it." – Dwight D. Eisenhower

12. "Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other." – John F. Kennedy

13. "Great leaders are almost always great simplifiers, who can cut through argument, debate and doubt to offer a solution everybody can understand." – Colin Powell

14. "Earn your leadership every day." – Michael Jordan

15. "Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power." – Abraham Lincoln

16. “He who has never learned to obey cannot be a good commander.” – Aristotle

17. "My job is not to be easy on people. My job is to take these great people we have and to push them and make them even better." – Steve Jobs

18. “No man will make a great leader who wants to do it all himself, or to get all the credit for doing it.” – Andrew Carnegie

19. “The best executive is the one who has sense enough to pick good men to do what he wants done, and self-restraint to keep from meddling with them while they do it.” – Theodore Roosevelt

20. "A leader takes people where they want to go. A great leader takes people where they don't necessarily want to go, but ought to be." – Rosalynn Carter

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I found this insightful from Today God is First ministry (TGIF)
https://todaygodisfirst.com/special-callings/

“Nevertheless, each one should retain the place in life that the Lord assigned to him and to which God has called him.” 1 Corinthians 7:17a – 1 Thessalonians 5:24

Each of us is called to relationship with God through Jesus Christ. We are called by Him, to Him, and for Him.
Once we enter that relationship with Christ, we are called into the physical expression of that relationship.

Therefore, the next time someone says, “I was called into the ministry” or “I am in full-time Christian work,” stop him or her and tell him or her we are all in full-time Christian work.
There is no secular and religious in the economy of God.

I have a dear friend who often says, “I am a servant of the living God masquerading as a dentist.” So, too, are you first a servant of the living God?

Blessings to you and all those you touch in the world with Christ!

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Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD! Psalm 27:14

Therefore, humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. 1 Peter 5:6-7

And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19

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FAILURE THAT LEADS TO GODLINESS

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All those who were in distress or in debt or discontented gathered around him, and he became their leader.... – 1 Samuel 22:2

God uses broken things to accomplish His greatest work. When David was anointed to be the next king, he was just a boy, the youngest among all his brothers. Little did he know that the next several years would be years of fleeing from Saul whose successes turned into obsessions as a leader who had fallen from God's anointing. Perhaps David thought, "Why am I living a life as a fugitive? I am the next king of Israel." Yet, his life was filled with adversity after adversity before he ever fulfilled the ultimate calling God had for him.

Others began to hear of David's successes and identify with his plight. But, it wasn't the successful and polished who came to join him. It was "those who were in distress or in debt or discontented" who would be part of his army — and an army it was! His army would become known throughout the world as the greatest ever assembled, not because of their skill, but because of the God behind the army. God turned David's men into "mighty men of valor" (see 1 Chron. 11:10).

God often uses failure to make us useful. When Jesus called the disciples, He did not go out and find the most qualified and successful people. He found the most willing, and He found them in the workplace. He found a fisherman, a tax collector, and a farmer.

The Hebrews knew that failure was a part of maturing in God. The Greeks used failure as a reason for disqualification. Sadly, in the Church, we often treat one another in this way. This is not God's way. We need to understand that failing does not make us failures. It makes us experienced. It makes us more prepared to be useful in God's Kingdom — if we have learned from it. And that is the most important ingredient for what God wants in His children.

Psalm 34

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.
Oh, magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together!
I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.
Those who look to him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.
This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him
and saved him out of all his troubles.
The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.
Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!
Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints,
for those who fear him have no lack!
The young lions suffer want and hunger;
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.
Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
What man is there who desires life
and loves many days, that he may see good?
Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking deceit.
Turn away from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.
The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous
and his ears toward their cry.
The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,
to cut off the memory of them from the earth.
When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears
and delivers them out of all their troubles.
The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and saves the crushed in spirit.
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

He keeps all his bones;
not one of them is broken
Affliction will slay the wicked,
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.
The Lord redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Genesis 1 and 2 - Human Basic Needs

The Lord provides them

1. Dignity
2. Authority
3. Blessing & Provision
4. Security
5. Purpose & Meaning
6. Freedom & Boundary
7. Intimate Love & Companionship

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“Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.” - Romans 12:2

I am a big fan of preventative health. Anything we can do to help avoid the devastating effects of disease through exercise and nutrition is very important to me!

Most people who have a knowledge of preventative health know that everyday, we are bombarded by things that can have damaging effects on our bodies – chemicals, pesticides, and hormones in our food, stressors in our lives, and toxins from our environment, such as pollution from auto exhaust and electromagnetic pollutants from cell phones, telephone poles, and microwaves. All these things are invisible – but they can have a huge impact on our health!

Likewise, we are subject to spiritual pollution in our lives. Everyday that we go through life, we pick up mindsets, behaviors, and attitudes that we might believe are the truth. We might begin to meditate on something we thought was our idea. But, in reality, it might not be the truth.

The Bible tells us to “test the spirits” to see if something is from God, or if something is from the enemy. (1 John 4:1) Does it align with the word of God? We need to be careful not to agree with the enemy, so as not to allow spiritual pollution to enter our hearts and minds.

The best way we can keep our life free from spiritual pollution is to stay as close to God as possible, through worship, reading His word, prayer, and hanging around people who love Him too, and disciplining ourselves to “hold every thought captive.” (2 Corinthians 10:5)

Are you aware of spiritual pollution in your life? Pray that God would keep your mind and heart free of spiritual pollution, so that you can be filled with His joy and love for you.

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