



# “40 DAYS OF CONSECRATION”

June 27 - August 5, 2016

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### From the Pastor's Desk...

Dear Member:

Greetings, in the Matchless Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

For the past five years we as members of Pentecostal Temple Church Of God In Christ participated in a 40-day Consecration, which was initially inspired by the loss of our great leader, my father, Bishop J. O. Patterson, Jr. During this difficult time the Lord placed on my heart to call for a Consecration, and a sense of renewed peace and understanding covered our church, and reminded us that God is with us.

It is my sincerest desire that we live in accordance with His will so that we may be rewarded for our faithfulness and receive all that the Lord has for us. As we consecrate ourselves, "*let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us...*" (Hebrew 12:1). For when we demonstrate our dedication to the Lord, He will fill us with his spirit, love, and knowledge that surpasses all understanding.

I would like for every member to join me as we prepare for the Consecration which begins **Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup>** and ends **Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup>**. I am requesting that we fast until 3:00 p.m. daily, unless a member has a medical condition that dictates otherwise. These 40-days of Consecration will be accompanied with a **Pastoral Revival**, which will be led by me, and will be held **July 25-29**, beginning promptly at 7:00 p.m. nightly. Remember, God is doing GREAT things, and we are expecting Him to do even "Greater Things".

It is my prayer that the spirit of the Lord be with you.

Yours In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles H. Mason Patterson".

Bishop Charles H. Mason Patterson, Sr.

**“Like Never Before I will read God’s word,  
pray, worship, fast, witness, love one another,  
forgive others, and serve God”**

## **OUR PLEDGE**

We pledge to pray for our Pastor and First Lady Patterson, our nation, national and local churches, church clergy, executive leaders, auxiliaries and ministries, and for one another. Effective July 1, 2013, we agree to the following:

1. We will dedicate at least 30 minutes (per day) during the 40 days of consecration to read God’s word
2. We will strive to stop and participate in collective prayer each day at 12 noon; as well as dedicate at least 15 – 30 minutes (per day) during the 40 days of consecration in prayer.
3. We will strive to attend Sunday Night Worship Service at Pentecostal Temple or the church you attend during the 40 days of Consecration.
4. We will strive to attend Wednesday’s Prayer (10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon) and W.O.W (Worship On Wednesdays) 7:00p.m. at Pentecostal Temple, or Mid-Week Bible Study/Service at the church you attend during the 40 days of Consecration.
5. We will strive to attend Sunday School 8:30 a.m. at Pentecostal Temple or attend Sunday School at the church you attend during the 40 days of consecration.

# DAILY

## **Monday**

- Read your daily scriptures and devotion
- Pray at 12:00 noon for at least 5 minutes include in your prayer: at least one petition for someone else, church leaders, auxiliaries and ministries
- Fast until 3:00 pm

## **Tuesday**

- Read your daily scriptures and devotion
- Pray at 12:00 noon for at least 5 minutes include in your prayer: unemployed will find jobs that meet the needs of their family, and pray for Pastor Patterson and Sis. Patterson, as well as all Pastors and their Wives
- Fast until 3:00 pm

## **Wednesday**

- Read your daily scriptures and devotion.
- Pray at 12:00 noon for at least 5 minutes include in your prayer: salvation for all who are lost, and wisdom and guidance from God
- Fast until 3:00 pm
- Attend Wednesday Prayer 10:00 am – 12:00 noon and/or W.O.W. Service 7:00 pm/ Mid-Week Service at your home church

## **Thursday**

- Read your daily scriptures and devotion
- Pray at 12:00 noon for at least 5 minutes include in your prayer: youth hear the word of God and accept Jesus as their savior and pray for family members or friends who are lost
- Fast until 3:00 pm

## **Friday**

- Read your daily scriptures and devotion
- Pray at 12:00 noon for at least 5 minutes include in your prayer: national church and leaders, for clergy, missionaries, and evangelist
- Fast until 3:00 pm

## **Saturday**

- Read your daily scriptures
- Pray at 12:00 noon for at least 5 minutes - include in your prayer: those suffering from injustice, comfort for those grieving, healing for the sick, and perseverance for persons participating in the 40 days of consecration
- Fast until 3:00 pm

## **Sunday**

- Read your daily scriptures
- Attend Sunday Worship Services (i.e. Sunday School, Morning/Evening Worship, YPWW)
- Pray and include in your prayer: the messenger as they deliver God's word, salvation for the lost, spiritual growth of Pentecostal Temple/ your home church
- Fast until 3:00 pm

# **Scriptures of Encouragement**

## **Fasting and Prayer**

Faith needs prayer for its development and full growth, Prayer needs fasting for its development and full growth.

1. Humbling the soul before God (Psalm 35:13)
2. Chastening the soul (Psalm 69:10)
3. Crucifying the appetites (2 Samuel 12:16-23, Matthew 4:1-11)
4. Manifests earnestness before God (1 Corinthians 9:15, Luke 5:33)

## **Believers should fast when under:**

1. Chastening (2 Samuel 12:16-23)
2. Under Judgment (1 Kings 21:27)
3. When in need (Ezra 8:21)
4. When in danger (Esther 4)
5. When worried (Daniel 6:18)
6. When in trouble (Acts 27:9, 33)
7. When in spiritual conflict (Matthew 4:1-11)
8. When desperate in prayer (Acts 9)

## “40” Days of Consecration Committed to *Live Consecrated Lives* “40” Days and Beyond

It is said that if one does a particular activity for 21 days it becomes a habit. If we actively commit ourselves to a consecrated life-style for “40”, days we can be well on our way to constant spiritual renewal and spiritual growth. And not just for our own personal spiritual renewal and growth, *but that the Body of Christ may be edified; being made strong and mature as it is renewed day by day, growing up to its full stature in Christ.* (Paraphrasing II Cor. 4:16b & Eph.4:12-13)

When we think of being committed, thoughts flood our minds, like; what is this commitment going to cost me. How much of my time, talent, and treasure must be sacrificed to see this commitment through. The truth of the matter is, there is no *real commitment* that does not involve *sacrifice*, and we cannot present or offer ourselves as a living *sacrifice* without the *grace* of God to do so. God’s *grace*, which works through our *faith*, (*which is given by God to all mankind in just the right measure. Rom. 12:3*); are the main ingredients. Grace is not only the undeserved favor of God, but it is also God’s super-natural ability working via the Holy Spirit, in and through our lives giving us the needed power, authority, and ability, to deal with and overcome any obstacles that may stand in the way of our desire to live consecrated committed lives to our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. His grace and power will do in us that which we are unable to do in our own mental, emotional, or physical strength. When we commit ourselves to live the *Word* and do the *Will*, we experience God’s grace in a greater, deeper, and richer measure.

We must *be* the “*salt*” of the earth whose saltiness is powerful enough to preserve us, while checking the corruption that tries daily to invade our sanctified space threatening our effectiveness as disciples while sojourning here in the earth realm. (Mat. 5:13; Mk 9:50)

## The Generation that Seeks Him

*Psalms 24:6*

*This is the generation of them that seek Him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah.*

(*Psalms 24:6 (AMPC)*) *This is the generation [description] of those who seek Him [who inquire of and for Him and of necessity require Him], who seek Your face, [O God of Jacob. Selah [pause and think of that]!*

### *(Searching the Scriptures)*

We must first prepare our hearts to seek Him through repentance. The unprepared, unrepentant heart will only yield the reproving hand of God as did Eli, his two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, and the Philistines. (*Read I Samuel chapters 4-6; 7:1-2.*) The Ark had rested in Kirjath-jearim (*Read 1 Chronicles 13:5-7*). The Ark of the Covenant, which represented the Presence of God had been out of place for approximately 20-70 years, and the hearts of God's people lamented and longed after the Lord.

King David thought it absolutely necessary to go down to the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite, (*II Samuel 6:12-15*), to retrieve the Ark of the Covenant, where it had been resting for three months. Because of its presence the blessings of the Lord rested in the house of Obed-Edom and all that belonged to him. David had the insight to know that wherever the Presence of God rested, and was respected through obedience and worship, His Blessings would flow freely.

We are seeking Him because He not only has the answers, but He is the answer for anything that pertains to life and godliness.

The generation who seeks Him are those who are coming into the realization of who He really is and how necessary it is to have an on-going deep relationship with Him. All humanity is recipient of an earth filled with benefits to us and for us. The fullness of the earth its riches and fruitfulness have been given to us from His hand. The question is, who is willing to seek His "**Heart**" and not just His "**Hand**"?

### **The Necessity of Seeking Him**

*(Days: 1 – 5)*

#### **Isaiah 55:6 (AMPC)**

Seek, inquire for, and require the Lord while He may be found [claiming Him by necessity and by right]; call upon Him while he is near.

### **Day 1: June 27, 2016**

These are the times and seasons when seeking the face and the voice of God are of great necessity for those of us who say we know Him. There are so many things that look like they may be of God; and so many voices that have a religious ring or sound. We live in a day when we cannot afford to miss what the "Spirit "is saying to the "Church". Not only as the collective body of believers, but as individual entities. We must keep our natural and spiritual ear on the altar so that we won't hear and receive the wrong instructions from the voice of a foreigner, or stranger, whether it be from another person, or something speaking to our minds. Let us be vigilant but careful as we seek the Lord.

## **Day 2: June 28, 2016**

Let us not be so quick to leave the altar; the place of sacrifice. This is where we submit ourselves as a living sacrifice. We must wait for the right respond. The respond will always be parallel and in agreement with the Word of God. The answer we receive may not be the answer our flesh wants to hear, but if we receive it, it will impart in our hearts a deep inner peace.

## **Day 3: June 29, 2016**

Seeking Him, (Jesus), brings about the necessary changes we need, imparting in us His attitude, His ways, and How He moves. We receive His directives, and instructions. As we receive these things, we invariably begin to love Him more and more.

We then willingly place ourselves before Him unveiled and naked, (Not that He doesn't already see us through and through); the so called good, the bad and the ugly. But God the Holy Spirit greatly appreciates our humility and submission in saying to Him: Daddy I come into your Presence for You to look at me, and through me. I know I'm due for a makeover.

2 Corinthians 3:18 (AMPC) sums it up in this manner: *"And all of us as with unveiled face [because we] continued to behold [in the Word of God] as in a mirror the Glory of the Lord, are constantly being transfigured into His very own image in ever increasing splendor and from one degree of glory to another; [for this comes] from the Lord [ Who is] the Spirit.*

Lord, I'm here in Your Presence seeking change so that I may represent You well.

## **Day 4: June 30, 2016**

Lord, as You know us; allow us the privilege of conducting a thorough inquiry of You; searching out your truths. We have become very curious and eager to learn of You, and to know You. Some of us feel like the Apostle Paul in Philippians 3:10-11 (AMPC): *For my determined purpose is [that I may know Him] that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him; Perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His Person more strongly and more clearly], and that I may in the same way come to know the power outflowing from His resurrection [which it exerts over believers], and that I may also share His sufferings as to be continually transformed [in spirit into His likeness even] to His death, [in the hope] that if possible I may attain to the [spiritual and moral] resurrection [that lifts me] out from among the dead [even while in the body].*

Father even though in this fleshly body that is so acquainted with sin, do we want to live according to the edicts and dictates of its desires. We are seeking You that we "might" (have the strength) to display and model You while yet in these mortal bodies.

## **Day 5: July 1, 2016**

The Lord has promised to be near unto us who sacrifice unto Him a broken and contrite heart.  
*Psalms 51:17(AMPC) My sacrifice [the sacrifice acceptable] to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart [broken down with sorrow for sin and humbly and thoroughly penitent], such, O God, You will not despise.*

True repentance is displayed through change; being so sorry for our sin that immediate change begins to take place. We then began to learn the art of submission. For it is quite difficult, or dare I say, next to impossible to seek Him without true repentance, and a submitted heart.

## **Day 6: July 2, 2016**

### ***Submission Gives Power to Resist***

James 4:7 (KJV)

Submit yourselves therefore unto God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

There can be no submission unto God without sacrifice. There must be a willing surrender, a submitted surrender; a surrender given without anger of having to walk away, or run away from that which is lost, destroyed, or forsaken in order to have an on-going relationship with Christ. The ultimate sacrifice is “ourselves”. Have you ever had to walk away from you? Submission to God gives us the power to resist our own devilish, fleshly desires. Usually when we get to this point in life, submission and sacrifice for the sake of Christ and His agenda for our lives is not so difficult.

## **Day 7: July 3, 2016**

### ***It's the Reasonable Thing to Do***

Romans 12:1(AMPC)

I APPEAL to you therefore, brethren, *and* beg of you in view of [all] the mercies of God, to make a decisive dedication of your bodies [presenting all your members and faculties] as a living sacrifice, holy (devoted, consecrated) and well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable (rational, intelligent) service *and* spiritual worship.

The Apostle Paul is making a strong appeal to us who say we know Him, (Jesus), and are mindful of what he has sacrificed for us. [In view of His unending tender, sensitive mercies], Let us display a ready determination to dedicate all our members and faculties to God; Seeking Him with all our hearts and minds in devoted consecration; which is the reasonable rational thing to do. (AMP)

It just makes good “spiritual sense” to do so.

## Day 8: July 4, 2016

### *From Conformity to Transformation*

Romans 12:2 (AMPC)

Do not be conformed to this world (this age), [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs], but be transformed (changed) by the [entire] renewal of your mind [by its new ideals and its new attitude], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, *even* the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you].

We seek Him, (the Lord) His way and His will, so that we may take on his personality. In doing so, we do not come into conformity and agreement with this world's system. Seeking Him brings us to the realization of who we are, and whose we are, and who we represent. In seeking Him we collide with and become enmeshed with His perfect will for our lives.

## Day 9: July 5, 2016

### *The Over-Coming Seeker*

Revelations 2:17a (AMPC)

He who is able to hear, let him listen *and* heed what the Spirit says to the assemblies (churches). To him who overcomes (conquers), I will give to eat of the manna that is hidden.

As we seek Him in prayer and fasting, we must listen and "take heed" to the instructions of His voice. As we become over-comers, we also become recipients of His "Hidden Manna", the "Bread of Life". He will grant us a special audience into His presence, sharing sacred secrets and a deeper revelation of himself. He'll reveal various sides of Himself. He'll allow us to see His Glory as did Moses, causing us to love Him more and more.

## Day 10: July 6, 2016

### *The Danger of Following from Afar*

Psalms 73:27 (AMPC)

For behold, those who are far from You shall perish; You will destroy all who are false to You *and* like [spiritual] harlots depart from You.

If we follow from afar, there are certain aspects of who He really is we'll miss. The closer we come to Him, the closer He come to us. Jesus wants us to know Him up close and personal. He wants to be more than a casual acquaintance, or part-time lover.

Following Him from afar allows other "gods" to get in between. Soon, (if we're not very careful), they will become our god. We will then see certain aspects of our lives, callings, and assignments begin to perish, (decay, rot), to die out, until they are non-existent. DON'T FOLLOW FROM AFAR!

## **Day 11: July 7, 2016**

### ***Seek Until.....***

Song of Solomon 3:1-4a (KJV)

By night on my bed I sought him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I found him not. I will rise now, and go about the city in the streets, and in the broad ways I will seek him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I found him not. The watchmen that go about the city found me: *to whom I said, Saw ye him whom my soul loveth? It was* but a little that I passed from them, but I found him whom my soul loveth: I held him, and would not let him go.....

It takes quality time and effort to seek God. The question is, how much of this gift of time that God has given to us are we willing to give back in seeking Him, that we may know Him up close and personal? We say He's our "Personal" Savior, meaning He is allowed into our "personal" space, into our "personal" business, to counsel, compliment, correct, to fix or change in us whatever needs to be adjusted. When searching for Him with all of our hearts, whatever He has to do to make us better for Him and for ourselves we allow; simply because we desire Him just that much. We are seeking Him whom our soul loves, and are unwilling to let him go.

## **Day 12: July 8, 2016**

### ***Real Seekers***

God is seeking for real seekers and true worshippers.

*Jesus speaks to us in John 4:23 (AMPC) saying "A time will come, however, indeed it is already here, when the true(genuine) worshippers will worship the Father is spirit and in truth (reality) ; for the Father is seeking just such a people as these as His worshipers.*

We as real seekers and true worshippers come before God, with our mind-set focused primarily on one thing, that is for the Holy Spirit to show us ourselves, and to reveal to us anything we need to submit and surrender to Him. If there is anger, unforgiveness, malice, or covetousness that has not been dealt with, or any other hindrance that needs to be brought to the fore-front, the Precious Holy Spirit will lovingly but firmly insist that we allow Him the opportunity to clean and clear these things out of our lives. To balk at or to tell Him no, stagnates and defeats us in the process of seeking Him, (whom we say our souls love).

### ***How Do We Seek....***

## **Day 13: July 9, 2016**

Jeremiah 29:10-14 (AMPC)    ***The Babylonian Captivity***

For thus says the Lord, when seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you and keep My good promise to you, causing you to return to this place. For I know the thoughts *and* plans that I have for you says the Lord, thoughts and plans for welfare *and* peace and not for evil, to give you hope in your final outcome. Then you will call upon Me, and you will come and pray to Me, and I will hear *and* heed you. Then you will seek Me, inquire for, and require Me [as a vital necessity] and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart. I will be found by you says the Lord, and I will release you from captivity and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I caused you to be carried away captive.

Near the end of Israel's 70 years of captivity for blatant rebellion and idolatry, the Lord Jehovah speaks to His prophet Jeremiah once again concerning His much loved possession, Israel. We may ask ourselves, why seventy years? As we study and explore Leviticus chapters 25 & 26, we hear Jehovah giving explicit instructions concerning "Sabbath" (rest) and the "Jubilee" years. They were told after entering the Promised Land to rest the land every 7<sup>th</sup> year. Not to plant (sow) or gather crops, but to let the land rest and replenish itself. Let what was already planted to grow wild, and to eat of the land that which was produced of itself. But God, knowing His people would have some rebuttal; (in verse 20, of chapter 25) asking Him "how and what shall we eat, what if in the 6<sup>th</sup> year our crop don't do so well? He already has an answer bathed in love to give them. (*verse 21: Then [this is My answer:] I will command My [special] blessing on you in the sixth year, so that it shall bring forth [sufficient] fruit for three years.* (*verse 22: And you shall sow in the eighth year, but eat of the old store of produce; until the crops of the ninth year come in you shall eat of the old supply.* He also gave instruction on how they should treat their brothers and their neighbors concerning the distribution of crops and land in the seventh year and the year of Jubilee, the fiftieth year. But as stated earlier when we follow from afar in our seeking, we allow space for other "gods" to get in between. Here we see the gods of greed and covetousness lifting their ugly heads and flaunting themselves before the true and living God. They caused God's people to walk in blatant disobedience and idolatry before Him. Israel disobeyed this command of God for 490 years. Seventy years of the seventh year Sabbaths:  $70 \times 7 = 490$ . Also another equation the Holy Spirit showed me is this: If His people would willingly walk in faith concerning His super-natural ability to supply their need, He would cause the land to yield bumper crops for three additional years. If we examine the equation more closely we see the three years multiplied by seven years =  $21 + 49 = 70$ . They lacked the faith to believe that God would do exactly as He had said; it appears God also penalized them for doubting the promised three years of special blessing.

In these particular scriptures we learn how important our faith and obedience is to God. We learn why the Scripture in Hebrews 11:6 states, *For without "faith" it is impossible to please Him, for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently "seek" Him.* We are unable to believe or obey Him without faith, which makes it impossible to seek Him without faith. We cannot call upon Him in whom we have not believed. So, how do we "seek"? Jeremiah gives us the answer. We must seek after Him with all our heart, with our "**whole**" heart. The consequences of faithlessness and disobedience, is being driven away from the rich promises of our God. What we will not allow to draw us to Him will eventually drive us from Him. We will then find ourselves being held captive in many of Satan's devices. The only deliverance from captivity is true repentance and seeking Him with our "**whole**" heart. We must remember, a true answer of "yes" to God is an automatic "**no**" to the devil. And a "**I'm not quite ready yet Lord to follow You;**" is an automatic "yes" to the devil and a "**no**" to God. This kind of response opens the door for Satan to come in and cause all kinds of havoc in our life and the lives of our loved ones.

**Day 14: July 10, 2016**  
***A Heart Filled with Praise***

Psalms 9:1 (AMPC)

I Will praise You O Lord with my “**Whole**” heart. I will show forth (recount and tell aloud) all Your marvelous works and wonderful deeds.

Lord, we give you honor and glory with our “*whole*” self. We hold back nothing. For we cannot recount Your marvelous works and deeds unto us for they are without number. Your awesome benefits are delivered to us fresh every day from Your loving Hand. Great is Your faithfulness to us Your people. This is why seeking Your face is a privilege.

**Day 15: July 11, 2016**  
***Living In the Blessed Place***

Psalms 119:2 (AMPC)

Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) are they who keep His testimonies and who seek, inquire for and of Him *and* crave Him with the “*whole*” heart.

What delightful and awesome privilege it is when we have been graced with His strength to adhere to His testimonies, and have a desire to seek Him. For we could not, and would not seek Him if He did not lay the desire in our hearts to do so. He alone knows what it takes to cause us to “*crave*” Him. Have an insatiable desire for Him. Desiring Him so, that nothing else and no one can take His place in our lives. He is irreplaceable you know.

**Day 16: July 12, 2016**  
***Stay in The Blessed Place***

Psalms 119:10 (AMPC)

With my whole heart have I sought You, inquiring for *and* of You *and* yearning for You; Oh, let me not wander or step aside [either in ignorance or willfully] from your commandants.

Father, after we have sought, keep us yearning and seeking You with our whole heart. Let us not become lazy and lackadaisical. Thank You for a heart and mind not to ignore any warning signs along the way. Continue we pray, to cause our will to be overtaken and enmeshed with Your will that we don’t stray from Your precepts and requirements.

**Day 17: July 13, 2016**  
***How to Reside in the Blessed Place***

Psalms 119:34 (AMPC)

Give me understanding, that I may keep Your law; yes, I will observe it with my “*whole*” heart. Lord help us to understand and embrace the goodness of Your Laws, and that we may take heed and honor, and give You the real respect that is due unto You our heavenly Father. For You held nothing back, but gave us Your all.

**Day 18: July 14, 2016**  
***We Will Have no Other gods Before Us***

I Will confess *and* praise You [O God] with my “*whole*” heart; before the “*gods*” will I sing praises to You.

We won’t keep You a secret or be ashamed of You in front of those who don’t know You or deny Your existence. But we will proclaim with our life style and our tongues that You are the ***God of gods***. Yes, we are the generation that seeks You. You are our “***God***”.

**Day 19: July 15, 2016**  
***We Lean Heavily On You***

Psalms 143:8 (AMPC)

Cause me to hear Your loving-kindness in the morning, for on You I do lean *and* in You do I trust. Cause me to know the way wherein I should walk, for I lift up my inner self to You.

As we lean on You, seeking your guidance and direction each morning, give us to know how and where we should walk. We would be so pleased if You Lord would order or steps in Your Word. You have taught us that it is not given unto mankind to direct his own steps. So we look to You by faith to take us to and fro. Not only today, but our whole life through.

**Day 20: July 16, 2016**  
***You Lord, are Our Master Instructor***

Psalms 143:10 (AMPC)

Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God; let Your good Spirit lead me into a level country *and* into the land of uprightness.

We bring ourselves into Heaven’s classroom. We are now seated in heavenly places allowing Your Holy Spirit to teach us Your way, leading us in a smooth and plain path, that we don’t stumble and fumble along the way. Work Your uprightness in our hearts. Then set us in a place of peace and fruitfulness.

**Day 21: July 17, 2016**  
***Our Trust is In You Lord***

Psalms 125:1(AMPC)

Those who trust in, lean on, *and* confidently hope in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved but abide forever.

Our confidence and trust rest in who You are, and Your unfailing ability to keep us. We refuse to move or be moved except by your orders or mandate. In You we are like Mount Zion. And we shall not be moved. We shall not be moved from our Christ-centered mind-set and life-style. A life of holiness and sanctification; a life consecrated unto God. A life set aside for service unto Him. This is what we seek after.

**Day 22: July 18, 2016**  
***We Have Chosen Your Way***

Psalms 119:30 (AMPC)

I have chosen the way of truth *and* faithfulness; Your ordinances have I set before me.

We are learning that Your way is the best way. Your character Lord has always exemplified truth and faithfulness. In You there is no falseness. You have never gone back on Your Word. So with great confidence we set Your precepts and directives before us to lead and guide our lives. In doing this, as we journey from one phase of life to the other, we can be assured that we will abide in the blessed places You have prepared for us.

**Day 24: July 19, 2016**  
***Lord, We Want to Be God Chasers***

Psalms 119:32 (AMPC)

I will [not merely walk, but] run in the way of Your commandments, when You give me a heart that is willing.

As we are seeking after You Lord, continue to work the willingness in us to keep on seeking. Draw us, as the writer in Song of Solomon 4:1 says, and we'll run after You. As the Holy Spirit draws us we'll chase after you at a close pace, not allowing space for anything or anyone to get between us and You. When You slow down, we'll slow down. As You pick up Your pace we will pick up ours.

**Day 25: July 20, 2016**  
***We Shall Seek You Lord In Humility***

Psalms 138:6 (AMPC)

For though the Lord is high, yet He has respect to the lowly [bringing them into fellowship with Him]; but the proud *and* haughty He knows *and* recognizes [only] at a distance.

Lord, we want to come before You “**LOW**”, “**LOW**”, “**LOW**”. For we long for You, crave You, **MUST HAVE YOU!** Nothing else will suffice. Deliver us from our proud and haughty spirits, that we may come close to You. Jesus, any distance from you is too far....

**Day 26: July 22, 2016**  
***Lord We Need Your Favor***

Proverbs 3:34 (AMPC)

Though He scoffs at the scoffers *and* scorns the scorners, yet He gives His undeserved favor to the low [in rank], the humble *and* the afflicted.

Father we will not look at others with contempt or disdain, nor will we mock and sneer. For when we do this You will be doing the same toward us. Lord we need Your smile of approval, Your favor; so we willingly humble ourselves under Your Mighty and loving hand, that You may exalt us in Your own time; when the time is right.

**Day 27: July 23, 2016**  
***We Need Your Continual Grace***

James 4:6 (AMPC)

But He gives us more and more grace (power of the Holy Spirit to meet the evil tendency and all other fully). That is why He says, God sets Himself against the proud and the haughty, but gives grace [continually] to the lowly (those who are humble enough to receive it).

Lord, give us ears to hear and hearts to receive what You are trying to do in us for our betterment and for Your glory. Father, to whom, and where could we go, if You set Yourself against us. As we humble ourselves before You, anoint us with an “Issachar” anointing, that we will be able to know and understand; and discern the times and seasons in which we live so we’ll know what to do and how to seek You Lord as we navigate through these chaotic times in which we live.

**Day 28: July 24, 2016**  
***Set “IT” Aside***

I Peter 5:6 (AMPC)

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God [set aside self-righteousness, pride], so that He may exalt you [to a place of honor in His service] at the appropriate time.

We must set “It” aside; whatever “it” may be. If “it” is keeping us from obeying and seeking God “it” has to go!! We just don’t have time for “it”. We must break-up the fallow ground, for it is time to seek the Lord, until He rains down His righteous in us and on us.

**Day 29: July 25, 2016**  
***Come To Me With All Your Heart***

Joel 2:12 (AMPC)

Therefore also now, says the Lord, turn *and* keep on coming to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning [until every hindrance is removed and broken fellowship is restored].

I am waiting says the Lord. I miss My time with you; times of sweet fellowship. Your back is toward Me. Turn your face toward me again. Have you forgotten that it is in beholding Me that change takes place in your life, and in your situation? Absorb yourself in My Word until every hindrance is removed and broken fellowship is restored. I love you, and I’ll wait.

**Day 30: July 26, 2016**  
***Let Your Heart Be Torn Before Me***

Joel 2:13 (AMPC)

Rend your heart and not your garments and return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in loving kindness; and He revokes his sentence of evil [when His conditions are met].

Let your heart be torn before Me in repentance. My gracious mercy and loving-kindness awaits you. I will help you meet the conditions that I require. For it is My delight to restore you and bless you.

**Day 31: July 27, 2016**  
***Real Humility = Real Honor***

Proverbs 25:30 (AMPC)

The reverent *and* worshipful fear of the Lord brings instruction in wisdom, and humility comes before honor.

Saints, let's not get it twisted; there is no real honor without real humility. Honor without humility is fake and plastic, and will not endure the test of time. Sooner or later we will see pride raise its ugly head; and the spirit of Jezebel will begin to flaunt itself to try and stop the real move of God by attacking our leadership and other Christ appointed and anointed auxiliaries that He has set in His House for the growth and edification of the saints. We must continually search ourselves, and ask God to turn His search light on us so that "Ms Jez" does not find a hiding place in us.

Remember real honor does not come before God's righteousness in us, and real humility.

**Day 32: July 28, 2016**  
***Real Humility is the Way to the Abundant Life***

Proverbs 22:4 (AMPC)

The reward of humility *and* the reverent *and* worshipful fear of the Lord is riches and honor and life.

Our Daddy God leaves nothing undone concerning the welfare of His children. If we seek Him and walk according to His Word, there is no good thing, that is good for us will He withhold. It is His good pleasure to give us the kingdom. He delights in letting the world know that He knows how to take real good care of His own.

What a wonderful Father He is!!

***A Generation Who Continued to Seek Him***

Our devotional reading on day "27", we briefly touched on the subject of the "Issachar Anointing". Issachar was the fifth son of Leah and Jacob. We see throughout the history of ancient Israel, this tribe portrayed as a family destined to prosper spiritually and physically. They were not only "mighty men of valor, as stated in I Chronicles 7:1-5, but were also gifted to serve the other tribes in the areas of finance and the ministry of the Torah, (Pentateuch), a scroll of the written Law of God as revealed to Moses, and recorded in the five books of the Hebrew scriptures. In our generation we would do well to model the sons of Issachar as they walk in obedience to laws and statutes of God.

### **Day 33: July 29, 2016**

Deuteronomy 33:18-19 (AMPC)

And of Zebulun he said: Rejoice, Zebulun, in your interests abroad, and you, Issachar, in your tents [at home]. They shall call the people unto Mount [Carmel]; there they shall suck the abundance of the seas and the treasures hid in the sand.

Issachar's allotment of the Promised Land consisted primarily of the valley of Jezreel which was the richest farm land in all Israel. This area of land also gave great access to the Mediterranean Sea. In this we see the fulfilment of prophecy spoken over this tribe by Jacob their father; that they "*drew out the abundance of the sea and the hidden treasures of the sand*". As they sought out the ways of God they lacked nothing physical or spiritual. There was also great might and strength in their warfare against the enemies of Israel and God.

### **Day 34: July 30, 2016**

***Seeking God Gives Insight to His Ways and Plan***

I Chronicle 12:32 (AMPC)

And of the tribe of Issachar, men who had understanding of the times to know what Israel ought to do, 200 chiefs and all their kinsmen were under their command.

They understood the times and seasons because they sought the Lord to know them. They sought His way of what and how to do. Saints, it has to be His way, or no way. Remember there is a way that seems right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. (Prov. 14:12)

### **Day 35: July 31, 2016**

***Seeking Him Allows us a Special Place of Spiritual Authority***

Deuteronomy 27:12 (AMPC)

These tribes shall stand on Gerizim to bless the people, when you have passed over the Jordan: Simeon, Levi, Judah, **Issachar**, Joseph's sons, and Benjamin.

The tribe of Issachar was allowed the awesome privilege, along with the other above mentioned tribes, to pronounce blessing over the . When we seek Him, He gives us power and authority to speak blessings into the lives of His people and see many of them come to pass. We can also speak to negative influences, and dismiss them from our presence. We can command the enemy to leave and clear our atmosphere; then loose the peace of God to surround us like a warm comfortable blanket during the winter months. (This is the God given privilege of the generation that seeks Him).

## **Day 36: August 1, 2016**

### ***He Anoints Us With His Wisdom as We Seek***

When we read I Chronicles 12:32, it gives spiritual insight into how God had anointed this tribe with His wisdom. Their counsel and interpretations of Scripture were received as authoritative. According to the “Targum”, which is explanations, expansions, and paraphrases of Hebrew scriptures, the sons of Issachar were also biblical astronomers and astrologers who kept track of the times and seasons.

Are we seeking to know what prophetic season we are experiencing in our day and time as the Body of Christ? Do we know what the prophetic assignment for this generation is? Our fallow ground must be broken up; it is time for no nonsense seeking.

## **Day 37: August 2, 2016**

### ***Comparing Natural with Spiritual***

Leviticus 23:1-44 (*read*)

In this chapter we see Moses the Law Giver, receiving instructions from Jehovah concerning Feast days and Holy days He commanded Israel to observe. When the sons of Issachar came on the scene, they were the ones who made known the scheduled times and seasons when Israel should observe the Feast of The Lord, as the Jewish calendar changed due to solar changes from year to year, the observance of feast days and Holy days would change as well. This tribe, when seeking the ways of God, had an anointing which allowed them unparalleled insight into God’s timing; past, present, and future. Our generation needs to seek God in righteousness and true holiness so that “we” will know what we should do, and where we are positioned on prophetic calendar.

## **Day 38: August 3, 2016**

### ***Whose Side Are We On?***

I Chronicles 12:23 (KJV)

And these are the numbers of the bands *that were* ready armed to war, *and* came to David to Hebron, to turn the kingdom of Saul to him, according to the word of the Lord.

As the “*end time*” saints of God, whose side are we really on? Who and what have we aligned ourselves with?

This tribe was the only tribe who wholly, (all relatives) joined to fight with David in Israel’s first civil war. They wholly aligned themselves with David because they understood and agreed with God’s timing and His prophetic plan concerning David’s promotion to the throne of Israel, which had been prophesied 17 years earlier. (I Samuel 15:28) They knew this because they sought to know the times and prophetic seasons in which they lived. Are our spiritual ears and eyes in tune with the prophetic times and seasons of God according to His Word?

**Day 39: August 4, 2016**  
***Seeking God Will Direct Us Where to Stand and With Whom***

**Jeremiah 6:16 (KJV)**

Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk wherein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.

We hear the prophet Jeremiah pleading with God's people to take inventory of their lives, and the entities they had aligned themselves with. They had aborted the plan and the things of God to worship the idols of that day. They had forsaken Jehovah, the fountain of living water. They blatantly rebelled and served other gods. God is saying to his people look at where you're standing since you have refused to seek after Me with your whole heart. You have aligned yourselves with this world's system and its beliefs. I have destined and designed certain paths for My people that is the good way. If you seek Me and walk in My Way, you will have a resting place for your souls. You'll have mental/emotional rest and spiritual peace. You will reside in the blessed place. Will you respond as backslidden Israel; and say we will not walk therein, we will not seek out your way? Or will you receive My great and precious promises that I have in store for those who seek Me.

**Day 40: August 5, 2016**  
***I will Restore***

**Joel 2:25 (AMPC)**

And I will restore *or* replace for you and the years that the locust has eaten-the hopping locust, the stripping locust, and the crawling locust, My great army which I sent among you.

Return to Me that I may restore and replace what I allowed the destroyers to destroy. I sent these destroyers amongst you because I love you so deeply. I used and will continue to use whatever means necessary to cause you to seek Me with all your heart. You are mine, I will never leave you, nor forsake you.

***Jeremiah 9:23-24 (AMPC)***

***Thus says the Lord: Let not the wise and skillful person glory and boast in his wisdom and skill; let not the mighty and powerful person glory and boast in his strength and power; let not the person who is rich [in physical gratification and earthly wealth] glory and boast in his [temporal satisfactions and earthly] riches;***

***But let him who glories glory in this: that he understands and knows Me [personally and practically, directly discerning and recognizing My character], that I am the Lord, Who practices loving-kindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth, for in these things I delight, says the Lord.***

This is the description; this is the identifying factor of the generation who seeks our God. Let us find ourselves in this equation.

Be blessed!!