



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 12, 2020

HE GOT UP

The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.

Luke 24:7

Jesus had to experience the pain of being persecuted against. His persecution led to death upon an old rugged cross. Liken unto Jesus, we too have our own crosses to bare in life. Life is not easy, and we all struggle each day with our own personal challenges. However, we have hope in Jesus Christ. Even though Jesus died. He also rose on the third day. I will submit that as the world kills the spiritual soul. We too will have a third day in order to rise from our trouble. Therefore, let the Glory of the risen Savior rise amongst us. He is alive and alive forever more.

Prayer: Risen Lord, we come to you in the spirit of your resurrection power, to thank you for lifting us up from out of our trouble. We pray that you will give us the power to rise above our circumstances and to live. Let your Glory shine not only around us but through us, as we represent you in all things. AMEN.

Song: Let the Glory of the Lord, Rise amongst us. (2x)
Let the praises of our King. Rise amongst us let it rise. Oh,
Oh, Oh. Let it Rise.

Monday, April 13, 2020

MOVING YOUR MOUNTAIN

Whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed' ...will have whatever he says." Mark 11:23

Jesus said: "Whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast in the seas,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says..." We all have a mountain that we need to remove in our lives. What's your mountain? In order to remove your mountain, you must identify it. Once you have identified your mountain, then speak to the mountain and according to your faith. It shall be removed from out of your life. Jesus didn't relocate a physical mountain during His ministry, so what was He talking about? The problems we face in life! He talks only once about the need for faith and three times about the need to speak His word to move the mountain.

Prayer: God, we have so many mountains in our lives that we need to face. We admit that we cannot face these mountains alone. We need your help. In Jesus Name I pray. AMEN.

Song: "Let Me Tell You How to Move a Mountain"

By Rev. Clay Evans and Fellowship

Let me tell you how to move a mountain, (that's too hard for you to climb).

Let me tell you how to move a mountain, (one that hides the bright sunshine).

(When you hands are bleeding and torn), (and your feet are weary and worn); (when you try to climb up), (but the rocks and reels makes the going tough), just say move mountain, move mountain, mountain get out of my way.

Tuesday, April 14, 2020

TEACHABLE MOMENTS

“What do these stones mean?” Joshua 4:21

There are many effective ways of teaching and one is using teaching moments, that is using experiences to teach life lessons. Jesus did that. People learn through discovery more than dialogue. Each and everything you have experienced in your life, as taught you a valuable lesson. What lessons have you learned from your last experience with life? Have you learned your lesson? Can you teach someone else the same lesson you learned? We become teachers of life after we have experience life for ourselves. God instructed Joshua to build a monument of twelve stones on the other side of Jordan after He miraculously parted its waters so that they could cross over. What He was really saying was, “When your children ask what this monument is all about, use it as a teaching moment about My love and faithfulness.” So, look for the teaching moments in life-and use them.

Prayer: Lord, help me to embrace all experience in which life brings me. Open my eyes and mind to receive the teaching moments, and then help me learn from them. In Jesus Name I pray. AMEN.

Song: Jesus is our Teacher He teaches us each day, when we stop to listen to what He has to say. He will give us warnings, when we begin to stray, we must learn to listen to trust Him and obey. (Jesus Is Our Teacher by Tom D Blakely)

Wednesday, April 15, 2020

ANGER: I'M MAD AT YOU!

“Don’t sin by letting anger control you.” Ephesians 4:26

Anger is an emotion characterized by antagonism toward someone or something you feel has deliberately done you wrong. The first mention of anger in the Bible is when Cain got so angry with his brother Abel that he murdered him. Anger not only kills others; it can kill you. Dr. Redford Williams, Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Science at Duke University, states:” The hostility and anger associated with Type-A behavior is a major contributor to heart disease.” Research indicates that people who struggle with anger are more likely to suffer with coronary heart disease and can risk having a heart attack. Therefore, don’t let your anger kill you but forgive those who have made you angry. Re-focus your anger from a negative energy to a positive. Use anger to do something nice for someone. Let anger motivate you to do good rather than to get upset and do something you will regret later. Let go of your anger!! So, you can live!!

Prayer: Father, help us to deal with our anger. Even though we are mad at someone else. Help us to release this anger, so that we can better our health and ourselves. In Jesus Name I pray. AMEN.

Song: “Let Go and Let God have His Way” by Dewayne Woods
As soon as I stop worrying, worrying how the story ends
I let go and I let God, Let God have His way
That’s when things start happening, I’ll stop looking at back then
I let go and I’ll let God have His way

Thursday, April 16, 2020

RETURN TO GOD

“When he was still a great way off.” Luke 15:20

The story of the Prodigal Son: “when he was a great way off, his father...had compassion...ran...fell on his neck and kissed him.” It doesn’t matter how far we turn from God. The truth is, we’re not beyond the reach of God’s grace, so your future can be better than your past. When we come back to God, Like the Prodigal Son. The father will give our inheritance. The father gave him (1) The robe. That confirmed his identity as a son. (2) The ring. This was a signet ring with the family seal that gave him back authority to do business in his father’s name. When we return to our father, God. He gives us back our identity has a child of God and our authority to use his name to move our mountains, and to have dominion over the land. God loves us and cares for every one of us. We are His people and the sheep of his pastures, according to Psalm 23. Come back to God in every aspect of your life.

Prayer: Creator and Loving God, thank you for loving us so much, that you are always willing to give us your Grace and Mercy. Give us the strength to be able to come back to you when we drift away from your will. In Jesus Name I pray. AMEN.

Song: Return to God by Tom D Blakely Lyrics... Have you wandered far away from your home and from God’s people?

Friday, April 17, 2020

GOD BLESS YOU!

“Whenever[you] bless...people...in my name, I myself will bless them.” Numbers 6:27

The word of God is impregnated with potential, power, truth, wisdom and life. Every word that God speaks contains power to create whatever He says. For example, when He created the world, He simply said, “Let there be.” When we bless others, it releases God’s blessing into our lives. So, if you want to bless your loved ones, speak three words of blessings to them. As you send a personal blessing over their lives, God himself responds with his blessings. Have you sent out a blessing today? If not, send a blessing to someone that needs a blessing. This blessing isn’t about you but about the one you’re trying to bless. However, in blessing others. Someone may return the blessing back unto you.

Prayer: God our provider, we pray for a blessing over our family, friends and loved ones. You know what each one stands in need of today. Please open the windows of heaven and pour down your many blessings. In Jesus Name I pray. AMEN.

Song: Let It Rain. By Bishop Paul Morton
Open the floodgates of Heaven, Let it rain, let it rain

Saturday, April 18, 2020

FINISH STRONG

“I have finished the race.” 2Timothy 4:7

As we continue to live in this society and in the current pandemic of COVID-19. We are witnessing how this virus is destroying many lives, and what is now the temporary norm. However, we must continue to finish the race. The Apostle Paul, who wrote half the New Testament, says: “To keep me from being conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me...For when I am weak, then I am strong.” (2Corinthians 12:7-10). We have this thorn, but we must keep living and pressing on to complete our race. This means not letting COVID-19 or anything else that could represent our “Thorn” to stop us from living and moving forward. But remember where your strength comes from, which is from the Lord. We never know how strong we are until we experience or live in our weakness. You are stronger than you think. So, finish what you started!

Prayer: Lord Jesus, give us strength during our weakness. Let the thorn in our flesh not hinder us but develop us to finish what we have started. In Jesus Name I pray. AMEN.

Song: “Stronger Than I Ever Been” by Canton Spirituals
Said I'm stronger, Than I've ever been, Oh I'm stronger
Than I've ever been, You know that Satan
Thought he had me, Now I know I'll win
Cause I'm stronger, Than I've ever been