

## Cornerstone Fountain Church

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You Are Closer Than You Think.

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PSALM 5: For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous. With favour you will surround him as with a shield.

Still wondering about 2020: Fear Not. The Lord's perfect will for you is on its way in Jesus' Mighty name. amen.

hope

If you only carry one thing throughout your entire life, let it be hope. Let it be hope that better things are always ahead. Let it be hope that you can get through even the toughest of times. Let it be hope that you are stronger than any challenge that comes your way. Let it be hope that you are exactly where you are meant to be right now, and that you are on the path to where you are meant to be... Because during these times, hope will be the very thing that carries you through.

### CARTOON



### LEVITY-CUS

A guy stopped me and told me he is looking for GOOGLE PLAY STORE. He said his WhatsApp stopped working and his neighbour told him to go to GOOGLE PLAY STORE. Anyway, as a Good Samaritan I told him GOOGLE PLAY STORE is no longer In Brixton but now in Becton. I then put him in a bus going that way. Did I try?

Today is making it 2500 years Delilah killed her innocent fiancé (Samson) and nobody is saying anything about it. May his soul continue to rest in peace, Amen.

#JusticeforSamson.



I can never forget 2020 as long as i live.  
A year you keep washing your hands without expecting food. 😊😊😊

**A Teacher wrote on the board,**  
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He turned to Agabus and said:  
"Solve the problem."  
Agabus picked the duster, cleaned the board and said, "Problem solved!"  
Some of our lives problems require such solutions. Just clean it off and move on.  
Someone wants to give you a naughty problem, just clean it off your head and move on.  
Someone comes with a demoralizing and discouraging news to spoil your day, just clean up your mind and move on.  
Someone just picking up useless quarrel with you because you are doing something constructive, just clean it up and move on.  
Someone wants to obstruct your move to success just brush them aside and focus on your goal.  
Take the duster this day and clean up every rubbish from your heart; clean up anger, clean up petty jealousy, clean up bickering, clean up hatred, clean up covetousness, clean up evil thoughts and you will discover that your problems are solved.

Above all, this is the very last month of year 2020, FORGIVE ALL. ENJOY LIVING. BE FULFILLED. BE PRAYERFUL

**When all doors behind you get shut, it's a sign that you need to stop looking back and start moving forward, to meet your love, happiness, good health, more financial rewards and unstoppable God's grace and blessings.**

**God uses broken things beautifully.**  
Broken clouds pour rain;  
Broken soil sets as field;  
Broken crop yields seed;  
**Broken seed gives life to a new plant.**  
In any hard situation, if You feel You are broken, understand that God is planning to utilize you for some great cause.

**Never forget:**  
How far you have come.  
Everything you have gotten through. All the times you have pushed on even when you felt you couldn't. all the mornings you got out of bed no matter how hard it was. All the times you wanted to give up but you got through another day. Never forget how much strength you have learned and developed along the way.

I believe that God will do the impossible in my life.



God never sends you into a situation alone, God goes before you. He stands beside you. He walks behind you. Whatever situation you have right now, be confident GOD IS WITH YOU



ANOTHER NEW DAY  
ONE MORE NEW HOPE  
ONE MORE NEW STEP  
  
If you don't leave your past in the past, it will destroy your future. Live for what today has to offer, not what yesterday has taken away.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## Affecting Future Generations

We seldom think of the future consequences of our sin. Too often we do what gratifies us for the moment, and do not consider what our iniquities will cost us in the future. However, there is usually “fruit” from our sin, and quite often it is “rotten”.

Most of the time we reap sin’s havoc after it was sown. Sometimes the crop will be reaped during our lifetime. Sometimes it sprouts in generations down the road. The after-effects of our sin often affect future generations. There will always be a payday someday for our transgressions, and it may be our future offspring who will pay the price for our disobedience to God’s commandments.

Here is some of what the Bible teaches about the inevitable, future wages of our sin:

### Sin can affect family members.

*“Then I will set my face against that man, and against his family, and will cut him off, and all that go a whoring after him, to commit whoredom with Molech [Molech was a false “god”], from among their people. Lev. 20:5*

*“But as for you, your carcasses, they shall fall in this wilderness. And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcasses be wasted in the wilderness.” Num. 14:32-33 Because of idolatry, God’s hand did not help or guide a sinner’s family. For that reason, many wandered aimlessly through the desert for 40 years, when the trip to the Promised Land could have been done in weeks.*

*“How oft is the candle of the wicked put out! And how oft cometh their destruction upon them! God distributeth sorrows in his anger. ... 19 God layeth up his iniquity for his children: he rewardeth him, and he shall know it. 20 His eyes shall see his destruction, and he shall drink of the wrath of the Almighty.” Job 21:17-20 Also: Jos. 7:24-25.*

Sin can be learned from parents, and thus be seen as “accepted” by their children, and then practiced by the offspring. That is why one of the primary responsibilities of a parent is to be a godly example to their children.

*“And he [King Jeroboam] walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father.” I Kings 15:3 A parental, bad example often points offspring in the wrong direction. “And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in the way of his mother, and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin:” I King 22:52 Also: I Kings 15:26.*

At times, the consequences of a parent’s sins will be expressed to even their fourth generation. Sin can be shared to future generations by learning and accepting it as “normal” from their parent’s actions. Sometimes God allows future, undisciplined generations to reap the consequence of their own actions without His merciful interventions.

*“Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children’s children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.” Ex. 34:7 Also: Ex. 20:5, Num. 14:18, I Kings 21:29, Isa. 65:6.*

*“Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me, 10 and shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.” Deu. 5:9-10 Notice that part of the reason God’s mercy will not deter a sinner’s future continuance in sin is that the original sinner hated God. He pushed God out of his life; so God will stay out of future generations, unless they personally call on Him.*

Family and future generations can reap some consequences of the sinner’s actions unless God intervenes. The Old Testament Law did not require the death of a sinner’s immediate family. A child can be spared the consequences of their family’s sin and even their own, if they do right and obey God!

*“The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers: every man shall be put to death for his own sin.” Deut. 24:16*

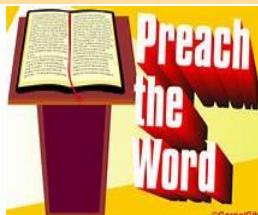
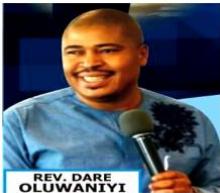
*“As for his father, because he cruelly oppressed, spoiled his brother by violence, and did that which is not good among his people, lo, even he shall die in his iniquity. 19 Yet say ye, why? Doth not the son bear the iniquity of the father? When the son hath done that which is lawful and right, and hath kept all my statutes, and hath done them, he shall surely live. 20 The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.” Eze. 18:18-20 Just because the parent(s) did evil in God’s eyes, does not mean that the children must also suffer the consequences of what the parents did. They can alter God’s wrath by living right and obeying God! Also: Lev. 26:39-42, Jer. 32:18.*

No one has to sin because of some “magic” pull on their life. They are not destined to be a thief like daddy, a liar like mommy, a drunkard like Uncle Albert, an idol worshipper like family members, or a homosexual like Aunt Sally. Since we are all born sinners, it does not take much training to get us to go in the sinful way of our parents. Sin is always a personal decision. No one is forced to sin. One can always say “no” to iniquity’s involvement. We all have the opportunity to spurn sin and adhere to righteous living!

One can see from the many biblical examples that there is an awesome responsibility on the shoulders of a parent. That obligation is to be good, biblical example to young observing eyes. Disobeying God’s commandments can affect others around you and future generations. However, obeying God and being a good, righteous example can also affect others, present and future, for the good. What kind of example are you?

*“And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in all the way of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left.” II Kings 22:2 “And he walked in the way of Asa his father, and departed not from it, doing that which was right in the sight of the LORD.” II Chron. 20:32*

*“Are you sowing today that which you will regret tomorrow?”*



## GOD IS IN CONTROL OF OUR SALVATION

### Ephesians 1:3-14

God's sovereignty extends over all things. He is omniscient (all-knowing), so nothing is hidden from His sight. And since He is omnipotent (all-powerful), no plan of His can be thwarted. Everything in both the natural and spiritual realms—including our salvation—is under His complete control.

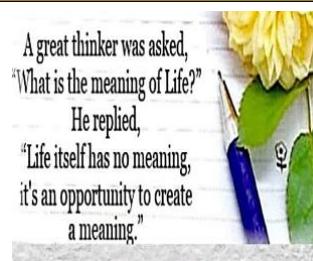
Since sin has darkened minds and hardened hearts, man is excluded from the life of God (Eph. 4:17-18). Therefore, we can take no credit for our salvation. Our rescue began in the heart and mind of God, who chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world (Eph. 1:4).

God is the one who opened our minds to understand the truth of the gospel, convicted us of our sin, and gave us the faith to believe in Jesus as Saviour. From first to last, all of salvation is God's gift to us.

Why did He reach out to save us? Several repeated phrases in today's passage give the reason. It was "according to the kind intention of His will" and "to the praise of the glory of His grace" (Eph. 1:5-6). We are the beneficiaries of God's kindness and salvation, by which the spotlight falls on His glorious grace—not on us.

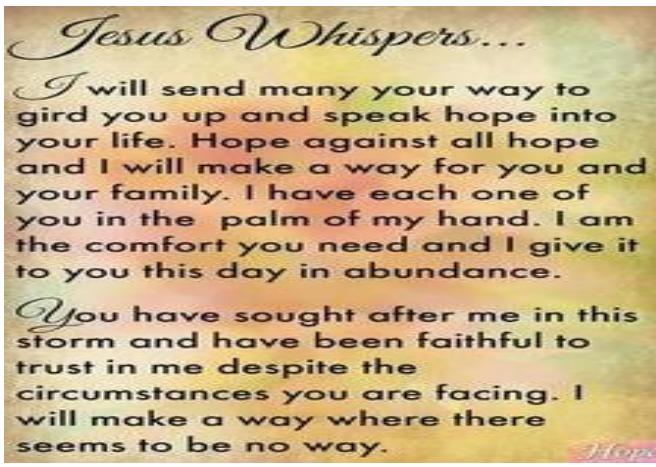


I pray for you that the Lord Almighty will remember you today and bring forth speedily every of your future blessings into your present. In Jesus Mighty Name. Amen. As you step out every day for your daily bread, every unprofitable labour in your life is uprooted. God will make your way successful, fruitful and prosperous. The four corners of the earth will release your blessings unto you. God's guiding angels will be on guard to protect you and your family. Unstoppable joy and peace of mind will be your portion in Jesus Mighty Name. Heavenly Father, thank You for forgiving us and giving us new lives. Today, WE ASK YOU TO HEAL EVERY BROKEN PLACE IN OUR LIVES. Thank You for giving us strength during the difficult times. We give You our concerns and worries and ask You to fill us with Your peace and confidence today. THANK YOU FOR MAKING A WAY WHERE THERE SEEMS TO BE NO WAY. FATHER, SHOW US YOUR POWER TODAY. SHOW US HOW TO LIVE AT PEACE WITH THE PEOPLE IN OUR LIVES SO THAT WE CAN HONOUR YOU IN EVERYTHING WE DO. Fill our hearts with Your joy and peace today so that we can stand strong in You. In Jesus' mighty name. Amen. Stay Blessed. Good morning. SHALOM



A great thinker was asked,  
"What is the meaning of Life?"  
He replied,  
"Life itself has no meaning,  
it's an opportunity to create  
a meaning."

People may have spoken negative things over you but the good news is, people don't determine your future, God does.



*I will send many your way to gird you up and speak hope into your life. Hope against all hope and I will make a way for you and your family. I have each one of you in the palm of my hand. I am the comfort you need and I give it to you this day in abundance.*

*You have sought after me in this storm and have been faithful to trust in me despite the circumstances you are facing. I will make a way where there seems to be no way.*

### Birthdays

Sr Oluwaseunmi Fatoki. 8th Dec  
Victor Olubunmi. 27th Dec

### Wedding Anniversaries:

Mr & Mrs Oshinfodunrin. 12th Dec

If your name is not included and your birthday or wedding anniversary is soon, see the pastor.

Focus more on the people who inspire you rather than the people who annoy you. You'll get much further in life.



**You're about to overcome something you've been dealing with. Your mind and heart will soon be at peace again. Be patient. Everything will be okay.**

# READERS' DIGEST

## \*HOW I MURDERED MY STUDENT\*

I was in class that fateful Friday afternoon teaching my students when she raised her hand to ask a question. I permitted her and she asked a rather too simple question that I supposed she should know the answer. I had already covered that topic the previous week. "Will you sit down there! With your Ugly face! Olodo!" was the only answer I gave her. The whole class burst into laughter and she looked embarrassed. I went on with my lesson but felt somewhat guilty over what I had said. I finished my class and left.

On Sunday, I went to Church. The preacher was talking about the tongue and its power. He spoke about how you could bring others down by what you say. I remembered what happened on Friday and became guilty. I swore I was going to apologize to her on Monday when I got to the class. On Monday afternoon, I went to the class but I didn't see her. I asked after her from her course mates but they didn't seem to know who I was talking about. I then said I was looking for the person I insulted on Friday. "Oh, that's Joy Sir! She is not in class today" they answered. Who is her friend? I asked. "Aisha" they chorused. But Aisha was not in the class either. Suddenly, a girl with Hijab walked in. "That's Aisha Sir" my students informed me.

Where is your friend? I asked her. "Which one?" She replied without looking at my face. Joy! I said. The reply shocked me! She is in the mortuary Sir. Mortuary????? Doing what there?? I asked "She died on Friday Sir" Aisha replied. How come?????? I later found out that after my class on Friday, Joy was hit by a fast moving vehicle. She was crossing the road absentmindedly probably because of what I said. "Her burial is on Saturday and you are invited Sir" Aisha continued. As I stood trying to overcome the shock, Aisha said amidst tears "you killed my friend Sir". She was right! I should be the murderer! Some girls in the class were already crying! I didn't know what to say, whether to apologize to Joy's friend or Joy's ghost. I submitted my resignation letter the next day.

Dear Lecturers and Teachers, please stop insulting your student. They are in school to learn from you. If they already know, they won't be in school! The Bible says that Life and Death lies in the tongue. Proverbs 18:21. Please mind what you say to other people. Are your words bringing life or death to the hearers?

**THIS STORY IS A MUST TO READ AND DOES NOT ONLY APPLY TO LECTURERS AND TEACHERS, BUT ALL OF US THAT COME INTO CONTACT WITH HUMAN BEINGS. CUSTOMERS. STUDENTS. PARENTS. MATES. FRIENDS AND OTHERS**

## \*WHEN WILL A MAN EVER ENJOY HIS LIFE?\*

When I was a little boy, I was told severally not to give in for enjoyment, rather work hard and face my books. They painted a picture of "don't worry, deny yourself now and enjoy later". This was all I heard from my parents and those ahead of me all through my primary school and secondary school.

It was another phase of self-denial when I got into the tertiary institution. Coupled with living a Christian life characterized with rigorous fasting, vigil and many other self-denials. My enjoyment was further postponed to a future time.

After graduation, I had the impression that when I get married I will rest from some level of self-denials. But my dream never materialised. This is the time emphasis is laid on building my future - a time I must eat less in other to secure my future and that of my children. The loads and burdens of family began to weigh me down. School fees, family bills and future security won't let me enjoy the little I sweat to make. I have to keep saving from the little I make, while I sacrifice those things my soul earnestly desires.

As one begins to climb the ladder of 50, nature begins to deny you some privileges. Those food you like to eat are been taken away from you for health reasons. Strength to enjoy life begins to diminish at 50. If you have accumulated wealth, others have to help you eat it while you subject yourself to fruits and vegetables. What a life of bitterness. When you have what it takes to enjoy life, you are barred from enjoying just to secure your future. Now you are in the future you sacrificed for but you are been monitored by your doctor. Your diet is streamlined and limited to what the doctor prescribed.

When will Eccl.2.24 come to pass? "There is nothing better for a man, than that he should eat and drink, and that he should make his soul enjoy good in his labour. This also I saw, that it was from the hand of God". And Eccl.3.13" And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labour, it is the gift of God". I think there is an error somewhere? Why will a man work all the days of his life without enjoying his labour? This is an error. In an attempt to save money for future they are not sure of, many had gone to their early graves because of malnutrition, self-medication and undue self-denials. I strongly believe everything in life has a time according to Ecclesiastes 3. There is time for self-denials and there is time for enjoyment. A time to give to your soul what it desires. A time to eat good food, wear nice clothes, travel to memorable places and time to make merry. Life is not that long as we think. While working for your future, don't shutdown your present. Eat meat when you have teeth. Wear good clothes when you still have the shape. Have moment dedicated for relaxation. Don't invest all your life working for others. It is an error.

Let's start enjoying from here before we enter into everlasting enjoyment that has no end. Some will miss enjoyment here on earth and still miss it hereafter, God forbid. Enjoy your life within the confine of righteousness and feel good. God bless you all.

**Genesis 2:7** And the LORD God formed man of the \_\_\_\_ of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

**John 21:10** Jesus saith unto them, Bring of the \_\_\_\_ which ye have now caught.

**3 John 1:13** I had many things to write, but I will not with ink and \_\_\_\_ write unto thee:

**Psalms 40:8** I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my \_\_\_\_.

**Job 41:31** He maketh the deep to boil like a \_\_\_\_: he maketh the sea like a pot of ointment.

**Proverbs 20:27** The spirit of man is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly.

**Luke 15:22** But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe and put it on him; and put a \_\_\_\_\_ on his hand, and shoes on his feet:

**Matthew 13:43** Then shall the righteous shine forth as the \_\_\_\_\_ in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

**Daniel 3:5** That at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, \_\_\_\_, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up:

**Mark 14:23** And he took the \_\_\_\_, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it.

Fill in the missing words to complete the verses

## Psalm 100

Make a \_\_\_\_\_ noise to the LORD, all the \_\_\_\_! Serve the LORD with \_\_\_\_!  
Come into his presence with \_\_\_\_!  
Know that the \_\_\_, he is God! It is he who \_\_\_\_ us, and we are his; we are his \_\_\_\_, and the sheep of his \_\_\_\_.  
Enter his \_\_\_\_ with thanksgiving, and his \_\_\_\_ with praise! Give \_\_\_\_ to him; bless his name! For the LORD is \_\_\_\_; his steadfast \_\_\_\_ endures forever, and his \_\_\_\_\_ to all generations.

## Bible Wordsearch

Wordsearch 252

Matt.10:10-20

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After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

## Disciples sent out Preaching

ACCOUNT	DOVES
AGAINST	DUST
ANYONE	ENTER
ARREST	FEET
BEFORE	FLOG
COUNCILS	GIVEN
FATHER	GUARD
GENTILES	HAND
INNOCENT	HOME
LISTEN	HOUSE
PERSON	KINGS
RETURN	LEAVE
SEARCH	LOCAL
SENDING	PEACE
SHREWD	SHAKE
SNAKES	SHEEP
SODOM	SPIRIT
VILLAGE	TOWN
WELCOME	TRUTH
WOLVES	WORDS
WORTHY	WORRY

# THE FOUNTAIN YOUTHS



## God's Greatest Gift

What is the secret of victory in the Christian life?

The secret of victory in the Christian life is turning things over to Christ and depending on Him.

The apostle Paul tells us about a time in his life when he was utterly defeated. Then Paul discovered the secret of the Christian life. He began depending on Christ who lived in Him. When he turned things over to Christ, he lived in victory. He said, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).

God wants other people, especially those I live with, to see Christ in me. But how do I deal with others when they irritate me? I can try to always be kind and loving, but I have tried this many times and failed.

I have a choice. I can try to do everything myself or I can turn things over to Christ. I can say, "Lord, You know the problem I have getting along with others. I am tired of doing things my way and failing. I am turning this over to You. I am going to let You handle things." The Lord loves for us to do this! A baby does not learn to walk by your telling her how to walk. You must put her on her feet and let her try to walk. She will fall again and again, but you must keep putting her on her feet until she learns to walk.

The Christian life is like this. Turning things over to Christ and depending on Him is new to me. I must practice doing this! I will fail many times, but Christ will keep picking me up until I learn how to "walk" with Him. You will never know what Christ will do for you until you start turning things over to Him. When you fail, confess it to the Lord at once. He will forgive you! Then start again, depending on Him. Begin doing this today!

A teenage girl had become a Christian, and she wanted to attend a meeting of the youth group. When she asked her mother if she could go to the youth meeting, her mother became extremely angry and said, "No! You can't go to that meeting! I want you to stay home tonight!"

She had a choice. She could have gotten into a big fight with her mother as she had done so many times before. Instead, she decided to let her new Friend, Jesus, handle the matter. She said graciously, "Is there something you would like me to do around the house tonight?"

This response shocked her mother. In disbelief she said gruffly, "Yes. Get out in the kitchen and do the dishes!" The girl cheerfully began the project. She was happily washing the dishes when her mother came in. The mother was amazed at the change in her daughter's attitude. She asked gruffly, "Do you have any homework to do?" The girl replied that she had done her homework. Minutes later, the mother returned to the kitchen and with soft gruffness said, "Since you have done the dishes and your homework, I guess you can go to that meeting tonight; but make sure you come home right afterward!"

## TURN BACK TO GOD

### The Established Heart- 1

"People who stand firm are those whose hearts are established—whose walk remains strong with the Lord. It doesn't mean they are perfect, but their hearts are right, and it's the heart that matters!"

The apostle Paul is a timeless example of one who remained steadfast in his faith even in the face of incredible difficulties. After his Damascus Road conversion, he began experiencing both wonderful victories and extraordinary trials. He was shipwrecked, beaten, stoned, and falsely imprisoned, yet he got up, brushed himself off, and went on carrying out Christ's Great Commission, writing "in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us" (Romans 8:37 NKJV).

You and I will sometimes face turmoil and troubles, but if our hearts are established in the Word of God, we cannot be shaken. We will be more than conquerors. But how? The Scriptures declare, "If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31). This is a theme that rings throughout the Bible. In the Old Testament, Isaiah 43:2 says: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you. Notice the use of "when." It's not "if."

### The Heart of the Matter

Every one of us is going to face trials and tests, but the Bible declares: No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment You shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is from Me," Says the LORD. (Isaiah 54:17) God never promised that weapons would never be formed against us. However, He promised that they wouldn't prosper.

Yes, weapons will be formed and troubles will come, but you, like David, can proclaim: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? (Psalm 27:1) The psalmist also gave the answer to turmoil: Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, Who delights greatly in His commandments... Surely he will never be shaken; the righteous will be in everlasting remembrance. He will not be afraid of evil tidings; His heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD. His heart is established; He will not be afraid. (Psalm 112:1, 6-8)

### The established heart!

This is a person who knows the Word of God and walks intimately with the Father. Because of that relationship, he or she is not shaken or moved by the circumstances of life. People who stand firm are those whose hearts are established—whose walk remains strong with the Lord. It doesn't mean they are perfect, but their hearts are right, and it's the heart that matters. Our Lord Jesus promised: Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock. (Luke 6:47-48)

When you do it God's way, He will give you peace in the midst of the storm and will stabilize your heart as you move from victory to victory! (To be continued)

## READERS' DIGEST.

### TAKE A SECOND LOOK

Don't be too quick to judge another. You may not be looking through the right prism. Everyone has got their story and what you see is the incomplete reality so don't jump into conclusions based on incomplete realities. Don't fall into the category of people that easily question all the good things they hear about others but are quick to believe the bad things they hear without investigating.

A young couple moved into a new neighbourhood. The next morning whilst eating breakfast, the young woman sees her neighbour hanging the wash outside. "That laundry is not clean" she said. "She doesn't know how to wash correctly. Perhaps she needs better laundry soap". Her husband looked on but remained silent. Every time the neighbour would hang laundry to dry, the young woman would make the same comments.

About one month later, the woman was surprised to see nice clean wash on the line and said to her husband: "Look, she has learnt how to wash correctly. I wonder who taught her this"! The husband said: "I got up early this morning and cleaned our windows"! And so it is with life...

What we see when watching others depends on the purity of the window through which we look! It is easy to discuss other people, their lives and things that are none of our business. Yet we tend to forget - our window isn't that clean after all! Stop labelling people just because they are not like you.

Don't be too swift to judge others; you do not have an idea of what they are going through. Instead of judging people, why don't you take that same time to pray for them. You can also reach out to them and let them know that you believe in them.

Most often, our judgment is based on what we've seen or have heard and not on what has happened behind the scene.

Now, there is a difference between judging and correcting someone in love. We should be able to differentiate between both. When someone judges, it isn't actually about you. It's about them and their limitations, insecurities and needs.

Many people may see who you really appear to be but only few experiences who you really are. There are people who are genuine and have your interest at heart. They do not present a 'superhuman' figure about themselves to you. They are down-to-earth and are constantly nudging you to be the very best that you can be and in such process reprimand and correction is very much in place.

If you have one or two of such persons in your life then you are blessed and if you don't, find such people and connect with them. God bless you big!

### YOUR INNER CRITIC; YOUR PATHOLOGICAL ENEMY!

Turn off the sound of the negative critic.  
Stop the negative voice in you.  
It never wants the best for you.  
It attacks and judges your actions, always.  
Be your best in spite of your mistakes or faults.

Everyone has a critical inner voice.  
The critic makes you feel guilty  
Of your mistakes and failures.  
And suppresses the positive vibes in you.  
Low Self-Esteem person has a vicious  
And vocal sustained critic.

Your pathological critic compares  
You to others, and explores your weaknesses.  
Your critic finds you wanting in everything.  
Though, your first critic resides in your mind,  
It gives external critics the power to bully  
And judge you, and empowers your doubt!  
Your Pathological critic is you;  
And you're your first enemy.

Your inner critic compares  
Others' successes and abilities to your failures.  
Your inner critic keeps your ugly album  
And opens it to you when you doubt your beauty  
In your other beautiful album.

Your critic keeps the pictures of your failures  
But never once show you pictures  
Of your strengths and accomplishments.  
Always use the positive voice in you  
To conquer your pathological critic,  
And outside adversaries (enemies).  
Never suffer from self-doubt!  
Believe strongly in yourself,  
And in your innate potential and power!

### DON'T GIVE UP

BY JANET MULLALY

DON'T GIVE UP AND DON'T GIVE IN  
IT'S ALL IN THE LORD'S HANDS  
NO MATTER WHAT YOUR FACING  
HE IS THE ONE WHO CAN  
IN ANY SITUATION  
HIS GRACE CAN TURN IT AROUND  
SO YOU CAN BE VICTORIOUS  
AS HIS LOVE DOES ABOUND.  
THE BEGINING AND THE END HE KNOWS  
AND ALL THAT'S IN BETWEEN  
SO PUT YOUR TOTAL TRUST IN HIM  
TO HIM IT'S ALL FORESEEN.  
HE KNOWS ABOUT YOUR STRUGGLES  
HE KNOWS ABOUT YOUR PAIN  
YOUR HARDSHIPS AND YOUR SORROWS  
AND HE WILL HELP YOU TO REIGN.  
SO DON'T GIVE UP AND DON'T GIVE IN  
DON'T QUIT BEFORE IT'S TIME  
GOD'S GRACE WILL GIVE YOU POWER  
TO MAKE IT TO THE FINISH LINE  
IN HIS WAY AND TIME!!!

# LAST WORD

We know God speaks to us about righteousness, faith, salvation, and doctrine. But He also talks to us about everyday things such as slowing down on the motorway, not eating so many sweets, forgiving our co-worker, and what to watch and not to watch on television or the computer. Sometimes we let small things keep us from God's best.

Pay attention to the practical things. You have that knowing on the inside--"I know I need to eat healthier, I know I need to forgive him, I know I need to encourage my friend, I know I need to be more disciplined in my spending."

Here's a key: the "knows" are God talking to you. Don't discount it, don't push it down. The more you listen to and obey that still, small voice inside, the more God can trust you, the more of His favour He'll release in your life.

You will "eat the good of the land."

Standing along a stretch of dual carriageway, are a series of apple trees. Every year we see them blossom, then fruit and finally the harvest: the trees shedding their fruit on the ground. No one gathers it. Initially, I thought this was a waste. But as I reflected upon the fallen fruit, I recognise these trees were unable to stop doing what they were created for: to be fruitful. Nor can we. Even if we feel disconnected through circumstances, cut off from our family, or are no longer participating in a life-affirming Christian community, we cannot stop being fruitful if we remain in Jesus.

What is the purpose of fruitfulness, however, if we are alone? Perhaps simply that God will never stop pouring out love into and through us. As I considered those trees, I realised the soil that nurtured them was itself enriched by their fallen fruit.

So it is with us. Our output is not subject to the laws of supply and demand. We are not valued according to our usefulness. We are valued because of our chosen identity as children of God. As I abide in Jesus, such fruitfulness, if nothing else, will enrich the soil from which my life springs.

There will be a perpetual harvest, and I need not worry about how it is used.

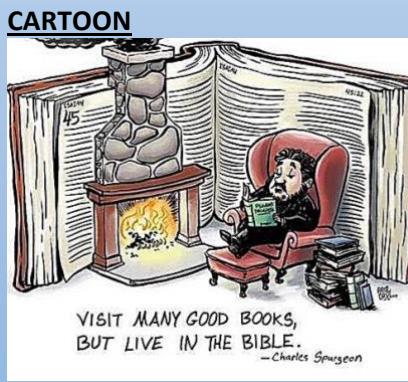
Beware of living as an apple tree trying to produce pears.

Rest in the knowledge that your harvest is guaranteed and never wasted.

**Our Sin Was Great but his Love for us Was Greater. He silenced the boast of Sin and Grave. What a Beautiful Name it is.  
The name of \*JESUS\***



I pray for you today that before the end of this 2020, the Lord Almighty will locate you with that 11th hour miracle. In Jesus Mighty Name. Amen.



## LAUGHTER'S THE BEST



Instead of chasing after blessings, we need to chase after God. If we chase God, He will chase us with blessings. That is why the kingdom of God is sometimes called "the upside-down kingdom."

God's economy doesn't work the way we think it would. First is last, and last is first. If we want more, we are to give away some of what we have. To be great in God's kingdom, we must serve the needs of others. And if we want blessings, we must get our mind off of them. God knows what we want and what we need. He wants to give us blessings that we haven't even verbally asked for.



## PRAYER POINTS

1. Any enemy of darkness assigned to pull me down today, I pull you down by fire.
2. Every satanic assignment against my life, be nullified by fire.
3. My Father, I thank You because all the plans of the wicked against me have failed.
4. My Father, anywhere that I am going that is wrong, put me back on the right track.
5. My Father, give me wisdom and the right spirit to always make the right decisions.
6. My Father, speak to me and let Your Light direct my decision making in the Name of Jesus.
7. I paralyze the activities of household wickedness against my life.
8. Any power troubling my home, be troubled by fire.
9. Any enemy pursuing me unnecessarily, I command you to bow into your grave.
10. Powers fighting my life in any department, I command you to bow in your own grave, in Jesus' Name.



This week and beyond, May the Lord help our thoughts and will to be deep rooted in His thoughts and will for us to be able to face the pressures of life and be overcomers in the mighty name of Jesus Christ amen. Happy Sunday and stay safe.

**AMEN**