



SPIRITUAL EMPOWERMENT

DAILY DEVOTIONS

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14

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Sunday, April 5, 2020

A Vessel For The Lord

“Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ tell him, ‘The Lord needs it.’” Luke 19:31

We are all vessels for the Lord. A vessel can be defined as a person that is a holder or receiver of something. God has gifted each of us with something valuable that can be used for his Glory and purpose. Like the colt that was tied up and bound. On this Palm Sunday, we are reminded that if the Lord can untie and set the colt free. He can also untie and set us free, and then use us for kingdom work. Each of us God wants to use, no matter our sinful historicity or the things that has held us bound. God has set you free, so you can use you. You are a vessel of the Almighty God! There is a treasure inside each of us.

Prayer: Dear God, thank you for not overlooking this vessel but setting me free. I pray that you continue to empower this vessel and to free me from all bondage. Use me oh God for your kingdom and your purpose. AMEN.

Song. I am troubled, yet not distressed. Perplexed, but not in despair. I’m a vessel full of power, with a treasure, none can compare. (The Corinthian Song by Kathy Taylor)

Monday, April 6, 2020

STANDING IN THE GAP

So Aaron did as Moses said, and ran into the midst of the assembly. The plague had already started among the people, but Aaron offered the incense and made atonement for them. He stood between the living and the dead, and the plague stopped. Numbers 16:47-48

Sometimes in life we may not be afflicted personally with problems but we must be our brother's keeper. We should be concerned about others. We recognize that even in times like these God is faithful and uses us to encourage others. God can use us to pray for persons we have not met and do not know names because God is sovereign. Today, commit to praying for others. Seeking God's direction for their lives that God's name will be praised despite the pandemic.

Prayer: Lord, help me to have a concern for others and to stand in the gap for families, cities, and countries affected by this virus. God let your name be praised that nothing will stop your plans and purposes for the lives of others. Use me as your vessel. AMEN.

Song: Let your power fall, when your name is called,
Prove the doubters wrong, You're still mighty and strong

So, fight this battle for me, and help my unbelief, So I can
tell all my friends, That you have won again (James
Fortune)

Tuesday, April 7, 2020

PROVIDER

“Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! Matthew 7:9-11

Over the last few weeks, there have been alerts of limited supplies and certain supplies that could not be purchased. There has been talks of lacking masks, medicine, medical equipment, etc. But God is a provider. Whatever you stand in need of God gives you what you need. God takes care of all the essentials. Today, trust God as a provider.

Prayer: Lord, help us to trust you as a provider. I pray for those whose livelihood are affected by this situation that they will experience God’s provision. Supply every need and provide in ways that we can’t imagine. Thank you Lord for your provision. AMEN.

Song: Way maker, Miracle worker, Promise keeper, Light in the darkness, My God, That is who you are (Waymaker by Sinach)

Wednesday, April 8, 2020

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:14-16

God can use us, yes YOU, to make a difference in this world. The world is watching to see how believers are handling this trouble. We recognize that trouble does not last always but we must remain steadfast as witnesses that God is able to get the glory out of our lives. Let your Light Shine!

Prayer: Father God, help us to be your witnesses. Let us not just worship you in word but use us as your hands and feet to bring practical hope and comfort to this world. Help us to be instruments of thy peace. We give your name glory and honor. AMEN.

Song: This Little Light Of Mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This Little Light Of Mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This Little Light Of Mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine (This Little Light of Mine, Traditional).

Thursday, April 9, 2020

COMFORT OUR HEARTS

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Psalm 34:18

It is easy to think that we are defeated with all bad news we hear. We can also feel like we are all alone, but God reminds us that in the lowest of moments when we are isolated God is still our ever-present help. God is here to comfort our hearts. We can hide our frustrations and concerns from others, but we can't hide them from God. God is concerned about us. Let God comfort you.

Prayer: Lord, we pray for your comfort to be upon us. Bless those who are on the battlefields throughout our world helping during this pandemic. Comfort families of those who are ill and those who have lost loved ones. God be their comfort and strength, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.

Song: If It Had, Not, Been For The Lord, On My Side
Where Would I Be?, Where Would I Be?

He Kept My Enemies Away,
He Let The Sun Shine Though A Cloudy Day
Oh, He Wrapped Me In The Cradle Of His Arms
When He Knew I' Been Battered And Torn, (If it had not
been for the Lord by Margaret Douroux).

Friday, April 10, 2020

Quench the Thirst

Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.” John 19:28

Parched lips! Dry throat! Difficulty breathing! Jesus hands from the cross and cries out: “I thirst!” Looking at this fifth saying of Jesus on the cross reveals the painful testimony of the humanity of Jesus. The very one who offers us living water is now crying out to us, asking us to quench his thirst. We must desire God to give us living waters. We can go looking to and fro trying to find peace in our souls, but no matter where we turn, we can’t seem to find what we’re looking for. Drink from the fountain of God that never runs dry.

Prayer: Dear God, forgive us for trying to quench our thirst and filling our desires by other means. Lord we need you. Lord we are thirsty for you. Give us your living waters so that our souls might be satisfied. Thank you, God, for your love. AMEN.

Song. Fill my cup, Lord;
I lift it up Lord;
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.
Bread of Heaven feed me till I want no more.
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole. (Fill My Cup
by Richard Blanchard)

Saturday, April 11, 2020

WE WILL SURVIVE

being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:6

When our hearts are broken, plans have been destroyed, and hope diminished—we can feel like we can't make it one more day. Our bodies are tired, emotions spent, and our spirits have been exhausted. Yet, if we have Jesus, we will survive.

Survival isn't just about meeting our physical, emotional, or spiritual needs. It's about accomplishing the purpose of God in our lives. We weren't born just to exist, but to shine the light of Jesus Christ until the day of our last breath. We were born for destiny and our hope remains when we are focusing squarely on Jesus Christ for renewed strength.

Prayer: Loving God, I know that you are the one who has started a great work in me. We are facing hard times but help me to hold on and know that we will survive. Your purpose and plan will be fulfilled. Let me trust in You and not be afraid. In Jesus Name I pray and Give Thanks that I'm a Survivor. AMEN.

Song: I know somehow, I know someday
We're going to make it, No matter what the test
Whatever comes our way, We're going to make it (We're Gonna Make It by Myrna Summers)