

**PENTECOSTAL TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**

**40 DAYS OF**  
*Consecration*

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*“with prayer, supplication and thanksgiving... a recipe for deliverance*



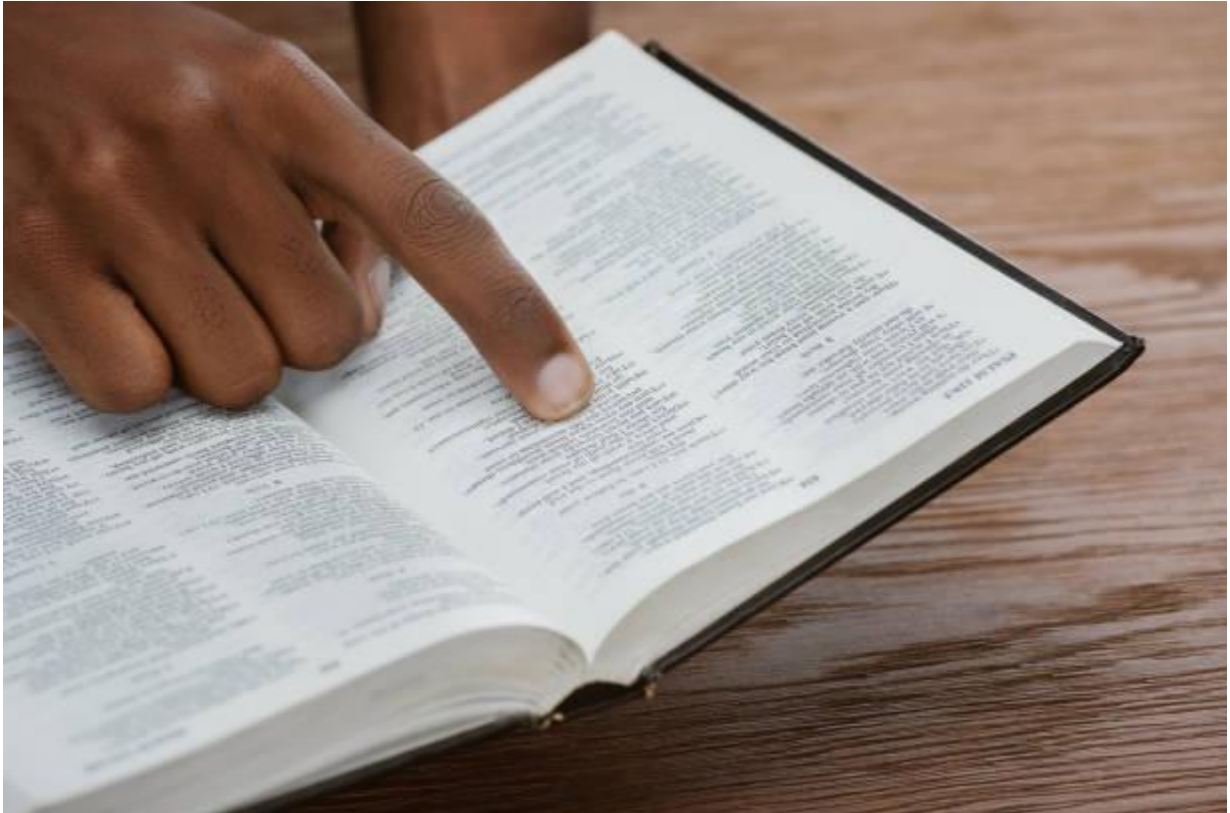
The theme for our 40 Days of Consecration was derived from a message preached by our Pastor, Bishop Charles H.M. Patterson Sr., on **“Peace.”** In lieu of what is going on in this politically motivated and war-torn world, Satan has waged wars on every level imaginable. There are wars not just nationally or around the world, but there are economic wars; wars within our homes and families and wars within our communities. We are even at war with one another. Men and women are unable to work together for the sake of the people who elected them. “I believe that anger exists and it seems as though people cannot resolve their issues in a peaceful manner, he proclaimed. Our children are walking around aimlessly; being shot and killed on their way to school.” How can this be? Wars are even being waged on the battlefields of our minds. People are suffering from anxiety so much so until counseling is now being offered by text messages.

So Saints, there is so much to petition God for during this time of consecration. Jesus is soon to return. The bible teaches us to seek peace and pursue it. The revelation of peace comes through our theme “with prayer, supplication AND thanksgiving often used in a biblical context; particularly in Philippians 4:6 as a RECIPE to encourage believers to not be anxious but to present their request unto God.

\*For the next 40 days, let us turn our plates over and hear from heaven! We will consecration, study God’s word, fast and pray; as we align ourselves with hope for our world, our communities, our families and ourselves with a sense of humility and urgency.

## ***Prayer of Consecration***

Heavenly Father I humbly come before you, and consecrate; trusting you to sustain me throughout my time of fasting to you. I commit to prayer, fasting and



laying all my fears and anxieties at your feet. I will live by the Word of God and declare your wondrous works. I submit my time and efforts to you and have confidence, according to 1John 5:14 that if I ask anything according to your will you will hear me.

## **Day 1: Monday, June 30**

### **“Where Are You God?”**

*Scripture: But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth. (1Jn 2:20)*

**God heard the cries of his people who were enslaved in Egypt.** Then He acted by protecting the birth, upbringing, and growth of Moses as the future deliverer. Next God rescued his people by calling Moses to return to Egypt to set them free. God reigned through the ten plagues and liberating the people out of Egypt and across the Red Sea. He covenanted with the people at Mt. Sinai, giving them the law and his promises to be their God and make them a holy nation.

Consecration was done by anointing (smearing) the object or person with special oil that was carefully mixed with fine spices according to a specific formula prescribed by the Lord. We consecrate by turning our plates over and seeking God for divine direction.

#### **Prayer For thought**

*Holy Spirit please flow freely in me to guide my thoughts and actions so that I can live according to your Word. Amen*

## **Day 2: Tuesday, July 1**

### **“We Remembered the Fish, Which We Did Eat”**

*Scripture: And when the people complained, it displeased the Lord; and the Lord heard it and his anger kindled. (Number 11:1)*

**In Numbers chapter 11 the Israelites complained about their troubles, and God responded by burning the outer edges of their camp.** This act demonstrated God's anger and his response to their lack of faith. In Exodus 16, the Israelites complained about hunger, and God provided them with manna, a bread-like substance to sustain them. This act demonstrated God's provision and protection for them.

Their complaints also led to negative consequences, such as the lengthening of their journey through the wilderness. This served as a lesson in the importance of faith and trust in God. We won't complain!

#### **Prayer For Thought**

*Father please remind us that valuable lessons are taught through trust and obedience and your ways are not always our ways. Not my will but thy will be done. Amen*

### **Day 3: Wednesday, July 2**

#### **“Curb Your Complaints”**

*Scripture: How will we respond? What then shall we say to these things... If God be for us, who can be against us. (Romans 8:31)*

**For forty years, the Israelites wandered in the wilderness, facing challenges such as hunger and thirst, which tested their faith in God.** We should be cautious of defining our lives based on our present circumstance. After three days without water, the Israelites were understandably discouraged and shaken up when the first source of water they came to that turned out to be unfit for human consumption. They thought they had found the solution to their thirst, but their hopes were dashed. The water was “bitter,” and so immediately the people named the area for Israel, bitterness not only defines the water or the region, it defined *them*. Whatever state I’m in I will be content.

#### **Prayer For Thought**

*Thank you father, for there is no bitterness in you who will turn things sweet for those who call upon your name in faith. Yes, we know there is a bitter cup but life now is sweet and my joy is complete... I am saved, saved, saved! Amen*

### **Day 4: Thursday, July 3**

#### **“Your Faith Will Unlock that door”**

*Scripture: Don’t be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand. (Psalms 9:9-10)*

**Everything that happens to us supernaturally happens by faith.** Somewhere, somehow, someone has to release faith for the supernatural to happen in our lives. So whether it’s trusting God for a healing, whether it’s avoiding a financial disaster or sickness in our bodies; our faith must be released. Faith must be in operation—and if it’s not our faith that gets us in the right place at the right time, then it’s somebody else’s that will. David's faith in God gave him the courage to face the Philistine giant, Goliath, armed only with a sling and five stones. Our faith can provide framework for understanding life's challenges. It will offer a sense of purpose and meaning even when things are difficult.

We can also find comfort and peace in our faith when we are not alone in our struggles and knowing that God is with us. Faith can help individuals develop resilience as we trust God in every area of our lives. You are not alone God is with you.

#### **Prayer For Thought**

*Lord it can become difficult sometime to trust you during uncertain times, but as I keep my eyes on you I know you will bring me through. Amen*

## **Day 5: Friday, July 4**

### **“I Will Bless the Lord at All Times”**

*Scripture: “For the word of the Lord is right, and all His work is trustworthy.” (Psalm 33:4)*

**When the stormy weather is raging outside ... it reminds us of the storms of life.** So often we want peace and calm in our lives and then life happens. It is anything but the peace and calm we long for. We have marital struggles, family struggles, health struggles, job struggles, financial struggles and on and on. Times are tough and we need God. So, how do we keep faith in God during hard times? Jesus offers peace as a gift to his followers, assuring them that his peace transcends the world's understanding of it.

We should ask God to increase our faith by focusing on the truth of God’s Word. Instead of allowing the circumstances and problems of this world to steal our focus and peace, I WILL choose to be reminded of what God has done before He will do it again.

#### **Prayer For Thought**

*Dear Lord, as I praise you; I will remind myself of your attributes. You are sovereign, omniscient, omnipresent, omnipotent, holy, beautiful and loving truth. Peace be still. Amen*

## **Day 6: Saturday, July 5**

### **“Leap For Joy”**

*Scripture: Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. (Isaiah 23:3)*

**The Bible encourages joy as a response to God's grace, a characteristic of a believer and a source of strength and peace.** Joy is presented as a fruit of the Spirit, a result of trusting in God, and a way to glorify Him in all circumstances. Even amidst trials and tribulations, David expressed joy in the Lord, demonstrating that joy can be found in faith and trust, even in difficult times.

Finding joy can be achieved through a combination of practical steps and a shift in your perspectives on life. It involves actively engaging in activities that bring your spirit up or engaging in self-care, connecting with others, and finding ways to appreciate the small moments in life, even amidst challenges. With joy shall I draw water from the wells of salvation.

#### **Prayer For Thought**

*Heavenly father, help me to pay attention to the positive aspects of my life and appreciate the small joys that surround you as I choose to focus on my inner strength and resilience during those most challenging times. Amen*

## Day 7: Sunday, July 6

### “Jesus Joy”

*Scripture:* “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.” (Romans 15:13)

**When we think of God, we view Him as many different things—a judge, a righteous king, a loving father—but we seldom think of Him as joyful.** Yet He is! We know God found joy in His Creation when He declared “that’s good” and we’re told of unspeakable joy in Heaven whenever a sinner comes to know Him. Sarah rejoiced in the fulfillment of God's promise to have a son, Isaac, even after a long period of waiting.

Even in moments where God exercises judgment, His joy always prevails since it’s intrinsically part of His nature. Psalm 30:5 says, “For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for a lifetime; Weeping may last for the night, but a shout of joy comes in the morning. But more than just exhibiting joy, the mere presence of God produces joy because *God Himself* is our joy. God is the supplier of joy, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, we have access to all it brings.

### Prayer For Thought

*Lord, we know that all of our blessings and gifts come from above—from God. When good things come our way, when we’re encouraged, when we’re loved, and when we’re given affection, we’re meant to worship and rejoice. Thank you for Joy! Amen*

## Day 8: Monday July 7

### “We Are the Family of God”

*Scripture:* Train up a child in the way he should go...(Prov. 22:6)

**The Bible describes a Christian home as a place where Christ is honored and served, a sanctuary built on love, truth, and God's perfect will.** A Christian home is centered around Christ, who is seen as head. It's a place where family members strive for unity, obedience to His word, and a spirit-filled life. Husbands are to love their wives, and children are to obey their parents, fostering a respectful and loving atmosphere.

The Bible encourages family worship and prayer, ensuring the daily practice of faith within the home. God’s aim for mankind is “Fatherhood”. He loves His children. Human fatherhood exists to display the beauty of God’s Fatherhood. Our highest calling as family is to be the image of God’s fatherhood to our children. This applies in the verse that says “Bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord”. Jacob's family experiences both trials and blessings as God fulfills his promise of a great nation.

Discipline and instruction refers to raising children with guidance and not just punishment. Instruction involves teaching children about God's ways, while discipline involves correcting their behavior. The aim is to train children to learn and follow God's example through both teaching and modeling. Discipline, even though associated with punishment, actually brings guidance, instruction, and training. I realize that it involves correcting and practicing self-control.

### **Prayer For Thought**

**Help me Lord to be a loving Father, Mother, Sister or Brother...Teach us all to set boundaries and practice self-discipline. Amen**

### **Day 9: Tuesday, July 8**

#### **“My Family is Falling Apart “ But We Will Get Up”**

*Scripture: “But as for me and my house we will serve the Lord”. (Joshua 24:15)*

**Just as a physical building needs a strong foundation, a Christian home needs Christ as its foundation.** This means making Him the center of family life, praying together, reading scripture, and seeking His guidance in all decisions. The story of Adam and Eve and the Garden of Eden establishes the foundation for family as God's creation, emphasizing the importance of marriage and family.

Even though this is not the order of the day, parents are called to model Christ's character in their daily lives, demonstrating love, compassion, forgiveness, and humility. Children learn by example, so parents should be living out their faith before their families. Open and honest communication is crucial for building a healthy family dynamic. Families should create a safe space for sharing feelings and resolving conflicts, fostering unity and harmony.

### **Prayer for Thought**

***Father, I emphasize and know that a true Christian home is built on a foundation of faith, love, and obedience to God's word, with Christ at its center. Help me to do better as I prioritize communication, and foster an environment of grace and forgiveness for my family. Amen***

### **Day 10: Wednesday, July 9**

#### **“One for you... One for Me”**

*Scripture: A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. (Proverbs 18:24)*

**For most, friendship is defined solely on how good other people are to us. When friendships end, there is little to no room for forgiveness. We say things like fool me once shame on you,**

but fool me twice, shame on me. The bond between David and Jonathan, Ruth and Naomi, and even Jesus and his disciples showed the importance of loyalty, support, and love in friendships, even amidst hardship. ”

A faithful friend does not just say simply kind words, but the right words at the right time. Friendships provide a valuable source of support, encouragement, and companionship, that helps you in difficult times. Healthy friendships can help us grow in our understanding of ourselves and the world around us. Friendships offer opportunities for shared experiences, laughter, and joy, enriching one another.

### **Prayer For Thought**

*Father, I come today with a grateful heart...a heart full of gratitude for the gift of friendship. You, who are the ultimate Friend, have shown us the way to connect with one another in deep and meaningful ways. Thank you father for your wonderful and most precious gift. Amen*

### **Day 11: Thursday, July 10**

#### **“Lord Help Me to Keep My Vow”**

*Scripture: Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. (Colossians 3:5)*

**There are many root causes that will not allow us to keep our vows...A strong urge for self-gratification.** This desire may be fueled by factors that may include physical attractions, often without deep emotional or personal connections. Lack of trust in God or a disregard for God’s will leads to the misuse of desire. Not with Hannah, she vowed to dedicate her son Samuel to the Lord's service if God would grant her a child. This vow was kept, showcasing the importance of vows made in prayer and the fulfillment of God's promises.

Controlling our thoughts involve identifying triggers, redirecting thoughts, and engaging in activities that promote focus and well-being. It also includes avoiding situations and substances that can exacerbate desires, as well as cultivating healthy relationships and a strong sense of self. We can redirect your attention to something else, such as a hobby, work, or a conversation with someone you care about. **Replace negative thoughts with positive ones.**

### **Prayer For Thought**

*Father God, Instead of dwelling on lustful desires, I will focus on my values, goals, and the things that causes me to appreciate in life more. Amen*

## Day 12: Friday, July 11

### **I am a Living Sacrifice - Testimony"**

*Scripture: I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy AND acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. (Romans 12:1)*

**When the Church encounters a threat to the gospel and to its proclamation, it is called to a righteous response.** If the gospel is to remain pure and not conformed to the “patterns of this world” both the message and its means of your life’s delivery must remain Christ-centered. Our calling must be to live in such a way that people sees God, not us; hear his message, not ours; and are loved as he would love us.

Abraham was commanded to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice. While not a literal sacrifice, Isaac's willingness to be offered demonstrated a commitment to God's will and is seen as a symbolic representation of a "living sacrifice". Our calling as followers of Christ is to ensure that the church lives and breathes Christ. The church must not be an exemplary reflection of the best things of this world; rather, it must be an earthly manifestation of the kingdom of God on earth.

#### **Prayer for Thought**

*Heavenly Father, protect and preserve the lives of those within while accurately representing the kingdom of God to the world. Hep us father, to Christ while committing ourselves also to the life of Christ as living examples seen and read of men. Godly lifestyles should be our way of life. Amen*

## Day13: Saturday, July 12

### **“Just Tell the Truth”**

*Scripture: And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free. (John 8:32)*

**The good news about Jesus was not a myth or a fairy tale; it is an eternal message for all people in all places at all times, and the church has been entrusted to deliver this good news.**

The despairing notion that truth is unknowable, that we live in a time of an oppressed doctrine, or that we can affirm only what is “true for us”—is not so with Christians even though Ananias and Sapphira lied about the proceeds from the sale of their land, claiming to give all the money to the church when they had actually kept some for themselves. Tell The Truth! Jesus taught that we can know Him and to know His is truth. He said, “If you abide in me and my word in you ; then you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free”. God therefore insists on his truth not because He wants to oppress us, but because he loves us and wants to free us from sin. Sometimes it takes time to realize that his ways are best.

As “Christ’s ambassadors,” we are charged “**TODAY**” to invite others to experience God’s truth by confessing their sin, trusting in Christ, and being “reconciled to God”

### **Prayer for Thought**

*Father, when we come into contact with people whose lives are permeated by sin and selfishness, help us to examine ourselves first, and allow us to remember the chains that you cut from our own ankles so that we might reach out to them and call them to you by the truth. Amen*

### **Day 14: Sunday, July 13**

#### **“Glean Where You’ve Been Planted”**

*Scripture: But as God has distributed to each one, as the Lord has called each one so let him walk. Love the Lord thy God with all you heart ad with thy soul and with, your mind and strength. (St. Mark 12:30)*

**God is sovereign, and our lives are a part of his divine plan and purpose. It is departing from God’s Word, not insisting on following it, that causes division within the church.** Jesus teaches that our ability to bear fruit and to “blossom” comes from remaining connected to Him, regardless of our physical location or circumstances. Thus, when the church corrects those who insist on continuing in sin, it is promoting not schism but sound discipline. Of course, any lack of unity in the church ultimately traces to sin—to rebellion against Christ. And all of us must ask whether our own sin is causing division within his body.

People in the Corinthian church came from different backgrounds. Paul was aware of their differing circumstances when he was inspired to say, “Each one of us should retain the place in life that the Lord assigned to us and to which God has called. More important than your station in life is the fact that Christ died for you. “You were bought with a price” which is the life and blood of the Son of God himself. That’s why your first priority must be to serve the Lord, who gave himself for you in the place where he has put you.

### **Prayer For Thought**

*Lord help us to become a” **PURPOSE-DRIVEN CHURCH**”. Lead us and guide us and allow us to glean where ever you have planted us for such a time as this. Help us not to complain but serve you with gladness. Amen*

## Day 15: Monday, July 14

### **“Examine Yourself...see if you are in the Faith”**

*Scripture: Mine answer to them that examine is this...Have we not power to eat and to drink? Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as other apostles..... (1Corinthians 9:4)*

**Knowing Jesus brings great freedom in our lives.** But our freedom as Christians also has to take into account love for fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, considering how to build them up in their faith. David prayed for God to search his heart and lead him in the right path. Somehow we associate that being a Christian means we cant go to the movies, we cant wear pants or certain clothes or make-up and even a two-piece bathing suit. Playing marbles and attending sports games was out! It involves acknowledging sins, seeking forgiveness, and turning back to God.

However; even though Paul says that he would be willing to forego meat entirely if it hurt another Christian's faith. It was thought to be a sin against your brother to hurt their consciences and, even worse, it was thought to be a sin against Christ.

### **Prayer For thought**

*Lord Jesus, thank you for laying down your life for me. Thank you for emptying you self for my salvation in which my sins have been forgiven and thank you for have giving me new life in you. Amen*

## Day 16: Tuesday, July 15

### **“That I May Not Run this Race in vain”**

*Scripture: I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. (Philippians 4:13)*

**Anyone who wants to excel as an athlete, dancer, scholar, musician, or in any other field knows that discipline and sacrifice are part of the package.** You have to be willing to devote your time and energy to your chosen endeavor and give up anything that would divert you from your goal. When the prize is valuable enough to you, you are willing to make the necessary sacrifices to win it.

We must be devoted to “spiritual conditioning” to serve the Lord, fight against sin, and tell others about the love of God in Christ. Paul encourages individuals to "make a careful exploration of who they are and the work they have been given" It's a way to ensure that one's life is aligned with the teachings of Christ and the Holy Spirit.

## Prayer For Thought

*Dear Heavenly Father: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may run this race with haste, that we lose not our focus on things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*

**Day 17: Wednesday, July 16**

### **A Realistic Attitude about “Grief”**

*Scripture: For we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the CALLED according to his purpose. (Philippians 4:13)*

Grieving can be a normal process or it can become pathological. Normal grief often involves intense sorrow, pain, stress, anger, depression, and corresponding physical symptoms along with changes in personal relationships over a long period of time. When a person dies there is often recurring loneliness and depression, but when an institution dies this may appear more as apathy and hopelessness. **Grief can affect us physically, emotionally, cognitively, socially, and spiritually. Physically, grieving tires the person.** Emotionally, there is shock, sadness, emptiness, and anger. Cognitively, there is disbelief, internal debate, and eventually some resolution. Socially, there is conflict with some, closer unity with others, and withdrawal for a season. Spiritually, there is bewilderment over how God can allow this frustration. Job's story is a powerful example of facing overwhelming loss, including the death of his children, loss of possessions, and suffering from disease.

“We do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope”. There’s more than one way to grieve. **This is called “GOOD GRIEF”**. If our loved ones died in the Lord we will see them again!

## Prayer For Thought

*Thank you God for going before me. Thank you for being with me and understanding my grief. Therefore I know that you will never leave us nor forsake us... so we will not fear nor are we dismayed. Amen*

## Day 18: Thursday, July 17

### **“The Lord Will Do What Seems Good To HIM”**

*Scripture: But the one who stands firm to the end will be saved”. (Matthew 24:13 NIV)*

**Life is full of change but God’s grace is sufficient to supply every need.** The Holy Spirit is given as the Comforter who meets us at our point of need. Jesus Christ provides us with a solid foundation to which we can anchor our lives. There will always be hard choices to make. God's joy comes in when we welcome back repentant sinners, and even in the story of Abraham which highlights his willingness to forgive and befriend.

As we consider momentous decisions in our lives, we need to remind ourselves of whose we are. Our Lord has made many promises to us that will encourage us and give us strength. God has a plan for us, a plan not to harm us but to prosper us, a plan to give us a hope and a future. He has promised never to leave us or forsake us. He has promised that the gates of hell will never prevail against his church. He has promised that those who stand firm to the end will be saved. In light of these promises, you can be bold, courageous, and hopeful, placing yourself in God’s hands.

#### **Prayer for thought:**

*Father, we thank you for providing us you love, your protection and your guidance. Your strength helps us to endure as we grow grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and savior, Jesus Christ. Amen*

## Day 19: Friday, July 18

### **The “Soul that Sinneth”**

*Scripture: For the Wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life. (Roman 6:23)*

**We are all “inclined to do evil” and deserve “God’s wrath and damnation.” But God has graciously offered to rescue us, by sending his one and only Son to take on human nature as Jesus, to live a sinless life,** and “by sacrifice of himself once made” through his death and resurrection to “take away the sins of the world.” We accept this gift of God by turning from evil, repenting of sin, and placing our “true and lively faith” in Christ. It is “only” by “the Name of Jesus Christ” that a person may be saved.

This all challenges the idea of collective guilt or inheritance of sin. It signifies that each person is responsible for their own choices and the consequences. Therefore we accept the gift of God by turning from evil, repenting of sin, and placing our “true and lively faith” in Christ that we will have eternal live.

## Prayer for Today

*Father, I thank you for allowing me to see another day. Please work on me forgive me of all my sins and help me to be the son or daughter that you have called me to be. Amen*

## Day 20: Saturday, July 19

### **“We’ve Got To Press”**

*Scripture: If we endure, we will also reign with Him. (2Timothy 2:12)*

**The church in Corinth; like the church throughout history and like the church today, was a mixed bag full of potential and full of problems.** The concept of "pressing on" in the Bible signifies persevering and striving towards a goal despite challenges and obstacles. Full of many problems, the woman with the issue of blood for 12 years showed us what we can have if we choose to press through our limitations. As we have enter day twenty of this forty-day period of discernment, we find ourselves in well-known territory. With God as our guide and with a visionary leader we will demonstrate unwavering faith and perseverance in pursuing God's promises, even when facing seemingly insurmountable obstacles

Blessed is our God, who causes all the holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. He grants us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and forever hold fast to all those things that we are called to do.

## Prayer for Today

*Father, help me to fulfill the purpose for our lives, you have to help me! I want to be the one who honors and glorifies your name. Amen*

## Day 21: Sunday, July 20

### **“Young People...Trust God!”**

*Scripture: “Let the children come to me...Don’t stop them, for the kingdom of Heaven belong to those who are like these children”. (Matthew 19:14)*

**Why do children, the most humble and needy, find their way to Jesus’ arms while the proud, rich, and famous simply walk away in.** David, a young shepherd boy, trusted God to defeat the giant Goliath, even though he was much smaller and less experienced. Perhaps he had a connection to the importance of trusting God. Children are forced to trust. Children possess nothing independently: no money, food, clothing, or shelter. Nothing! They literally must trust in others to survive. Perhaps this is the quality that our Lord saw and loved in all of His children.

We must teach our children that even when things seem impossible, or is capable of providing a way through.

## Prayer for Today

*Dear Heavenly Father, please make me aware of how important it is to have a child-like spirit. Father I will learn to trust you in all I do. No matter how difficult it may get I will find more power than I've ever dreamed as I learn to lean on you. Amen*

## Day 22: Monday, July 21

### **"I'm Yours Lord, Everything that I am or hope to be"**

*Scripture* "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us to do. (Ephesians 2:10 NLT)

**God sent His Son Jesus Christ to reconcile the world back to Him:** "I'm Yours, Lord" is explored in passages like Psalms 119:94, which expresses a sense of dedication and reliance on God's guidance and protection. It emphasizes an individual's submission to God and their desire for His protection.

The psalmist expresses a desire to live a life pleasing to God and trusts in His saving grace. We should not hold anything back as we offer ourselves to God, give Him everything; "everything I am" God knows everything we are, He made us. We know a lot about who we are and some of it we're ashamed of. Yes, He wants to change us, build us, teach us, and equip us for His purpose. Try me now and see if I can be COMPLETELY Yours. I'm giving myself to You and I want You to test me and try me to see if I will pass the test. This may mean some a trial or test that will show if we're trusting Him for what's best for us; but I'm yours.

## Prayer for Today

*Our heavenly Father, in your infinite wisdom of all things that exist, You chose to know and create things that do not exist. We thank you for giving us your Spirit, we acknowledge your greatness and vow to serve you; the only true and living God. Amen*

## Day 23: Tuesday, July 22

### **"I Feel Like Giving God the Glory"**

*Scripture:* I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. (Psalms 34:1)

Everything in creation exists for the glory of God, including ourselves. Whatever we do, we are to do for the glory of God. We spread the gospel for the glory of God. We obey God's word for

the glory of God. We submit to those who are over us and we endure suffering and persecution for the glory of God. But what does it mean to glorify God and how can we become better at it?

Giving God glory means recognizing and acknowledging His greatness, honor, and worth. It involves recognizing that all good things come from Him and attributing all praise and honor to Him, not to oneself or others. Joseph, despite facing trials and imprisonment, consistently acknowledged God as the source of his abilities and wisdom. When interpreting Pharaoh's dreams, he stated that it was God who rescued me. It as God who rescued me too!!

### **Prayer for Today**

*Father, we owe you our worship! We realize that this order of sacrifice has nourished and instructed generations for the gospel to be vigilant and to reverence You. We acknowledge our sins and uses each moment to bring glory to your name by always thanking and praising you.*

*Amen*

### **Day 24: Wednesday, July 23**

#### **“I’m Ready to Eat Meat”**

*Scripture: I have fed you with milk, and hitherto you were not able to bear it...for there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal.... And walk like as men? (1Corin. 3:2-4)*

**The concept of "milk and meat" in the Bible refers to spiritual growth.** Early believers, like infants, are given "milk" – the basic teachings of the Gospel – to nourish them. As they mature, they progress to "meat" – deeper and more challenging doctrines, requiring greater discernment and understanding. This progression is essential for spiritual strength and maturity.

Paul was upset with the Corinthians. He expected them to be ready for solid spiritual food, but instead they were only ready for more spiritual milk. They were prideful claiming to follow different spiritual leaders in order to take sides and boast. They were “acting like mere men” rather than the read than become transformed followers of the Lord Jesus. Eating “meat” requiring a greater understanding of Scripture and its application to life. Bread of heaven feed me until I want no more.

### **Prayer for Today**

*Lord Jesus, show us with clarity the way to move from spiritual infancy to spiritual maturity through the cross on which you died for us, that we may be true and valuable servants. Amen*

## Day 25: Thursday, July 24

### **“Why does the Bible say “Slave obey your master?”**

*Scripture: Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of heart as unto Christ. (Ephesians 6:5)*

**Paul is a servant of Jesus Christ. That is the highest accolade anyone could give.** Different servants have different God-given tasks and ministries. Some have the task of sowing or planting the seeds. Others are to water the plants. Note what Paul considers throughout the New Testament the most important aspect of all of this: God is the one who gives the growth. Note, too, that every servant and every ministering person is working for one common purpose. That one purpose is the work of Christ, the building up of the kingdom of God in truth, grace, and holiness.

A servant needs to listen closely and carefully to his master. As humble servants of our Lord, we will be able to know and fulfill the work of the kingdom of our Lord that he has assigned us and our Master Teacher is Jesus.

### **Prayer for Today**

*Lord help us to obey them that have rule over us; for they are watching to carry out their duties and obligations to you. With the same efforts and willingness as we to them. This will directly allow your plan for our lives to become better. Amen*

## Day 26: Friday, July 25

### **“The Wisdom of this World...brings trouble!**

*Scripture: “Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and turn away from evil...Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes. (Proverbs 3:7)*

**Have you ever deceived yourself because you thought you were something you were not? How does that happen?** Peter thought he knew himself. He boasted he would not deny Jesus. But he did. “Pride goes before a fall.” Paul zeroes in on the boasting of the Corinthians. They have been claiming that they are wise. He knew the Greek culture and mindset. But were they wise according to the world’s ways, “by the standards of this age” or wise as God gives the ability to make right choices?

Some people are guided by their own wisdom and intelligence, how bright they are, how knowledgeable, how wise. They are proud of their wisdom as they boast in their champion legacies but they have lost sight of the truth and just might become as a fool. Remember ain’t nobody God but God.

## Prayer for Thought

*Lord I know that wisdom will continue to grow as a by-product of my right choice and godly responses, and as I apply your Word to my daily circumstances help me to set my heart on prudence – wise good sense—so I will not act as a fool. Amen*

### Day 27: Saturday, July 26

#### **“Help...CHURCH HURTS”**

*Scripture: ...that you walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto His kingdom and glory. (1Thes. 2:12)*

**Church hurt" refers to the pain and emotional wounds experienced by individuals within a church setting,** often stemming from abuse, hypocrisy, manipulation, or other negative experiences. It can manifest as a feeling of betrayed, rejected, or even traumatized by church leaders or members. This term recognizes that churches, while intended to be places of healing and community, can also inflict significant harm. Paul challenged the boasters and used irony to try to reach the Corinthians. He contrasted what the Corinthians had, what they thought they had and who they were. The Corinthians had everything they wanted and needed. They were rich, kings, wise, strong, and honored and claimed to be never UNDERSTOOD!

As a follower of Jesus, Paul was cursed and yet he blesses, persecuted and yet he endured it, slandered and yet he answered kindly. How much has Christ called us to endure for the sake of the gospel? One of the hardest things is to be persecuted by those you love but especially by those in the church.

## Prayer for thought

*Lord Jesus, please work in the hearts of all those who persecute us. Give me your grace that my response may be in love, as Christ loved those who nailed him to the cross. Amen*

### Day 28: Sunday, July 27

#### **“The Mindset of Christ”**

*Scripture: Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 2:5)*

**Whatever weakens your ability to reason, impairs the tenderness of your heart and blocks your sense of who God is. It will increase the strength and authority of your body over your mind.** The goal is for believers to experience a change in their thinking and actions, reflecting Christ's character. We must do things God's way. We must encourage unity in the face of hardship. This is what we must discern prayerfully together as a congregation with love

for one another and for those with whom we differ. Any other course would be sin and based on human pride.

Jesus Christ is the perfect expression of how to fulfill our spiritual purpose in the course of a human experience. We honor and revere Jesus, not because he is unique, but because he is a living example of our own potential. He wants the whole world to be drawn into the life that He offers. He does this by dwelling with his people, transforming us into the likeness and image of Christ. The goal of the Christian life is to become Christ-like. Like him, we are to be about the Father's business. That business is redemption and transformation, drawing the world into his new creation.

### **Prayer for Thought**

*Father! The goal of the Christian life is to become more and more like you.. help me to reach my goal. Amen*

### **Day 29: Monday, July 28**

#### **Somebody Touched Me!**

*Scripture: But Jesus came and touched them: saying "rise, and have no fear" (Matthew 17:7)*

Jesus, sensing the power that had gone out of him, asked, "Who touched me?" When she knew she couldn't hide, the woman with the issue of blood confessed, revealing her faith and the miracle she had received. **Because we live in a broken world where everything leads us toward selfishness and despair**, sin steals our joy, our bodies break down, our plans falter, our dreams die, our resolves weaken, our perspective dims. There is suffering, persecution and trials of various kinds.

God's people need more encouragement because when encouragement is absent from the life of a Church; people will feel unloved, unimportant, useless, and forgotten. God knows His people are in need of grace-filled reminders. "Do not lose heart. Do not grow weary." God will always be there.

### **Prayer For Thought**

*Father, for it is by your touch that healings come. Stretch for your hand to deliver and give us to know your grace and mercy and please give us to show love and kindness. Amen*

## **Day 30: Tuesday, July 29**

### **God's Kindness Towards Us**

*Scripture: Let Brotherly love continue. (Hebrews 13:1)*

**What is the opposite of kindness? Christian kindness is tenderhearted.** Kindness sees real value in people from God's perspective. Kindness is an attribute of God's nature. It is who He is. God is a God of loving kindnesses. Elisha instructed the widow woman to fill vessels with oil, and the oil kept flowing until all the vessels were full, enabling her to sell the oil and pay off her debt. Not only is it who he is ---But God expresses his kindness towards us in so many ways.

Do you know that you are where you are because of God? Do you understand that there were even people who sacrificed their lives for you? Are you aware that the good things you do will not just leave fingerprints but will forever be relevant in someone else's life?

None of us were there when Christ was crucified. None of us has a clue on the kind of pain Christ endured on that cross. But we are here benefiting from our Savior's pain We are here today because of the sacrifices made so we must show others this same kindness that Christ showed us.

#### **Prayer For Thought**

*Lord, help me to maintain a strong bond of affection and support for everyone I know. Forgive me for past actions and give me strength to see the needs of others. Allow my life reflect the image of Christ. Amen*

## **Day 31: Wednesday, July 30**

### **Kill Them with Kindness**

*Scripture: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. (Ephesians 4:32)*

**While we have opportunity, let us be kind to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.** "Reward will come" "in due time, God's time; God's season – The Good Samaritan's actions of helping the injured man, despite the cultural differences, showcase a profound act of compassion. There's a full harvest if you're faithful. Don't turn from helping anyone. Continue abounding in the work of the Lord. Your good works will always shine even if you are gone. The smallest act of kindness can make a big difference in the world. Let us not lose heart in being kind to one another, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary. Let's keep kindness at the forefront of our minds in everything we do. It speaks to the heart of who we are.

## Prayer for Thought

*Lord, you are the God of endurance. Your kindness to all people is evident through the sun's daily rising and setting. I thank you for the marvelous access that I have to you. Let kindness be ever before me as I seek to be your instrument of blessings in the lives of others. Amen*

## Day 32: Thursday, July 31

### God Forgives all SIN

*Scripture: For all have sinned and fallen short of His glory. (Romans 3:23)*

**The Bible makes it clear that all have sinned and fallen short of His glory.** We are sinners by nature. We are sinners by conduct. We are sinners from birth. And because of this sin, we are alienated from a Holy God. Jesus's forgiveness of the woman caught in adultery and then where he allowed her to go free with a simple, "Go, and sin no more" mirrored His mercy. Additionally He demonstrated unconditional love and a willingness to reembrace those who repented. God has made it possible, based upon "*reconciliation*," for sinners to be reconciled to him. That is the message we proclaim: "God will forgive all our sins and the hostility between the sinner and God can end now and forever.

Like many viruses, the SIN virus can kill everyone it infects—Praise God, that there is a cure for the SIN virus.

## Prayer For Thought

*God you made Jesus He who knew no sin to be sin for us that we might become the righteousness of God in him." Thank you Father for the joy and peace you give through reconciliation. I trust in your love through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

## Day 33: Friday, August 1

### How Can Two Walk Together?

*Scripture: Can two walk together, except they be agreed? Can two walk together, except they be agreed? (Amos 3:3)*

**“Two or more can’t ‘walk together’ unless they first be agreed.** This suggests that two individuals with conflicting goals, values, or beliefs will struggle to effectively journey together.

The miracle of Christian fellowship lies in the ability to walk together in love, despite our differences. As believers, we are called to live in harmony with one another, to be of one mind,

and to strive together for the faith of the gospel. Let us remember that every man, woman, and child who has believed in the Lord Jesus Christ is a member of the same body, and let us treat one another with patience, kindness, and fervent love, overlooking unkindness and unselfishly seeking the best for others. This is called a Christ-like Spirit.

### **Prayer For Thought**

*Father, we thank You that you said in Your Word that when we pray according to Your will, if any two agree you'd hear us and You would answer our prayers. Lord, we pray in faith, believing in Your Word and Your promises to us. We ask accordingly in Jesus Name. Amen*

## **Day 34: Saturday, August 2**

### **Consecrate Me Now for Thy Service Lord**

*Scripture: For your father knows what things ye have need of before ye ask him. (Matthew 6:8)*

King Hezekiah commanded the Levites to "Consecrate yourselves now and consecrate the temple of the LORD...Remove all defilement from the sanctuary". **Jesus not only practiced fasting and prayer, he also taught us to fast.** In the middle of the Sermon of the Mount, Jesus said this: "When you fast, do not proud or sad as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show men they are fasting. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to men that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you" MATTHEW 6:16-18 (NIV). Notice, Jesus doesn't say if you fast. He says "when" you fast. He assumed we would do it, so he taught the proper attitude about fasting.

Fasting and prayer acknowledges total dependence upon Him. Tell him about the challenges you are facing today, the needs that you have, and the fears and worries that are nagging you.

### **Prayer For Thought**

*Lord send a revival to break out in our family, in our churches, community, schools, and government as I give myself to you. Amen.*

## Day 35: Sunday, August 3

### **“The Joy of the Lord”**

*Scripture: ...”For this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength.” (Nehemiah 8:10 KJV)*

**The walls of Jerusalem have been rebuilt in record time and many Israelites are moving back to Jerusalem.** Ezra and Nehemiah gathered the people together for worship and the reading of God’s Word. **The Word of God did its work, it convicted the Israelites of sin.** The Israelites wept openly as they heard the Word of God. Ezra and Nehemiah did not want the people to mourn. If the sense of conviction appears greater than the sense of God doing a great and holy thing in their lives, then the tears are not good. Our knowledge and awareness of our sin should never be greater than our knowledge of Jesus as our Savior.

Therefore, the joy of the Lord is your strength - even when you are being convicted of sin. When we are convicted of sin, we know that God is doing a work in us, so we can be glad and take joy. In what ways can you express your joy when you are convicted by the Word of God?

#### **Prayer For Thought**

*Dear Father, I thank you because no matter what enemies we face, God is our salvation, our deliverer. We know father that we must trust, believe, and expect the promises of God will bring us joy. Amen*

## Day 36: Monday, August 4

### **Strength Lord!**

*Scripture: For when I am weak, then I am strong. (2 Corinthians 12:8-10)*

Strength to stand, endurance, and going through is the order of the day! **Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away.** When Paul asked God three times to remove a thorn in his flesh, each time He said, “My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.” So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. When our lives are free of difficulties, we have a tendency to try and navigate life in our own strength. However, life’s challenges seem to have a way of sapping our strength until we are weak. Paul discovered by allowing God to fill him with His power, he was stronger than he could ever be on his own. He does not always remove the problem, but He infused grace which is unmerited favor to sustain us.

We must remind ourselves that in trying times we have access to the power of God and the ability to persevere.

**Prayer For Thought:**

*Thank you God for clarity, revelation and understanding of your Word. When we are at our weakest you are strong through the power of Jesus Christ. Your power will make us strong. Amen*

**Day 37: Tuesday, August 5**

**Finding Strength in God**

*Scripture: I will lift up mine eyes from which cometh my help...My help comes from the Lord.  
(Psalm 121:1-2)*

**Have you ever felt like your world was closing in on you?** “David was in great danger because all his men were very bitter about losing their sons and daughters, and they began to talk of stoning him. But David found strength in the LORD his God.” That’s exactly what he had to do when he and all the men came home and found their wives and children were taken. David wept until he had no more strength to weep, and David’s men turned their sorrow soon turned to anger.

Despite all his losses, David had not lost his connection to God. He found strength by recalling how God delivered him from lions and bears and how God saved him so many times from the wrath of Saul. He was able to find the most strength while relying on what God had done in the past.

**Prayer For Thought**

*Thank you God for the wisdom I received from studying your Word today. I commit to apply your Word to my life and thinking on all those things you have done for me, starting right now! Amen.*

## **Day 38: Wednesday, August 6**

### **Jesus Came With Purpose**

*Scripture:* "Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power...(1Corinthians 15:24)

**The purpose of Jesus' coming into the world was to establish His Kingdom.** The Kingdom would contain all moral intelligences that would be willingly subject to the will of God both in heaven and on earth, both angels and men. He said "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches. Simply to say, that the principles of Jesus Christ are to be settled in our own spirit. Jesus' purpose would be to prepare the Church as His Bride, which is His body; His representative in the world and for us to live with Him eternally.

#### **Prayer For Thought**

*Dear Lord, Thank you for your son Jesus Christ who gives me purpose. My purpose is to love Him with all my heart, soul and strength as he prepares for a new Kingdom here on earth. Amen*

## **Day 39: Thursday, August 7**

### **A Christian Reward**

*Scripture:* "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Revelation 2:10)

**Becoming a Christian is not just to save yourself from hell or to just be saved to go to heaven.** It is to become a child of God with the character of Jesus Christ, to stand before men pledged unto the uttermost - "even unto death" - by refusing to sin, refusing to bow your head in shame. Preferring to die rather than dishonor the Son of God. If the character of Jesus Christ has come into our lives, then God has made us like Christ.

There is no place for sin in the Christian's life. There is no place for taking down in the Christian's life. There is no place for weakening or taking down in the Christian's life. Paul said, when the church was having a hard time, "Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin". They were expected to resist even unto death; "Ye have not yet resisted unto blood."

#### **Prayer For Thought**

*In Jesus' name I come to Lord, take me as I am. Make me what I ought to be in spirit, in soul, in body. Give me power to do right. If I have wronged any to confess, to repent, to restore - no matter what. Amen*

**Day 40: Friday, August 8**

**Approaching God the Right Way**

**Scripture** *“Beloved, if our heart condemn us not”—because we deliberately choose God’s way of life and stop sinning—“then have we confidence toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him. (1 John 3:21-22)*

**When we sin—we break God’s laws:** “Behold, the LORD’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither is His ear heavy, that it cannot hear: but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear.

To begin to understand God’s will we must obey Him. David wrote, “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: The more you obey God, the more understanding He will give to you. And the more we receive him the more God expects us to obey Him. When we do this, God promises, He listens and we obey.

**Prayer For Thought**

*Father, I come to you as humble s I know how. Asking you for your mercy today... I believe and now receive I thank you for keeping me safe and for your love and Lord please help me in my daily walk with you. Amen*