

THE 2021 LENTEN JOURNEY GUIDE

February 17 – April 4



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It is no secret that we are in a different place this year than we found ourselves last year. Many of us have been faced with challenges and storms that we never saw coming. Through all the challenges we have faced, we can be grateful for how good God has been to us.

As we begin this season of Lent, we are reminded that it is a time of reflection, fasting, and praying as we prepare for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. We know that to get to the resurrection, Jesus had to go through Good Friday and the grave. The result of this journey was that all of us might have a right to the tree of life. Let us take the next 40 days to reflect, refresh, refocus, and replenish through fasting and prayer.

This year's fast will be different from previous years, as we are facing different times. **For this year's fast I am asking you to join me in eliminating the following from our diets during Lent: fried food, beef, pork, dairy, bread, sugar, juice, and soda.** Whatever you decide to give up for Lent this year, the most important thing is that you remember to be consistent in keeping your word to The Lord. As in previous years, Sundays are non-fasting days, so you can choose not to fast on Sundays if you wish.

Spend quality time in prayer and studying Scripture. I pray that this Lenten guide will help you to draw closer to God through His Word and that this guide will be a blessing to you as you fast and pray throughout this Lenten season.

Be Blessed,

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Wednesday, February 17, 2021

Confess Your Sins

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9 (ESV)

Today is Ash Wednesday it is the first day of the Lenten season. Ash Wednesday gives us opportunity to pause and reflect on the places where God has brought us from. It is also an opportunity for us to repent from the sins that we have committed and to remind ourselves that Christ has died and paid the ultimate price for our sins. The Scripture reminds us that, if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I encourage you today as you prepare for this season of fasting and praying, not to think about what you have given up, but to think about what Christ gave up for you. In this season of Lent draw closer to Christ through your prayer and fasting, and remember that when you confess your sins, God is faithful and just to forgive you of your sins and to cleanse you from all your unrighteousness. As you journey towards Resurrection be determined that you are going to be closer to God at the end of this Lenten season than you are right now. From dust I have come, and from dust I shall return. Since I determined that my journey to Resurrection Day will bring me closer to God, I have no doubt, “It’s My Year To Get My Thing From My God!”

Prayer

Lord let this Lenten season draw me closer to you. I confess my sins and ask you to forgive me of all of my sins, and give me another chance to be completely obedient to you. In Jesus Name Amen.

Thursday, February 18, 2021

Humble Yourself

“Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:” 1 Peter 5:6 (ESV)

There is a difference between being confident and being arrogant. When you are arrogant you think that things work out because of you and only you. When you are confident you know that certain things are going to work because you put all your faith in God and you know that things will work out because God is on your side. It is very dangerous to have an exalted opinion of oneself because God has a way of making us realize that He is in control. The Scripture reminds us to humble yourself therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time. I encourage you today to humble yourself at all times. When God lifts you up don't take credit for it, give all the glory to God. When doors open for you, do not give the credit to your degrees or your contacts, but give all glory to God. When you humble yourself under the mighty hand of God, He will exalt you in His time. You don't have to be in a rush to get to the top, God will exalt you in His time, and His time is perfect time for you to be lifted up. Every day I will do what I can do to humble myself in God, and I know that He will exalt me in due time. Since I will humble myself under God's mighty hand, I have no doubt, "It's My Year To Get My Thing From My God!"

Prayer

Lord help me to humble myself under your mighty hand. You know the desire of my heart. Draw me closer to you this Lenten season. In Jesus Name Amen.

Friday, February 19, 2021

The Advocate

“My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.” 1 John 2:1

As Christians we should try our very best on a daily basis not to sin, and although with our very best efforts and intent, every day we sin and fall short of God’s glory. Just because we sin daily does not mean we should be satisfied with sin; we should always strive to be better and to do better. The penalty for sin is death and we should never forget that, but we are blessed to have a Savior who paid the price for our sin. The Scripture reminds us that, my little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. I encourage you today to not only be conscious of your thoughts, words, and deeds, but also to avoid sin. When you do sin, ask God to forgive you of that sin and work diligently not to commit that sin or other sins again. It is not easy to avoid sin, but you must strive daily not to sin. Every day I sin and fall short, but I am grateful that Christ paid the price for my sins and is my advocate with the Father. Since Jesus is my advocate, I have no doubt, “It’s My Year To Get My Thing From My God!”

Prayer

Lord forgive me of all of my sins and give me another chance to walk in your will and your way. Thank you for being my advocate with the Father. In Jesus Name Amen.

Saturday, February 20, 2021

The Great Author

**“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”
Hebrews 12:2**

It takes an author many hours, days, weeks, and sometimes even years to finish a good story. An author takes their time to develop the characters and storylines so that the story can be one that those who read it will enjoy. While we may be intrigued with the characters and the storyline, the author is the only one who knows every chapter and how the story will end. We have an author who wrote the story of our lives and He knows every chapter of our life. The Scripture reminds us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. I encourage you today to remember that you have an author who knows every chapter of your life. He knows your good days as well as your bad days. He knows your failings and your successes, and He has written every line of your life. When you are going through the difficult times of life, look to the author and finisher of your faith to guide you through. I don't know every chapter of my life, but I know the one who wrote the book of my life, and I am thankful that He is with me all of the time. Since my life is in the hand of the greatest author, I have no doubt, “It's My Year To Get My Thing From My God!”

Prayer

Lord thank you for writing the story of my life. Continue to lead and guide me through these chapters so I can navigate the rough waters and spend eternity with you. In Jesus Name Amen.

Sunday, February 21, 2021

Perfect Faithfulness

“Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago.” Isaiah 25:1 (NIV)

As we rise this morning, we are blessed for so many reasons. There is no doubt that The Lord has blessed us and kept us, and we should take this opportunity on this Sunday morning to meditate on the goodness and greatness of God. As we meditate on the goodness of God, we will become overwhelmed with His love for us. Every step we have taken this past week The Lord was right there with us, and for that we should be grateful and thankful because we would not have made it without Him. The Scripture reminds us that, Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago. I encourage you today to thank and praise The Lord for His perfect faithfulness to you. You may not have been faithful this past week, but God has been perfectly faithful to you in all things and in all ways. His faithfulness towards you has allowed you to see another week, and for that you can praise and exalt the name of The Lord. Let this day be a day of praise and thanksgiving to God for His faithfulness and love. I am thankful that God has been faithful to me in every way, and I will always praise and exalt Him for being so good to me. Since I will praise and exalt God for all things, I have no doubt, “It’s My Year To Get My Thing From My God!”

Prayer

Lord I can’t thank you enough for your perfect faithfulness to me. I praise and exalt you today for being my perfect God, and for planning the steps and stops of my life long ago. Thank you, Lord! In Jesus Name Amen.

Monday, February 22, 2021

Loving Shepherd

“For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.” 1 Peter 2:25 (ESV)

Many of us who are saved now probably grew up in a home with a parent or parents who were believers. Since they were believers, we were many times forced to go to Church and to participate in the activities of the Church. It was once we were grown and on our own that we made decisions that led us away from the Church and our upbringing in the Church. It was also our decisions that we made that led us right back to the place of our foundation in Church and more importantly Christ. The Scripture reminds us, “for you were straying like sheep, but have no returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.” I encourage you today to return to the Shepherd and Overseer of your soul. You have strayed long enough, and it is time to come back to the One who will never leave you or forsake you. No matter how far you may have strayed you can always come back to Him. If you have not strayed and have been walking with the Shepherd for a long time, do not stray from the places that the Shepherd is leading and guiding you. He has not steered you wrong and He will never steer you in the wrong direction. I thank God that He has never let me stray too far from Him, and He is always there for me. Since I am following the Shepherd and Overseer of my soul, I know for sure, “It’s My Year To Get My Thing From My God!”

Prayer

Lord thank you for never allowing me to stray too far away from you. Thank you for always welcoming me back to your fold. Thank you for always keeping me in your loving care. In Jesus Name Amen.

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

Bread When You Are Hungry

“Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.”
John 6:35

There are those who are going through a rough season in their lives. They are finding themselves having to choose between food and shelter and having to make other difficult choices to survive through these rough times. Each of us has been hungry or thirsty, and we have had the privilege to relieve those hunger pains and quench our thirst by eating or drinking something. There are those who do not have the privilege to satisfy hunger pains. Each of us have been hungry and thirsty in our spiritual lives, and no matter the resources we had or did not have we satisfy our thirst by going to The Lord who quenches our every thirst and hunger. The Scripture reminds us, Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. I encourage you today to remember that you never have to be hungry, because The Lord is your bread of life. You never have to be thirsty, because you believe in Him, He will quench your every thirst. When your soul is hungry and thirsty, go to The Lord and He will give you all you need. When my soul and spirit is hungry, I know I can go to The Lord and He will give me just what I need to sustain and keep me. Since I know where my sustenance comes from, I have no doubt, “It’s My Year To Get My Thing From My God!”

Prayer

Lord thank you for being my bread when I am hungry, and my water when I am thirsty. Thank you for always providing for me. In Jesus Name Amen.

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

Crown Of Glory

“And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.” 1 Peter 5:4 (ESV)

Studies have shown that one of the ways to help children excel in school is to offer them incentives for reaching goals and milestones. A child will begin to excel not only for the incentive but to learn more. As we are on this journey of life, we should be striving to do our best at all times. We should love others as we love ourselves and follow the example that Christ has laid out for us. We do this for the greatest incentive of all, that we can spend eternity with Him. The Scripture reminds us that, when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. I encourage you today to follow the example of Christ, and when He appears you will receive the unfading crown of glory. You cannot wait to get to Heaven to live like The Lord wants you to live, this is the time now to live a life of love, joy, and peace. As you are in the midst of fasting and praying use this time to draw closer to The Lord, and as you are on this journey, keep your eyes on the chief Shepherd, and the unfading crown of glory that He has prepared for you. I am committed to following the pattern that Christ laid out for me, and love, live, act, walk, and talk like Him, and as I do this, I know He has for me an unfading crown of glory. Since I am looking forward with joy to the day that the chief Shepherd will appear with my crown in His hand, I have no doubt, **“It’s My Year To Get My Thing From My God!”**

Prayer

Lord help me to live according to your example. Help me to love, live, give, act, and talk like you so that you can continuously get glory out of my life, and you will give me the unfading crown of glory. In Jesus Name Amen.

Thursday, February 25, 2021

With Your Whole Heart

“Yet even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;” Joel 2:12 (ESV)

There may have been times in our lives that we were determined to do the right thing, and it seemed the more we did the right thing, the more things went wrong. It felt like it was better to do what was easy and wrong than to continue to what was right and difficult. It could be that we have even put our religion on the shelf of life and did what we wanted to do. Somewhere down the road of wrong we know we had to make our way back to God. We are blessed because we have a God who loves us enough to allow us to come back to Him when we humble ourselves. The Scripture reminds us, yet even now, declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning, I encourage you today that as you are fasting, that you will with your whole heart, return to God. God is waiting for you with open arms, confess your sins before Him, ask for forgiveness and with weeping return to Him. God is a forgiving God and we can always ask Him to forgive us, and He will wash all of our sins away. During this time of fasting and praying, don’t forget to ask God to forgive you of all your sins, even the ones you may not think are sin. With my whole heart I return to The Lord asking for forgiveness of all of my sins. Since I will constantly ask for forgiveness and return to Him with my whole heart, I have no doubt, “It’s My Year To Get My Thing From My God!”

Prayer

Lord forgive me of all of my sins. I return to you with my whole heart, soul, and mind. Thank you for your forgiveness and for giving me another chance. In Jesus Name Amen.

Friday, February 26, 2021

Foundation of Faith

“For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” 1 Peter 2:6 (ESV)

There are some days that it feels like we have lost everything, and the only thing we have left is our faith. There are times when we want to throw up our hands and walk away from everything and everyone, but it is our faith that gives us the strength to stand through it all. We continue to stand on a strong foundation of faith, where Christ is the cornerstone. The Scripture reminds us, “For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame. I encourage you today that no matter how difficult things may become to stand on the sure foundation of your faith where Christ is the cornerstone. It may not be able to stand on your faith when people are telling you to let go but keep believing God and know that He will not put you to shame. No matter how difficult things may be or how impossible it may seem that I can make it, I will continue to stand on my sure foundation of my faith. I know I will never be ashamed of standing in faith. Since I am standing on the sure foundation, with a tried cornerstone, I have no doubt, “It’s My Year To Get My Thing From My God!”

Prayer

Lord thank you for being my sure foundation and tried cornerstone. All of my faith is in you and I know that by trusting completely in you, I will not be put to shame. In Jesus Name Amen.

Saturday, February 27, 2021

The Deliverer

And in this way all Israel will be saved, as it is written, “The Deliverer will come from Zion, he will banish ungodliness from Jacob” Romans 11:26 (ESV)

In the midst of this pandemic many of us were forced to stay in our homes and did not get out much. Some of us did not even leave the house for food, and we used the variety of services to have food delivered to us. We were excited to hear the doorbell ring with our delivery of delicacies that would satisfy our famished bodies. The same way we were happy to see the delivery person come, we should be even more excited to know that we have a deliverer who delivers our souls. The Scripture reminds us, and in this way all Israel will be saved, as it is written, “The Deliverer will come from Zion, he will banish the ungodliness from Jacob. I encourage you today not to be despondent but be excited that the Deliverer will come. As you are waiting on the Deliverer spend time fasting and praying, because when He comes, He will bring everything you need to be satisfied in your spirit. I am thankful for the Deliverer who has never failed me and has never been late. He has always shown up on time for me. Since I am waiting for the Deliverer to come, I have no doubt, “It’s My Year To Get My Thing From My God!”

Prayer

Lord thank you for sending the Deliverer to deliver me from an eternity away from you. Thank you for saving me. In Jesus Name Amen.

Sunday, February 28, 2021

Thanking And Praising

“I will give thanks to the Lord because of his righteousness; I will sing the praises of the name of the Lord Most High.” Psalm 7:17 (ESV)

The Lord in His grace and mercy has given to us another Sabbath day to worship and praise Him. The Lord has been so good to us that He has brought us to the last day of the month and has seen us through the ups and downs of these last days. As we take time to worship The Lord today, let praise and thanksgiving be on our lips as we go through this day. The Scripture reminds us that, I will give thanks to the Lord because of his righteousness; I will sing the praises of the name of the Lord Most High. I encourage you today to give thanks to The Lord for his righteousness. Give thanks to The Lord for all of the great things that He has done in your life. Give Thanks to The Lord for all of the ways that He has made for you, and for all the ways He has provided for you. Praise The Most High for being your God, and for the many blessings that He has poured in your life. Praise Him for who He is to you, and do not let anything or anyone stop or block your praise to God. I will thank God for His righteousness to me, and I will praise Him for being my God. Since I will always thank and praise God for all of His blessings on my life, I have no doubt, “It’s My Year To Get My Thing From My God!”

Prayer

Lord I thank and praise you for all of the great and wonderful things you have done for me. In Jesus Name Amen.

Monday. March 1, 2021

Enter By The Right Door

“I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.” John 10:9 (ESV)

Losing or forgetting our keys is never a good thing, especially when you are on the outside and your keys are on the inside. When we are locked out the only thing that is keeping us from getting on the inside, is the door, and even if we cannot find our keys, we could gain entry if we could just breach the door in some way. Locked doors can be difficult to bypass without the key, but we should be thankful that there is a door that we do not need a key to because it is always open. The Scripture reminds us that Jesus said, “I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. I encourage you today to remember that Jesus is the door, and when you enter in you will find all that you ever needed. When you enter the door you will find joy, peace, love, and blessings. The door is never locked and all you have to do is open and enter and be blessed. I am grateful that I can enter in by the door and find all that I need because Christ is my provider. Since I am entering by the Door and finding good pasture, I have no doubt, “It’s My Year To Get My Thing From My God!”

Prayer

Thank you, Lord, for the door that is always opened. Thank you that when I enter in, I find all that I need from the hand of God. In Jesus Name Amen.

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

Immanuel

“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us). Matthew 1:23 (ESV)

God in His infinite wisdom knew that man was going to sin, and He knew that we were going to need a way to get back in right relationship with Him. The sacrifices of animals no longer satisfied God, so He decided to send His Son Jesus to pay the price for sin for us. The Scripture reminds us that, behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel (which means, God with us). I encourage you today to be thankful that God sent His Son in the form of man, born of a virgin to be the substitute for us. Jesus came for us and no matter what it is that we are going through we know that God is with us. When trials and tribulations come in your life remember that God is with you. When you are feeling like you are all alone remember that God is with you and He will see you through all things. I am thankful that God sent Immanuel to be the substitution for my sin, and no matter what I may go through I am confident that God is with me. Since I know that God is with me always, I have no doubt, “It’s My Year To Get My Thing From My God!”

Prayer

Thank you, Lord, for always being with me. Thank you for sending Jesus for my salvation. In Jesus Name Amen.

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

My Friend

“The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’” Luke 7:34 (ESV)

All of us have friends that we know that we cannot rely on all of the time. They are there sometimes, but they are not there all of the time. Then we have friends that we know that they are going to be there for us no matter the time day or night. Even when our friends cannot be there for us, we have a friend that is always there for us. No matter what anybody else thinks about us or says about us God will always be our friend. The Scripture reminds us that, the Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners. I encourage you today that no matter where you find yourself in life, The Lord will always be your friend. No matter how hard you may fall, The Lord will always be your friend. Jesus eats with tax collectors and sinners because He came to seek those who were lost, and all of us at one time in our lives were lost. I am thankful that The Lord is my friend and no matter how low I may be in the valley or how many people have walked away from me, The Lord will always be my friend. Since I know that The Lord is always my friend I know for sure, “It’s My Year To Get My Thing From My God!”

Prayer

Lord thank you for being my friend all of the time. No matter how low I may be in the valley, you are there. Thank you for always being by my side. In Jesus Name Amen.

Thursday, March 4, 2021

The Word

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” John 1:1 (ESV)

Let us not forget that we are in the midst of a season of fasting and praying, but it is also a season of meditation and remembrance of all that The Lord has done for us. It should also be a season where we are to make up our minds that when we come out of this season, we are going to be better than what we were when we came in this season. No matter the season we find ourselves in we are blessed to have God in our season. The Scripture reminds us that, In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. I encourage you today to remember that in the midst of this fast, God is still God. God was in the beginning as the Word and He is with you now as the Word. The Word will keep you and The Word will bless you. The Word will lead and guide you in all the paths that you take. Since, The Word was in the beginning, you can have confidence and assurance that The Word will be with you always and there is nothing that you go through where The Word cannot reach you. I am grateful that The Word is with me all the time and leads and guides me. Since I am leaning and depending on The Word for my life, I have no doubt, “It’s My Year To Get My Thing From My God!”

Prayer

Lord thank you for The Word that is everlasting and ever reaching, and thank you for The Word that constantly blesses my life. In Jesus Name Amen.

Friday, March 5, 2021

The Good Shepherd

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” John 10:11 (ESV)

A shepherd is one who guides and guards a flock of sheep. It is the shepherd’s job to make sure that the sheep are being taken care of and being protected from all hurt, harm, and danger. A shepherd who falls asleep on the job and does not make sure the flock is fed and watered is not a good shepherd. We who are saved can be thankful that we not only have a good shepherd, we have a great shepherd who always takes care of us. The Scripture reminds us that, I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. I encourage you today to remember that you have a good shepherd in Jesus. He is a good and great shepherd because He always make sure that you have all your needs supplied. He is a good shepherd because He is always there to lead and guide you in the right places and paths. He is a good shepherd because He laid down His life for you, that you might have a right to the tree of life. The Lord is my good shepherd, and He is always good to me, and He always leads and guides me to the places that He has for me. Since I know The Lord is my good shepherd, I have no doubt, “It’s My Year To Get My Thing From My God!”

Prayer

Lord thank you for being my good shepherd. Thank you for always providing for me and thank you for always leading and guiding me in the places that you have for me. Thank you for laying down your life for me. In Jesus Name Amen.

Saturday, March 6, 2021

You Are Part Of The Body

“And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.” Colossians 1:18

Every part of our body has an important part to play. Every finger is important, every organ is important and there is not one part more important than the others. However, there is only one head and that is where all of the other parts of the body get their directions from. As we are a part of the body of Christ each of us are important to the body. Not one of us is more important than the other, and just like our natural bodies, the body of Christ only has one head, and He is the head. The Scripture reminds us that, he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have preeminence. I encourage you today to know that you are an important part of the body of Christ. Your giftedness is unique, and God wants you to use them to enhance the body of Christ. When you do not know what to do, you can always look to the head of the body who continue to bless you in all things. I am grateful that The Lord saved my life and because He did, I am part of the body of Christ, and I know that He is the head and leads and guides me in all things. Since I am being led by the Head of the body, I have no doubt, “It’s My Year To Get My Thing From My God!”

Prayer

Lord thank you for including me in the body. Help me to use what you have given me to bring you glory, honor and praise. In Jesus Name Amen.

Sunday. March 7, 2021

Sing And Praise To The Lord

“Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!” Psalm 95:1 (ESV)

A noise is a sound that is usually loud, disturbing, or causing a disturbance. Most people do not like noise because it can be startling and jarring. Noise can be an hinderance to our progress as it will take our focus off of what we are doing. Noise in many cases is not good, but when we come together to sing and praise God, we are making a joyful noise that sounds wonderful to The Lord. The Scripture reminds us to, Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. I encourage you today as you prepare to worship to sing to The Lord. Sing with your whole heart, soul, and mind in praise to The Lord. Sing and make a joyful noise to The Lord who has blessed us in so many ways. Sing praises to the one who woke you up this morning and blessed you with another day of life. As you worship today let your worship be filled with songs and praises unto The Lord. I will sing and praise The Lord for all that He has done for me and all that He is doing for me. As I worship today, I will worship with songs of praises. Since I will sing and praise The Lord, I have no doubt, “It’s My Year To Get My Thing From My God!”

Prayer

Lord you have been and are so good to me and I will continue to sing and praise your name. You are excellent and wonderful and worthy of all of my worship and praise. In Jesus Name Amen.

Monday, March 8, 2021

Know Him For Yourself

“What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” Mark 1:24 (ESV)

Who is God to you? There will be a variety of answers to this question depending on who you ask. For some they may answer that He is one they pray too, for others they answer and say that He is their higher power. Many people will have many different answers to that question, but everyone will have an answer to who God is to them. Rather they believe or not, they have an opinion of what God is. Even demons know who God is. The Scripture reminds us that the demons said to Jesus, what have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are- the Holy One of God. I encourage you today to know who God is for yourself. You may have seen how good He has been to your mother or other family members, but you must know Him for yourself. You may have seen the ways that He has made for others, but you must know Him for yourself. I am so grateful that I know God for myself, and no matter where I am or what I go through, I will never forget who The Lord is to me. Since I know who God is for myself, I have no doubt, “It’s My Year To Get My Thing From My God!”

Prayer

Thank you, Lord, for meeting me at my point of need. Thank you for always being there for me and thank you for allowing me to know you for myself. In Jesus Name Amen.

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Be Filled With All Hope

“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 (ESV)

There are experiences that we face in our lives that if we are not careful, we will cause us to lose hope. We look for help everywhere and believe that help will come, but the longer time goes by and no help shows up, we can begin to throw in the towel and lose hope and faith that anything will change for us. No matter how difficult a situation may be we should always keep our faith and hope in The Lord. The Scripture reminds us, 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. I encourage you today to never lose hope. When valleys are low and trouble is all around you, God will fill you with all hope, joy, and peace. When God fills you with all joy and peace you will have power to abound in hope, meaning you will be able to have hope even when all hope is gone. No matter whatever you are facing, abound in hope. The clouds may be grey, and the rain may be falling and it does not look like the sun is going to shine ever again, but through it all I still have hope. Since I will always keep my hope in The Lord, I have no doubt, “It’s My Year To Get My Thing From My God!”

Prayer

God, fill me with all hope, joy, and peace, so that no matter what I face I will continue to abound in hope. In Jesus Name Amen.

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

God Will Take Care Of You

"Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?" Matthew 6:26

After all that The Lord has done in our lives and how He has taken care of us, there should be no hesitation in our minds that the Lord loves us very much. There has not been a time in our lives that The Lord has not taken care of us, and He will always take care of us. We should not allow what we may be going through to have us doubt what The Lord is doing in our lives, and His great love for us. The Scripture reminds us to look at the birds of the air: they do not sow or reap, or gather into barns; yet our Heavenly Father feeds them daily. Are we not much better than they are? I encourage you today not to worry when things do not look the way you think they should look, but to remember that The Lord loves you and He will take care of you. Do not allow worry to creep into your life, especially when you know that you have a Father who is always there for you, and He has never failed you. Since The Lord looks out for the birds of the air, you must know that He will always look out for you as well. Each time I see a bird flying in the air, I am reminded of God's great love for me, and I know He will provide for me. Since I know The Lord loves me and cares for me, I will not worry about what I do not have, but I will be thankful for how He has provided for me. Since I will continue to put all of my trust in The Lord I know for sure, "It's My Year To Get My Thing From My God!"

Prayer

Lord thank you for always loving me and thank you for always taking care of me. I know you take care of the birds in the air and I know you will take care of me always. In Jesus Name Amen.

Thursday, March 11, 2021

Love Over Hate

"And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." Mark 13:13

There are times when we will go out of our way to be nice or to help someone because it is the right thing to do. Then there are other times when we may not give help like we should because of who the person is and how we feel about them, but if we like a person or not we should never hate anyone. No one really wants to hate or be hated for any reason, because hate stirs up so many negative feelings and actions. God shows His love towards us each day in many ways as He blesses us with life. We show our love towards Him through our worship, reading His Word, and the way we treat people. As a result of our Father's love towards us, He pours out blessings into our lives. It can be those very blessings that may cause people not to like us or even hate us. The Scripture reminds us that, you shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. I encourage you today to show the love of God wherever you go, and to all you shall meet. Do not be concerned when people dislike you because of the great things that The Lord is doing in your life. When you allow their feelings towards you to affect what you do or how you act, you miss showing God's love to them. You cannot control how people feel about you, but you can control how you show God's love to all people. When people hate you they will try to put all types of roadblocks and hurdles in your way, but you keep going towards the blessings that The Lord has for you, and in the end you will have the victory. Do not give up because of what people say or think about you, endure to the end, and see the great things The Lord has in store for your life. I want everyone to like me, and I know that will not always be possible, but it will not stop me from loving them, and pressing towards the great blessings God has just for me. Since I will endure to the end no matter what I know for sure, "It's My Year To Get My Thing From My God!"

Prayer

Lord thank you for loving me and always blessing me. Even when I am hated I will never stop pressing towards the goals that you have for my life. In Jesus Name Amen.

Friday, March 12, 2021

Carry Your Cross

"And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." Mark 8:34

Each of us has a cross to carry. The cross that we have to bear may seem larger than the cross of others, but we should remember we do not know people's complete story to be able to judge how heavy their cross really is. God knows how much we can handle and He will not give us more than we can carry. The Scripture reminds us that Jesus told the people and His disciples, that whoever comes after Him must deny themselves, pick up their cross and follow Him. I encourage you today to remember that your walk with Christ is not about you, it's about following after Him to the place He has for you. Each day you have to deny yourself, and your thoughts on how you think things should be and follow after Christ. Each day you have to pick up your cross and do the things that The Lord is asking you to do. There will be some days that your cross may seem too heavy to carry, but The Lord will not give you more than you can handle. It may not always be easy, but always be confident that The Lord is with you every step of the way. Get out of your own way and follow Christ knowing that He will lead you to the right place in Him. There are days when my cross seems too heavy for me to carry, but I am grateful The Lord knows just how much I can handle and never gives me more than I can bear. I will deny myself, pick up my cross and follow God every day, and this is why I am so sure, "It's My Year To Get My Thing From My God!"

Prayer

Lord thank you for giving me the strength to carry my cross daily. There are some days that it seems more heavy than other days, but every day you give me what I need to carry my cross. In Jesus Name Amen.

Saturday, March 13, 2021

Be Steadfast

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." 1 Corinthians 15:58

Life is filled with a series of ups and downs, and hiccups and roadblocks along the way. When we are facing life's challenges it can be difficult to stay focused and encouraged, and it can be difficult to keep moving forward because of what we are facing. For each of us there are going to be days when the rain is going to fall and the winds are going to blow so hard that we will feel like we cannot move, but we cannot allow what we are going through to stop us from moving forward. When we continually hold on to God and remember that He is always holding on to us, then we will be able to make it pass each challenge life presents to us. The Scripture reminds us to be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that we do not labor in vain in the Lord. I encourage you today not to let what you are facing keep you from moving forward. Be steadfast and resolute that the things that are in front of you will have to move so you can get the blessings that The Lord has for you. Be steadfast in all that you do and remember that you are never alone. Be unmovable when you know The Lord has set you on the right path, and do not allow what you see or hear to move you off the path that He has placed you on. It will not be easy, but you can rest assured that The Lord is walking with you, and whatever you do for The Lord will stand the test of time, because you are not doing it in vain, because you know The Lord has great things in store for you. Trials will come and mountains, and hurdles will be in front of me, but I will not allow them to move or sway me because I know that The Lord is walking with me in all things. Since I will be steadfast and unmovable always holding onto The Lord I know for sure, "It's My Year To Get My Thing From My God!"

Prayer

Lord when the storms of life are raging, help me to be steadfast, unmovable and always abounding in the work that you have for me. In Jesus Name Amen.

Sunday, March 14, 2021

Bless The Lord

"I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth." Psalm 34:1

There is not a time or a place that we should not want to praise The Lord. When times are good, we should praise The Lord, and when things are not so good, we should praise The Lord. Our situation should never dictate our praise and worship to The Lord. Every day is a new opportunity for us to give God the glory for the great things that He has done in our lives. The Scripture reminds us that, I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth. I encourage you today to bless The Lord. Rather you are going through good times or bad times, you should bless The Lord. When things are working in your favor, bless The Lord. When it does not look like they are going to work in your favor, bless The Lord. Let the praise continually be in your mouth. Even when tears in your eyes, praise The Lord. Let nothing or no one stop, block, or hinder your praise. There is no situation so big that you cannot praise your way through it, your praise is bigger than your situation. No matter what I am facing, I will bless The Lord and praise Him for all of His greatness towards me. Since I will bless and praise The Lord at all times, I have no doubt, "It's My Year To Get My Thing From My God!"

Prayer

Thank you, Lord, for all that you have seen me through. Forgive me for complaining and not praising you in all situations. I will bless you at all times, and your praise will always be in my mouth. In Jesus Name Amen.

Monday, March 15, 2021

Stand In The Gap

“And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.” Ezekiel 22:30

As we are in this time of fasting and praying it can be easy to pray for the things that we need and those that are close to us. In our prayers we should not only lift up those who are close to us, but we should be able to pray for those we meet going through out daily routines, and to pray for those who The Lord places on your heart. The Scripture reminds us, I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none. I encourage you today to be the person who will stand in the gap for someone else today. Let your prayers be primarily for someone who you know is in need of prayer today. Stand in the gap for someone who you know may need some extra strength to stand in the time of storms. When you stand in the gap for them, God will not only strengthen them, but God will strengthen you as well. I am determined to stand in the gap today for someone who may need The Lord’s strengths to get through this day. Since I will stand in the gap today, I have no doubt, “It’s My Year To Get My Thing From My God!”

Prayer

Lord thank you for all of your blessings in my life, today bless someone who is ready to give up and throw in the towel. Let your presence be in someone’s life today who needs to know you are there for them. In Jesus Name Amen.

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

It Belongs To God

"They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's." Matthew 22:21

Time has a way of passing us by so quickly that before we know it things have happened so rapidly that we will have to stop and ask, where all that time went. Our children can grow up so fast and before we know it, we are reminiscing on when they were babies, and now we are attending their graduations of high school or college. Since time goes by so quickly, we should give people their accolades and flowers while they can still smell them. No one makes it to where they are by themselves, there is always someone there to help them and not only do we need to give people their due honor, but we must also give God the honor due to Him for all of the great things He has done in our lives. The Scripture reminds us that, as the people were paying taxes, they asked Jesus was it lawful to pay taxes: Jesus asked whose picture was on the coin, and they told Him Caesar, so He told them to give to Caesar what belonged to him, and give to God the things that belong to God. I encourage you today to give to God the things that belong to Him. Give God all the glory, honor and praise for the great things He has done and is doing in your life. Give God the praise for being a blessing in your life, and for keeping you through all of your ups and downs. Give God the things that belong to Him, and one of those things that belong to Him is our life. For if it had not been for The Lord in your life, you would not be where you are now. I am thankful for all of the great things The Lord has done in my life, and I know that if it had not been for Him, I would not be where or who I am today. So, I give God all praises for being an awesome God. Since I will always give to God the things that belong to Him, I have no doubt, "It's My Year To Get My Thing From My God!"

Prayer

Thank you, Lord, for being so good to me. Thank you for life, health, and strength and today I give you my all, because I completely belong to you. In Jesus Name Amen.

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

God Hears You When You Pray

"And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear." Isaiah 65:24

Each of us should make it a priority to establish a prayer life. Prayer is the way we communicate with God, and more importantly it is one of the ways He communicates with us. A strong prayer life will help develop a strong sense of faith. We cannot allow the things that we go through in our lives to hinder our prayer lives. When we develop a strong prayer life and a strong relationship with The Lord, we will have confidence that God answers prayer. The Scripture reminds us that before we even call Him, He will answer us, and while we are yet speaking, He will hear. I encourage you today to build a strong prayer life, and faith that God will answer even before you call. There will be times when you will know what to pray, and there will be times when you will not know what to pray, but when your prayer life and relationship with God is strong, He will hear you while you are in the midst of prayer and will send the answer. God knows what you are in need of, and there are times when He wants you to seek Him for it, and there are even times when He will answer you even before you ask Him, but through it all God always has an answer for you. I am thankful that I have a strong relationship and prayer life with The Lord, and I am grateful that He answers me when I pray, and I am also grateful that at times He answers me, even before I ask Him. Since I know I serve a prayer answering God, I have no doubt, "It's My Year To Get My Thing From My God!"

Prayer

Lord thank you for hearing me when I pray, and thank you for sending answers to my prayers. Even while I am praying you have already sent the answer. Thank you for loving me enough to hear me when I pray. In Jesus Name Amen.

Thursday, March 18, 2021

God's Arms Are Not Short

"Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:" Isaiah 59:1

No matter how hard we try to avoid the rain there will be times when rain will fall in our lives. No matter how much we try to dot every I and cross every T, there are going to be occasions when we just do not get it right, and no matter how much we try to avoid trouble, somehow trouble will find us. So, since we know trouble will come our way every now and then, we must have a plan to deal with trouble when it shows up. Some will try to handle trouble on their own, and others will call on people to try to help, but when trouble comes our first call should be to The Lord who can deliver us from trouble. No matter the situation we are facing God can deliver and hear us when we call Him. The Scripture reminds us that, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy, that He cannot hear. I encourage you today to remember you serve a God that can reach and save you no matter how low you may be in the valley, or how high you are on the mountain God can reach you. You serve a God who can hear you no matter how low you whisper or how loud you call. When trials and tribulations, and even trouble comes your way do not worry, just call on The Lord who is able to deliver you from all that comes your way. You may call people, who will never call you back, and you may call on family members who may not be able to help, but when you call on The Lord He is always there to deliver and strengthen you. I am grateful that I serve The Lord whose arms are not short, and ears are not heavy, but He always has more than enough to deliver and save me from all of what life throws at me. Since I serve a God who is always there and able to catch me when I fall and hear my faintest of whispers, I know for sure, "It's My Year To Get My Thing From My God!"

Prayer

Lord thank you for reaching me when I have fallen in the deepest of valleys. Thank you for hearing me when I am on the top of the highest mountain. Thank you for all that you do for me. In Jesus Name Amen.

Friday, March 19, 2021

Focus On The Eternal

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:" Matthew 6:19

There are some things that we are very lackadaisical about, and yet there are other things that we will put our whole heart and soul into. It is the things that we really care about that we will do all that we can do to make sure they work out in our favor. If someone likes to vacation, they will do all they can do to save and make sure that it is a good time for them when they go, but if they are really not into it, they will plan it, but all the time try to figure out how to get out of going. As we serve The Lord, we should put our all into serving Him. We should not allow other things to get our attention and cause us to lose focus on what really matters. The Scripture reminds us, not to lay up for ourselves treasures on earth where moth and rust will corrupt them and where thieves break in and steal. I encourage you today to make sure your heart is in the right place, and on the right things. Do not allow the temporary things of this world to take your focus off of the great and eternal things that The Lord has for your life. When your car, house, or even your job becomes more important than seeking The Lord then your focus is in the wrong place. If you focus on the tangible things you have in life when they are taken from you, there will be a sense of loss, and what you set your heart on is now gone. Do not spend all of your time making sure you are earthly secure, and then miss being heavenly secure. Set your heart on the eternal things The Lord has for your life, and do not worry about the things that come and go. I am thankful for every blessing The Lord gives me, and I know that He has greater blessings in store for me, and my heart is set on the things He has for me that do not rust, they are not corrupt, and no one can take them from me. Since I am focusing on the eternal and not the temporary, I know for sure, "It's My Year To Get My Thing From My God!"

Prayer

Lord set my heart on the eternal things that you have for me. Allow me to store up treasures in Heaven that are eternal. In Jesus Name Amen.

Saturday, March 20, 2021

God Never Changes

"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever." Hebrews 13:8

Things around us are constantly changing. The prices of some things seem to change every day. Just a look in our closets we uncover clothes that we wore a year ago, that we may not wear now because style and fashions have changed. The way we feel about people change and our attitudes change depending on the situations and circumstances. We are in a changing world and sometimes it is hard to keep up with how fast things change. Even when we are not as loving and kind as we should be Christ's love for us still abounds in our lives. Even though the world around us is changing we can rest assured Christ will never change. The Scripture reminds us that, Jesus Christ is the same yesterday today and forever. I encourage you today to know for yourself that Jesus Christ will never change. He loves you just as much as He did when you first gave your life to Him. He wants you to get closer to Him daily. With people you have to wonder if you say something wrong will they still like you, and if you do something wrong will they still want to be around you? With Jesus you never have to worry about those things because He never changes, and He always loves you. He loved you from the foundation of the earth and He will continue to love you. Keep your hand in God's unchanging hand today and know that Christ's love surpasses any love you have ever experienced in your life. Since I know He will never change and He will always be by my side, I have no doubt, "It's My Year To Get My Thing From My God!"

Prayer

Lord thank you for never changing and thank you for loving me even when I change. Since you are a consistent God, I know I can make it through every situation I face. In Jesus Name Amen.

Sunday, March 21, 2021

Sacrifices Of Thanksgiving

“And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!” Psalm 107:22 (ESV)

When we think of making a sacrifice unto The Lord, we usually think of something that we can give to The Lord. Our sacrifices to The Lord can be a variety of things, but one of the biggest sacrifices that we can offer to The Lord is our thanks and praise. The Scripture reminds us, let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and tell of his deeds in songs of joy! I encourage you today to offer unto The Lord sacrifices of thanksgiving. Give Him thanks for all the ways that He has made for you. Give Him thanks for all the doors He opened for you and give Him the sacrifice of thanksgiving for being your God. Sing songs of joy today for the multitude of blessings that The Lord has poured into your life. As you prepare yourself for worship, let your worship be filled with thanksgiving and joy. Let your thoughts be of the many blessings that God has given you, and when you think of all that He has done for you, offer Him sacrifices of thanksgiving. Every day I will offer sacrifices of thanksgiving to The Lord and sing songs of joy for all that The Lord has done for me. Since I will offer sacrifices of thanksgiving and songs of joy unto The Lord, I know for sure, “It’s My Year To Get My Thing From My God!”

Prayer

Lord thank you for all the blessings that you have poured into my life. Thank you for keeping me and blessing me, and thank you for always being there for me. I will sing songs of joy to you for the rest of my life. In Jesus Name Amen.

Monday, March 22, 2021

You Can Handle It

"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." 1 Corinthians 10:13

Life has a way of coming at us very fast and unexpected. Things do not happen when we have nothing going on, but it comes when everything is happening all at once, and it just piles on to what we are already going through. With the pressures of our jobs, family issues, and other things it can feel like the weight of the world is on our shoulders. When all of this is happening, we tend to ask ourselves, where is God? Doesn't God see all the things which we are going through? Doesn't God care about us? Yes, God cares and He has not left us alone. Have you ever come to the conclusion that you just cannot take it any longer, if one more thing happens you will scream? Paul in the Scripture today reminds us that God is faithful, and He will be there for us through every situation and circumstance we go through. I encourage you today to remember that no matter what you go through, God will not put more on you than you are able to handle. God always has a way out for you, all you have to do is hang in there and do not try to figure everything out on your own. Place your problems and cares in the hands of God and He will lead and direct you out of your situation. I know the things which you are going through are heavy, but God is there for you and He knows the load is heavy and He will carry the weight for you. The things you go through now are only making you stronger and drawing you closer to God that you may trust and depend solely on Him. Through every trial and tribulation, I know no matter how heavy it may become, I can handle it because God will not put more on me than I am able to handle. Since I know God is always with me, I am convinced, "It's My Year To Get My Thing From My God!"

Prayer

Lord the load is heavy, and the trials are rough, and some days I don't feel like I can make it. I know that you will not put more on me than I can handle. In Jesus Name Amen.

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

God Is On Your Side

"Be strong and courageous, be not afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude that is with him: for there be more with us than with him:" 2 Chronicles 32:7

There are some sports that can be played individually, but many sports require a team to play together. In team sports it is necessary for all players to work together in order to achieve the victory. There are some teams who have one superstar, and they will try to take over a game and gain the win for their team, but in many cases one player cannot get the victory, it will take a team effort to secure the victory. There are going to be challenges that we are going to have to face, that we cannot face alone, and we must realize that we have to use all of those that are with us to achieve the victory over the hurdles in our lives. The Scripture reminds us to, be strong and courageous, and not be afraid nor dismayed because of our enemies, nor of all of the multitude that is with him: for there is more with us than with them. I encourage you today to remember who is on your side. You have the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit with you at all times, and as long as they are with you, there is not anything you cannot achieve. Do not be dismayed because of all of the hurdles that may be in front of you. Do not be swayed by the challenges that you are facing because you have The Lord on your side, and as long as The Lord is on your side you will be able to make it through all that you are facing in your life. Be strong and very courageous knowing that you are never alone and, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are with you every step of the way, and when they are on your side there is no need to worry because you know victory is yours. When trials and tribulations come my way, I have learned to be strong and very courageous knowing who is with me. No matter what I face I will be strong and courageous this is why I am so certain, "It's My Year To Get My Thing From My God!"

Prayer

Lord thank you for always being there with me. Thank you for reminding me that with you on my side the odds are always in my favor. In Jesus Name Amen.

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

Think About It

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." Philippians 4:8

If we were to attempt to count all of the things that we think about in a day, it would be virtually impossible for us to number them all. There is always something going on in the course of our day that will cause us to think. We think about what we are going to wear, eat, and even if we are going to go to work, and once there what are we going to do. Each of us make decisions every day, some of them are difficult decisions and some of them not so difficult. If we are not careful, we can get caught up thinking about the negative things going on around us and miss all of the great things happening to us. We should not allow the negative things in our lives to consume most of our thoughts. The Scripture reminds us that, whatsoever things are true, honest, lovely, of a good report, and if there be any virtue or praise in them to think on these things. I encourage you today not to allow the negative or the bad things that you are facing to consume your every thought process that you cannot see the good things that The Lord is doing in your life. As you go throughout this day whatsoever things are honest, true, lovely, pure, and of a good report think on those things. Think about the things that are worthy of praise going on in your life, and then thank and praise The Lord for them. Think about how good The Lord has been to you, and think about how He has blessed you and how He has kept you. Think about where The Lord has brought you from and where He is bringing you to. Think about the manifold blessings The Lord has poured into your life. The Lord is doing some amazing things in my life, and instead of thinking about the hurdles, I will think about the blessings. Since I will keep my mind stayed on the great things the Lord is doing in my life, I know I can boldly proclaim, "It's My Year To Get My Thing From My God!"

Prayer

Lord there are so many great things that you are doing in my life, and my thoughts today will be on the blessings you have poured into my life, and thinks that are worthy of praising you. In Jesus Name Amen.

Thursday, March 25, 2021

You Are Family

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

Each of us has a given name and a family name. Our given name is most of the time unique to us in our family so that our given name distinguishes us from our siblings and other relatives. Our family name signifies the family that we belong to. In some families there is an expectation to live up to the family name in one way or another. We who are Christians do not only have our family name, but we have the name of Christ attached to us as well. Since we are Christians there are certain expectations because we are part of Christ's family. The Scripture reminds us that God said, if my people who are called by my name, would humble themselves and pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from Heaven, and forgive their sins, and heal their land. I encourage you today that because you are a Christian and called by the name of God to humble yourself and pray. Since you are a Christian you have access to the throne of grace that others who are not part of the family do not have. You can call on The Lord no matter what you are facing and He will be there for you because you are called by His name. Do not be ashamed to approach the throne of grace knowing that The Lord hears you because you are called by His name. When you can humble yourself and pray, God hears you and like the loving Father He is, He will answer you. Seek God's face in all that you do, and know that no matter where you are, you can call on The Lord and He will be there for you, because you are family. I will humble myself and pray because I am called by His name, and no matter what I am facing I will seek His face, knowing that He will not only hear me but answer me. Since I will pray and seek Him through it all, I have no doubt, "It's My Year To Get My Thing From My God!"

Prayer

Thank you, Lord, for allowing me to be a part of your family and being called by your name. Thank you for hearing me when I humble myself and pray, and thank you for answering me when I call on you. In Jesus Name Amen.

Friday, March 26, 2021

Count The Cost

"For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?" Luke 14:28

Each of us at one time or another in our lives have done something foolish. At first it sounded like a good idea, and it was not until we were in the middle of it, that we realized that it was not a good idea at all, and as a matter of fact it was a horrible idea. Each of us has made mistakes as we traveled this road of life, and we will make some more no matter how hard we try not to, and there are some mistakes that are unavoidable, and there are other mistakes that if we would have just thought about it a little while longer, we would not have moved in that direction. The Scripture reminds us that, which of us desiring to build a tower, would not sit down first and count the cost, to see if we had enough to complete it? I encourage you today to spend some time in prayer before you make any decisions. Ask The Lord to lead and guide you in the way He would like you to go, before you move out on your own. Sit down and spend some quiet time in prayer, and really think about what it is you are venturing out to do, and you will discover if you have enough to finish your journey or fall short. Many times, when you fall short you want The Lord to come and rescue you from your failed planning, but if you would start out in prayer and serious contemplation on where you want to go, you will avoid some of the pitfalls even before they happen. In whatever it is you are trying to build in your life, count the cost and see if it will be worth it, or if you have enough to finish what you have started. I have so many unfinished projects because what looked easy at first was not as easy as I thought it would be, and now I must count the cost to see if I can finish what I started. In every decision I make I will saturate it in prayer and make sure it is the direction The Lord wants me to go. Since I will count the cost before I go, I know for sure, "It's My Year To Get My Thing From My God!"

Prayer

Lord, I need your direction for every step of my life. Before I start building, working, moving, or talking guide me and bless me to ensure I have enough to finish, so you can get the glory out of my life. In Jesus Name Amen.

Saturday, March 27, 2021

He's Always Keeping Me

"The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore." Psalm 121:8

In many of our Church's we have sayings which we all know. If someone was to say, "God is good" the response would be, "All the time," followed by, "All the time" with the response of, "God is Good!" This is so true; God is good all the time and all the time God is good. He is so good to us that He keeps us day by day. There is not a day that The Lord is not good to us. The Scripture reminds us, the Lord shall preserve our going outs and our coming in. The Lord will be with us all the time. No matter what it is that we are going through He is our keeper. I don't know about you, but God continues to bless me even in times when I don't deserve it. When we should fall, he does not let us, when he shouldn't keep us, He keeps on keeping us. I encourage you today to remember the One who is keeping you day by day. Not only is The Lord keeping you, He is the One who is blessing you as you go and as you come. Even though things are not the way you think they should be they are a whole lot better than what they could be if The Lord has not been keeping and blessing you. When you put your trust in The Lord and give your cares over to Him, He will continue to keep and strengthen you every day. If you have not given your life to Christ, I encourage you to do this today, don't wait until tomorrow for it is not promised to you, do it today. Once Christ is in your life and you know that He is your keeper, the things that you used to be worried about will not be such a big deal anymore, because you know The Lord is keeping and blessing you. The Lord constantly keeps me as I go and as I come, and every day He blesses me this is why I can say without a doubt, "It's My Year To Get My Thing From My God!"

Prayer

Lord thank you for always blessing me and keeping me. Thank you for keeping me as I go and as I come. In Jesus Name Amen.

Sunday, March 28, 2021

Hosanna

“And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” Mark 11:9 (ESV)

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday. It is the day that we commemorate Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem as Lord and King. Many thought that He would come in riding on a white horse, but Jesus comes in humble, meek, and mild riding on colt. Jesus’ entry into the city symbolized that He was the savior of the world. The Scripture reminds us that, those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! I encourage you today to worship and praise The Lord for being Lord of your life. Shout Hosanna in the highest today for Jesus has come into your life and your life has never been the same. Wave your palm branches high today giving God all the glory, honor, and praise due His name. Let today be a day of praise and worship of The Lord for who He is in your life. I will bless, praise, and worship The Lord today for He is my everything, and I will wave my palm branches high as I offer to Him my worship. Since I will shout Hosanna, I have no doubt, “It’s My Year To Get My Thing From My God!”

Prayer

Lord thank you for being Lord over my life. Thank you for being my King and my Savior. For the rest of my life, I will always worship and praise you for who you are to me. In Jesus Name Amen.

Monday, March 29, 2021

House Of Prayer

“He said to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer,’ but you make it a den of robbers.” Matthew 21:13 (ESV)

As we journey on this road to Holy Week, Jesus understands that the time of His earthly ministry is winding down. Jesus wants to take the time this week to make sure that He is doing everything necessary to prepare His disciples for His earthly departure. On this Monday of Holy Week, Jesus goes to the Temple and drives out all of the money changers and those who sold in the Temple. The Scripture reminds us that, He said to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer,’ but you make it a den of robbers.” I encourage you today to remember that the house of The Lord is where we come to make our petitions known to Him. It has been a while since we have had opportunity to gather together in His house, but when we do, we should never take it for granted that we can come into His house and praise His name. Lord forgive us if we have turned your house into anything but a house of prayer. Hear us when we pray and answer us when we call. Since I will always remember that it is His house, and His house will always be a place of prayer and peace, I have no doubt, “It’s My Year To Get My Thing From My God!”

Prayer

Lord hear us when we pray and answer us when we cry unto you,
Help us to make sure that your house remains a house of prayer. In
Jesus Name Amen.

Tuesday, March 30, 2021

Mountain Movers

“And Jesus answered them, “Truly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and thrown into the sea,’ it will happen.” Matthew 21:21 (ESV)

As we have spent this time in fasting and praying it should not have just been a time of giving up certain foods, but it should have been a spiritual journey that brought us closer to The Lord. This should have been a time of getting to know The Lord better than you have before, and a time of building our faith. Our faith is our foundation to what we believe and it is our faith that will see us through all things. The Scripture reminds us that, Jesus answered them, “Truly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and thrown into the sea, it will happen.” I encourage you today to exercise your faith today, and do not allow any mountain to stand in your way. Use your faith to tell mountains to move, and to tell obstacles to be gone. Speak boldly in faith and know that through this journey of fasting and praying your faith has been enlarged. By faith I am telling every mountain to move and every hurdle to go, and I am standing on my faith. Since I am standing on my faith, I have no doubt, “It’s My Year To Get My Thing From My God!”

Prayer

Lord thank you for increasing my faith. Every mountain will have to move and every obstacle will be gone, because I am standing on my faith in God. In Jesus Name Amen.

Wednesday, March 31, 2021

Betrayed

Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵ and said, "What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?" And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. Matthew 26:14-15 (ESV)

It is not a good feeling when we are betrayed by someone we trusted. When we have helped someone and been there for them through thick and thin and to have them turn around and betray us is the ultimate in hurt. Jesus has been with His disciples teaching them and showing them miracles and blessings. Jesus was there for them when they needed Him, and now one of them plotted to betray Him. The Scripture reminds us, then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?" And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. I encourage you today to remember that Judas was not the only one to betray Jesus. We betray Him when we do not walk in His will and follow His directions for your lives. It had to hurt Jesus to know that Judas would betray Him, but we must come to Jesus and ask for forgiveness and every day work to never betray Him, but to always lift Him up as our Lord and Savior. Lord, forgive me if I have ever betrayed you, and give me another chance to walk in your will. Since I am forgiven, I know for sure, "It's My Year To Get My Thing From My God!"

Prayer

Lord forgive me if I have ever betrayed you. Help me to walk in the path that you have for my life and to be a witness for you in a dark world. In Jesus Name Amen.

Thursday, April 1, 2021

Humble Servant

“Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him.” John 13: 5 (ESV)

As Jesus is taking this journey of His last days of earthly ministry. He takes time to set up for them The Lord's supper. A remembrance of who He was and for them to share that meal and memory forever. It was there at that Passover meal that He took bread and broke it, and gave it to His disciples, and in like manner He took the cup and gave it to them reminding them that those were both His body and His blood. After supper Jesus then humbles Himself as He takes on the task of a servant to wash the disciple's feet. The Scripture reminds us, then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. I encourage you today to never forget the sacrifice that Jesus made for you. Remember that Jesus took the stance of a servant and you too must take that stance. There will be times when you will have to humble yourself, and it may not be easy, but remember when Jesus humbled Himself and washed the disciple's feet. There will be times of humbling that I will have to undertake, and I will remember what The Lord did on this day but washing His disciple's feet. Since I will humble myself as a servant of The Lord, I have no doubt, “It's My Year To Get My Thing From My God!”

Prayer

Thank you for giving to me the remembrance of your body and blood that saved my life. Thank you for reminding me to serve you with humility. In Jesus Name Amen.

Friday, April 2, 2021

A Good Friday

“And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.” Luke 23:46

Today is Good Friday. On the surface it may not seem to be so good. This is the day that we remember the crucifixion and death of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Although we are remembering His death this is a good Friday, because His death did not mark the end, but the beginning for new life for His believers. The Scripture reminds us that, when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost. I encourage you today to thank and praise God for the sacrifice that He paid for you on the cross. It is a good Friday, not because Jesus died on the cross, but because your sins died on the cross that day on Calvary. When Jesus gave up the ghost, my sins had been paid for and I at that moment had a right to the tree of life. I am forever thankful and grateful for the price that Jesus paid for my sins on the cross at Calvary. Since today is a Good Friday, I have no doubt, “It’s My Year To Get My Thing From My God!”

Prayer

Lord thank you for paying the price for me at Calvary. Thank you for dying in my place and for giving to me a right to the tree of life. In Jesus Name Amen.

Saturday, April 3, 2021]

Preparing For A Blessing

“And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the sabbath day according to the commandment.” Luke 23:56

As we are coming to the end of this season of Lent. On tomorrow we will celebrate Easter Sunday. However, we can just imagine what was happening on the Saturday before Easter. The whole earth still, and waiting in anticipation for God to show Himself mighty and strong. The Scripture reminds us that, they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the sabbath day according to the commandments. I encourage you today to prepare for the great things The Lord has for you. It is not just to prepare for breaking the fast, but prepare for what great things and blessings The Lord has in front of you. This time of fasting and praying has not been in vain. Just like the women left the cross that Friday and began to prepare because they knew something great was going to happen. I am grateful for all of the blessings that The Lord has placed in my life, and with anticipation I am preparing my heart, soul, and mind for what God is going to do in my life. Since I am in preparation for the blessings, I have no doubt, “It’s My Year To Get My Thing From My God!”

Prayer

Thank you, Lord, for this season of preparation. I look forward to the great and mighty things that you have in store for my life. In Jesus Name Amen.

Sunday, April 4, 2021

He Has Risen

“He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee,” Luke 24:6

Today we celebrate Resurrection Sunday. It is the day that we can celebrate, worship, and praise The Lord that He was risen from the dead. It is because of His resurrection that we have faith. It is because He was not there that Sunday morning that we all can rest assure that if we follow His commandments for our lives, we will spend eternity with Him in Heaven. The Scripture reminds us that, He is not here, but has risen. I encourage you today to celebrate that He was not there, that He has risen. That The Lord is alive and sitting at the right hand of The Father interceding for you and for me. He is not there, He is risen. Gives us the hope that we need to know that we do not serve a dead and lifeless God, but we serve the true and living God who died that you and I might live. Today I celebrate the true and living God who is always with me and never leaves or forsakes me. Since My God is risen, I know for sure, “It’s My Year To Get My Thing From My God!”

Prayer

Thank you, Lord, for rising for me. Since you got up, I can get up from everything that comes against me. Thank you for being my true and living God who always blesses me. Thank you, Lord, for this time of fasting and praying. Please honor and receive the sacrifices that I made for you during this season, and be pleased with my fasting. In Jesus Name Amen.

In the Bible,
forty is the
number
used to
signify
enough or
ample time.

Bible stories that
involve forty days:

Noah's flood

Moses on Mt. Sinai
before the Ten
Commandments

Elijah's walk through
the desert to Mt. Horeb

Jonah's warning to the
people of Nineveh

St. Gregory the
Great considered
the six weeks of
lenten weekdays
(thirty-six days) as
a ten percent tithe
of the year.

The forty day fast
of Jesus in the
desert before he
started his public
ministry (Mt 4:2,
Mk 1:13 and Lk
4:2) is the most
likely inspiration
for the forty days
of Lent.



What is the significance of forty days?

LENT

thy evil done name
hallowed daily
earth bread
FORGIVE
heaven
Thy Father
come Give
temptation lead
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