

W O R D A T W O R K

Goodness of the Lord I

MONDAY, JUNE 1

Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-3

Ephesians 4:1-3 says, *“I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”* To have a walk worthy of the calling with which we are called invites us to look at God's Word **axios**, which is translated ‘Worthy.’ **Axios** is a commercial, financial term used for paying the worth or price for an item that is being purchased. But it is also used in a spiritual sense where we walk in such a way that we can represent God according to the need of the generation we are ministering to. Walking worthy of the calling means we are willing to pay the price to walk in righteousness and obedience so that we can do what the Lord calls us to do. Are we really willing to pay the price for the magnitude of the anointing that we need to survive in the last days? That is the issue of the Ephesians 4 exhortation to walk worthy of the call. Attitude is very important in qualifying for the fullness of our gifting and calling. We have to be gentle, we have to have patience, we have to bear with people in love and we have to work at keeping the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Qualifying for all that God has is a serious issue in the last days. It is a matter of integrity, obedience and sacrifice. The question is, are we willing to really walk it out. The harvest is waiting on us!

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

Scripture: Ephesians 4:4-8

Ephesians 4:4-8 says, *“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore He says: ‘When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men’”* It is obvious, in this passage that each of us are not only called, but we are given the grace necessary to match the gifting that God has given us. This means that our destiny is locked up in our authority to choose to walk out our gifting and call in whatever circumstances we find ourselves in. God has given us the grace to overcome all the adversity that arises against our gifting and calling and it comes by His grace. Grace is the ability of God, through supernatural anointing and strength, to get up and walk out our gifting and call based on the magnitude of the gift that God has given us. On Judgment Day, there will be no excuse for not doing what God called us to do because His grace is given in proportion to the call. We need to hear, we need to obey and we need to walk it out. God has done His part. The question is, are we willing to do ours? And that is why we see the declaration, “Walk worthy of the call.” Walk worthy is a mouthful and it puts a real demand on us to pay the price to qualify for all that God has within our gifting and calling. His grace is here. Whether or not we access it, depends on how we walk. It is available if we choose to go after it. Grace and mercy when rejected turns to judgment!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

Scripture: John 17:6-10

John 17:6-10 says, *“I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that all things which You have*

given Me are from You. For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them." It is interesting that Jesus makes these statements, *"I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me," "...I have given to them the words which You have given Me..."* and *"...I am glorified in them."* And what Jesus was saying was, "You can tell the fruit of my ministry by the men I trained. The condition of the people I minister to is evidence I did what God called Me to do." And that same principle is true of every one of us who stand in pulpits today. If we see good fruit, we know we are doing our job. We do have to remember that parents are not responsible for the choices their children make. Every day we choose what seed we sow! Sowing bad seed causes bad fruit, and good soil grows seed to its maximum harvest. But good fruit is impossible without good seed and good soil. Our first responsibility is to make good soil. Pulling out stones, digging out thorns and plowing wayside ground makes it all good soil. Are we going to do our job and make sure that the people of the Lord are fully prepared and ready for the last days?

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

Scripture: Mark 10:35-38

Mark 10:35-38 says, *"Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, 'Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask.' And He said to them, 'What do you want Me to do for you?' They said to Him, 'Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?'"* Many times the greatest mistake we can make is we ask for something that is much bigger than what God is directing us to ask for. James and John made that mistake. They asked for something that required a preparation that they had never considered. Jesus did not say no, but what He did say is, *"Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"* That is an excellent question because that is both an internal struggle and an external agony/**ago-nea**. Jesus was asking, 'Can you walk with the betrayal necessary to groom for this, and can you walk with the external adversity that is going to come about as a result?' With not taking the time to pray that out, they both answered yes. And I am sure that before their life was over, they had much cause to reconsider the question that Jesus asked them. They should have taken time and explored the two dimensions of pain and agony before they answered so glibly. I trust that we will not answer such a question without prayer and consideration. We must take serious time and consider the reality of what is being asked. Walking worthy consists of a baptism and cup tailored to the individual call. Finishing the process acquires the anointing to reach a generation!

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

Scripture: Mark 10:39,40

Mark 10:39,40 states, *"They said to Him, 'We are able.' So Jesus said to them, 'You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared.'" James and John answered without consideration. Jesus answered them by saying, "You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized... (But what you are asking is not mine to give you), but it is for those for whom it is prepared."* They got saddled with the cost and still did not receive the answer they wanted. That was not the wisest move they ever made and I trust none of us will follow their example. We certainly need to consider and wait before we answer when the Lord asks us about what we want. God's preparational price parallels the path of the Savior. We learn obedience by the things we suffer! God's path starts with surrender and ends with obedience!

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

Scripture: Matthew 10:41,42

James and John, through selfish ambition, created strife within the group. Walking worthy of the call means we have to abandon selfish ambition and only pursue that which God calls us to do. James and John went beyond what the

Lord called them to do into position-seeking. And that rightly offended the rest of the apostles. I trust you and I will say no to self and walk worthy of what we are called to do. And that means, allowing the Lord to show us what we are called to do and paying the price simply to do it, without personal/individual kingdom building. Obeying God has an eternal reward that we can enjoy forever!

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

Scripture: Mark 10:42,43

Jesus made it very clear that He was not going to tolerate the world's methods within the Kingdom. Basically what He said was, "Those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles..." and he used the Greek Word **kat-ak-oo-ree-yoo-o**, which means 'To subdue or to use a God-given authority against'. In the world, people use their God-given authority against others to get what they want. Jesus did not want that in His Kingdom. He does not want people having authority that they use on each other to get what they want. When He gives authority, He gives it so we can help people, not gain advantage over them. The purpose and reason for spiritual authority is advancing the Kingdom – helping people, saving them or delivering Kingdom justice. Jesus made it very clear that we cannot operate that way in His Kingdom. People that operate that way, on Judgment Day, will wish they had not!

MONDAY, JUNE 8

Scripture: Mark 10:41,42

Jesus made two comparisons. He said those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over/**kat-ak-oo-ree-yoo-o**. That means they subdue or hold in captivity. Jesus went on to say that the great ones exercise authority over them and that is **kat-ex-oo-see-ad-zo**. **Kat-ex-oo-see-ad-zo** means to terrorize or dominate. It is taking a God-given position or call, and using it to dominate others and getting them to serve your purposes, not God's. The Lord says we cannot do that and the Kingdom doesn't work that way. His Kingdom works on servanthood. And we either choose to serve or we choose the world's way. If we choose the world's way, on Judgment Day, we will pay the consequences. How we use what God gives us – whether we use it to help people or use it for our own benefit – is a big issue with God. There is a reward for walking in obedience and there is judgment for disobedience. And that judgment begins in the House of the Lord. Perhaps we are in such a season. Is it possible that all those who violate these two rules might be taken home early? It is time we got serious with how we conduct our ministries. Are we serving people or are we serving ourselves? This judgment starts in the House of the Lord.

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

Scripture: Mark 10:43-45

Jesus made it clear that subduing or tyrannizing would not work in His Kingdom. He demanded that it not be so. And He went on to say, "...Whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." Jesus made it very clear – we serve other people. We bless them, we lay our life down for them and we pay the price to help them get where they need to go in Christ. If we are willing to serve, then we will hear, "Well done, good and faithful servant." And it is the only way we will hear it! May all who read and study with us one day hear, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30

Matthew 25:14-30 is the parable of the talents. And in the parable of the talents, we come to the same issue that we found in Ephesians 4. In this parable that Jesus taught, there is a shift that takes place from the five-fold to the condition of the saints. The man calls his servants and they are like a five-fold ministry for their master. The master delivers his goods, and demands they do business until he returns. Verse 29 says, "...For to **everyone** who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance." The man who does nothing with his talent loses it to the one who has grown

and earned the most. And we should rightly ask, why the shift from the five-fold to the condition of the saints? Is it because the end-times demands leaders who, with eleven talents, impart the fullness that Christ has to all His people? One of the most anointed prophetic teachers in Southern California through the years, used to teach that the place of outer darkness was not hell. It was a place of separation where you could not hear God because you forfeited your call through disobedience or personal kingdom building. It is one of the most sobering things I have heard anyone teach. Because it was specific to ministers who were disobedient. And this parable asks, are we worthy of the reward or are we not? Are we living in obedience to the Lord and living up to our call or are we not? Are we willing to pay the price in order to carry the fullness of our call? It is an Ephesians 4:1 issue that is told in a parable that has the potential to be devastating. One question we can ask is, why does it give the one talent to the guy who has ten? We end up with some eleven talent people in the land. The end-times requires a church whose leadership has paid the price so they can fully establish the people of God in the power of God because we face consummate evil that previous generations have not seen. Where do we go to prepare to take on Isis? "Turn-the-other-cheek" has its Kingdom purpose. But Isis seeks to terminate believers and their God-given Kingdom assignments. And when Kingdom purposes were at stake in Scripture, "turn-the-other-cheek" was not the approach Jesus walked in! If we believe the Word, we know we have the authority to pray, "Let the God I serve do to you what you have done to others! Let the fire fall now, in Jesus' name!" It is obvious that in the end-times, the Judicial Christ is absolutely necessary. The promise is that this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in every nation. We have no choice but to learn to walk with the Judicial Christ. We have to come to a place where, when needed, the very breath of our lips will slay the wicked. It is the promise of Isaiah 11:4 and it is the reality the early church walked in. And as we move forward in the end-times we have no choice but to learn to walk in it ourselves. It is available. Judicial miracles are available. Let us pay the price to walk in it.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

Scripture: Joel 2:23-25

Joel 2:23-25 says, *"Be glad then, you children of Zion, And rejoice in the Lord your God; For He has given you the former rain faithfully, And He will cause the rain to come down for you— The former rain, And the latter rain in the first month. The threshing floors shall be full of wheat, And the vats shall overflow with new wine and oil. So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, The crawling locust, The consuming locust, And the chewing locust, My great army which I sent among you."* The key to this passage is understanding that God gives the rain or the anointing, according to what the ground requires. That is the Hebrew word **tsaw-dak** and it means, 'As the ground requires.' So if the cultural ground gets very, very hard in the last days, God pours out the anointing necessary to deal with the ground. We see today's cultural ground washed in evil – it is a hard, hard ground. If the only way to deal with the evil is an anointing that causes our words to slay the wicked, then the promise is God will give an anointing that is so strong that our very words will slay them! Peter was anointed to deal with Ananias and Sapphira and the very breath of his lips brought death to the wickedness they were walking in. Peter is an example – he walked in that place! When James was killed by Herod and Peter was put in jail, the early church prayed. The angel got Peter out of jail and the angel visited Herod and put him in the grave. We can say that the very prayers of the early church were strong enough that the breath of their lips slew the wicked. Will we see an anointing in the last days where the very breath of our lips will slay the wicked? Isaiah saw it and he declared it! Joel tells us what will bring it about. The condition of the culture determines the anointing God will give. When individuals are so hardened to sin that they will not turn, then we can expect an anointing where the very breath of our lips will slay the wicked. The early church walked in it and Isaiah prophesied it for the here and now. We will see it in the last days and it is time to walk worthy of the call.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

Scripture: Joel 2:25-27

A double anointing will be required when the wickedness is so great that it will take the slaying of the wicked to open people's eyes to salvation. If we find ourselves in the end-times, where it is necessary to walk in the double anointing, then we know we have to be prepared to qualify. We have to walk worthy of the calling wherewith we are called. That process, according to this passage in Joel has God taking us through four levels of devastation or destruction. We see in Joel 2 a description of layers of devastation called locusts. And at the end of that process, God

restores everything. The supernatural anointing of God helps gather the harvest of our generation. Now that is the promise of the process. When we say yes to the process, we get the promise of the process. And the promise of the process is an anointing that will harvest our generation. For everyone who says yes to the process, we will get the promise of the process. And it is an anointing that will harvest our generation. The process is a devastating one. But isn't it worth saying yes to the process? Graduating from God's School of the Spirit guarantees an impact on our generation!

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

Scripture: Acts 17:24-26

Acts 17:24-26 says, *“God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. Nor is He worshiped with men’s hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their **preappointed times** and the boundaries of their dwellings,...”* What is interesting in this passage is the Greek word that is used verse 26 where it says, *“And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their **preappointed times** and the boundaries of their dwellings,...”* The Greek word is an aorist participle and it means, ‘Not later in time than the main verb. The choice of man’s home preceded his creation in the Divine plan.’ That tells us that God looked at the condition of the nations in year 2015 and He brought to birth a people who would pay the price to handle the anointing to possess their generation. That is why you and I are here. What does God require of us? He asks us to live as if we were going to get the anointing that would harvest our generation. We choose to pay the preparational price as if we are going to get the anointing that will harvest our generation. If we will simply do that, we sign onto the process and we get the promise of the process – we get the anointing for whatever it takes! Hollywood has brought significant darkness and God says He will give us the anointing to overcome the darkness that it has brought. Isis has brought significant darkness and God will give us the anointing to overcome that as well. An anointing to do that may require an anointing where the breath of our lips will slay the wicked. God has promised it. Let us finish the process! Let us walk worthy of the call wherewith you and I are called, and possess the anointing that will give us the harvest of our generation. That is worth it all.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

Scripture: Psalm 2:1-3

Psalm 2 is the blueprint for the great end-time harvest. Psalm 2 makes it very clear how this plays out. The first thing Psalm 2 identifies in verses 1-3 is a group of rulers, judges and politicians who set themselves against the Lord and against His representatives. Psalm 2:1-3 says, *“Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying, ‘Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us.’”* Anybody can identify that group. They legislate against biblical morality. They are here, they are active, they are arrogant and proud boasters and they are not difficult to find. In America it seems they congregate, but are not exclusive, to one political party. Children that are not wanted can be killed. Sexual sin that God abhors is not only protected, but promoted. The rulers and judges of Psalm 2 are easily identifiable – we know them by their fruit. They legislate immorality and rejoice in their successes. But now the question is, what judgment shall God's true representatives declare and decree on their head? Rejecting Christ makes them worthy of death!

MONDAY, JUNE 15

Scripture: Psalm 2:4-6

Psalm 2:4-6 tells us what God will do about rebellious leaders, *“He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The Lord shall hold them in derision. Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep displeasure: ‘Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion.’”* God is going to act against those who promote evil. God is not going to be silent – He is going to act! He will start out laughing, then transition to mocking. And finally, He speaks. But what He speaks is not blessing, it is judgment. Are we ready to utter the words that God is going to speak? Are we ready to pray

the prayers that God wants prayed? Are we ready to represent the King as He goes to war with evil in the last days? God is going judicial. Can we represent Him when that is needed? If we cannot we need to learn how to represent Him! If we choose to enable evil, then we die with Balaam!

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

Scripture: Psalm 2:7-9

Here, God says, 'Ask Me for a harvest!' When we see the kind of rebellion in leadership that verses 1-3 describes, we find ourselves asking God for a harvest out of all those creating animosity and adversity. First and foremost, God wants a harvest out of unbelievers. But you and I, through prayer, are the ones who have to break evil perpetrators with a Rod of Iron! We are the ones who must, through intercession, dash them into pieces like a potters vessel. In order to get the harvest, we have to demonstrate the judicial. Psalm 2 reveals God's plan that believers reap a harvest when they demonstrate Who the Judicial Christ is. Psalm 2 reveals where today's church is going and what it is going to look like. Are we willing to sign onto this process and go there? There is one thing about walking with God today – it will not be boring! It demands obedience and speaking things that most in the church do not want to hear.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

Scripture: Psalm 2:10-12

Finally we get to warn the judges and we get to warn the rulers. We suggest that they be wise, that they serve the Lord with fear, they rejoice with trembling. We suggest they kiss the Son. Because if they refuse to kiss the Living Christ, they will perish in the way! But if they want to be blessed, they must give their life to Him. This is a picture of how the last days unfold and how we walk it all the way to the end. We walk it with the Judicial Christ, and we will be given a harvest out of every people group. How can we say anything but, 'Yes, Lord, sign us up. Here we are! Now let us walk it out! Show us what to do and tell us what to say!'

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

Scripture: Ephesians 4:2-13

Ephesians 4 outlines the goal and the goal is, we want the fullness of Christ, that we be filled with all the fullness of Christ. That is the goal and God has assigned five-fold ministry to get us there. But not everyone called qualifies! We hope every church who commits to bring five-fold ministry to the people of God will prepare their believers for the last days. All five ministry gifts, cycling in and out of the pulpit, should get people ready to walk in the fullness of Christ. Only ministries who say yes to the Cross qualify! Where this standard is upheld, these are the kind of churches we want to attend. That is where we can grow to the place of being all that God called us to be. Prophets and true apostles prepare us for executing the written judgment. The Lord gives us what to pray, often from the Psalms, that brings judgment! The Holy Spirit initiates it in prayer and then demonstrates it! Jesus is Savior and Judge! Representing both sides of Christ is required!

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

Scripture: Ephesians 3:14-19

In Ephesians 3:14-19 we are told, *"For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."* Paul was bowing his knees and praying. He was praying that the saints be filled with the fullness of God. The fullness of God brings us both the salvation of Christ and the judgment of Christ. It brings us into both so we become agents of both. That is the promise that the Lord has for us. He promises that we will see the fullness of Who He is in order to bring in cities and nations. Let us sign up! God has it for us.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

Scripture: Acts 2:34-36

Acts 2:34-36 says, *“For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: ‘The Lord said to my Lord, ‘Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.’ Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.’”* We are told that we can know assuredly the Jesus who is both Lord, Judge of all the earth, and Christ, Savior of all the Earth. That is the Jesus we represent in the last days. He is Judge and Savior. And after we manifest the judicial, it motivates people to join the Savior because the fear of God often falls. Manifesting the Judge gives us a harvest. That is the job of the Holy Spirit to lead us to our full harvest. The fear of the Lord is great soil for a harvest. The fear of the Lord will break out in the days ahead! Let us be reminded that Godly fear is redemptive. A wave of the fear of the Lord is needed to propel a wave of harvest.

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

Scripture: Hebrews 10:11-14

Hebrews 10:11-14 says, *“And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.”* Here again we have another passage that essentially tells us the same thing. Jesus, after He offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God and He waits until His enemies are made His footstool. And that happens through the church! The Holy Spirit does that through God's people. And how does He demonstrate that Jesus is Lord? By the anointing and the words that we speak that cause the enemy to bow His knee. Is it possible to speak those words? It is! We can speak when we are anointed to do so. The promise is that He will make the enemy bow his knee. If we expect to see the enemy bow his knee, we have to declare it and we have to decree covenant promises. We have to speak to the mountain and command it to be removed. We have to declare the Word of the Lord under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. We cannot declare judgment on our own. We have to do it under His anointing and direction. When we do it by the Spirit, that is when we see the results!

MONDAY, JUNE 22

Scripture: Psalm 65:11

Psalm 65:11 says, *“You crown the year with Your goodness, And Your paths drip with abundance.”* This is the word the Lord gave me for this season. We are entering a season that God is crowning with His goodness and as we walk by the Spirit, His path will lead us to abundance. I believe this is a season to recover what has been lost. It is a season for provision for the vision. This is a season that God is going to show off what He can do for His people. And as we say yes to that and pray for that then we can expect Psalm 65:11 to manifest in the Kingdom. Let us ask God for it, believe for it, memorize it, when we wake up in the morning declare it and call it into existence. Psalm 65:11 is the verse I believe we will see manifest in the days ahead. Let us not forget that this goodness is not for shallow, selfish purposes, but for Kingdom purposes!

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

Scripture: Mark 4:3-8, Psalm 65:11

Mark 4:3-8 states, *“Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. And it happened, as he sowed, that some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds of the air came and devoured it. Some fell on stony ground, where it did not have much earth; and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of earth. But when the sun was up it was scorched, and because it had no root it withered away. And some seed fell among thorns; and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no crop. But other seed fell on good ground and yielded a crop that sprang up, increased and produced: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred.”* This passage unfolds the truth of the sower sowing the Word. In the parable of the sower, the key issue is the soil. The assumption is, the seed is good. That assumption can always be made when the seed is highlighted by the Holy Spirit and it is a Bible verse. The seed of Scripture is always good and it

fits this parable. The sower who is sowing the Word here is the Lord. And it falls on four different kinds of soil. The fourth is good soil that guarantees a harvest. The other three need work before they can be turned into good soil. And we all know in the parable, the condition of the soil represents heart issues. Wayside ground is ground at the end of the field that does not get plowed. So, before the soil is good it has to be plowed so the seed can germinate. The second kind of ground is stony ground. Seed cannot germinate in very hard places, so sowers have to address the hardness of the soil before they sow their seed. The third type of ground is thorny ground, where other things come in to choke the seed. This is a key passage for us in order to lay hold of the promise in Psalm 65:11. If we are willing to deal with those heart issues and convert our soil so we are sure it is **all** good, we can plant this Scripture in our heart. And the way we do that is memorize it, repeat it, declare it, decree it. This is a verse that needs be spoken, declared and decreed, over and over again. This is a verse that germinates when sown – bringing first the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

Scripture: Mark 4:9-12

The interesting thing about the parable of the sower is that it is the foundation for all other parables. So what do we do with this verse? Number one, we are going to sow it. Then we need to understand something. God's Word was made to be sown in our hearts. Our hearts are the only place that will produce fruit from the Word of God. It is Spirit and it is Life and it is made to be sown in the heart of man. All Kingdom principles have their foundation in the parable of the sower sowing the Word. And when we sow that Word, it will bring forth and bud. That is the promise and we know that it is going to come forth. There is no way to stop this seed from coming forth. If we sow it, if we declare and decree it, we are going to see the fruit in His timing. The Word of God was made for that purpose. In God's timing, we will see fruit!

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

Scripture: Isaiah 55:8-11

Isaiah 55:8-11 says, *“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” says the Lord. ‘For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.”* The Word is alive. It is Living Seed and like rain that comes out of Heaven, it waters the soil of our hearts and it will produce fruit. That is the promise of Isaiah 55:8-11. We cannot stop the seed of God's Word from producing a harvest if we but sow it. But that is a major issue. We must sow it! Memorize it so we can speak it over and over again. We must sow it, know it and hold it deep within the very core of our hearts.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

Scripture: Proverbs 4:20-23

Proverbs 4:20-23 says, *“My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart; For they are life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh. Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the **issues** of life.”* The Hebrew word translated *“issues”* is **to-tsaw-aw** and appears 25 times in the Old Testament, the majority of them in the book of Joshua. **To-tsaw-aw** means ‘borders and boundaries.’ Joshua’s job was to take the promises of God and establish those promises for land as physical borders and boundaries in Israel for each tribe. Joshua did that. He was told how to do it. Meditate on this word day and night and be of good courage. Meditate on this word and we will draw the borders and boundaries for Israel of their promised land. Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it go the borders and boundaries of life. As you and I speak any God-given promise, including Psalm 65:11, then the Holy Spirit moves to establish those borders and boundaries. **To-tsaw-aw** actually means to establish a track and then continue doing it until the track becomes a trench. It literally means to entrench God's Word with borders and boundaries around your life. And if we do it often enough

that is exactly what happens. We entrench God's Word into our lives. And in this season, Psalm 65:11 is the verse I believe He wants entrenched in our lives. The Holy Spirit gave it and it is up to us to call it into existence.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

Scripture: 1 John 3:18-21

Because our hearts are likened unto soil by Jesus, and the Word is seed that is planted in the soil, the condition of our heart determines the kind of crop or return we get on the seed we plant. That is where 1 John 3:18-21 is so critical. It says, *“My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God.”* If our heart does not condemn us, then we have confidence toward God. If there is something in our heart that we need freedom from, then we have to weed the soil of our heart. We have to dig out the problem. If we are willing to dig out the seed of whatever the condemnation, guilt or trauma is, then we know with confidence that planting the Word will produce good fruit. God has a ‘weed-eater’ and that weed-eater is something you and I can use to get rid of every weed so that there is no guilt or condemnation and we know we will reap fruit from the word we plant, declare and decree.

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

Scripture: Acts 13:32-34

Acts 13:32-34 reveals God's weed-eater. This is what clears the heart so that whenever you and I plant the Word in our heart it will be planted in good soil. Acts 13:32-34 says, *“And we declare to you glad tidings—that promise which was made to the fathers. God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm: ‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.’ And that He raised Him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, He has spoken thus: ‘I will give you the sure mercies of David.’”* The Sure Mercies of David is God's weed-eater. And when you and I apply it to our heart, it promises to take every failure and make it a platform for our future success. The weed-eater is a redemption of failure. The weed-eater redeems all failure so there is no more condemnation. So we can walk with God, knowing that not only has He forgiven us, but know that we are free in every realm. Do we **know** we are free? Or do our hearts condemn us? If our hearts do not condemn us, we know that we have confidence toward God. So the real question is, how much confidence do we have from God?

MONDAY, JUNE 29

Scripture: 2 Samuel 7:12-16

2 Samuel 7 is where God gave David his covenant of Sure Mercy. Verses 12-15 state, *“When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men. But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever.”* Here, God spoke to David about his son Solomon and redeemed his future failure with Bathsheba – four chapters *before* David ever got there. God looked ahead, saw the failure, redeemed it before David ever got there and offered the Sure Mercies to David as a covenant guarantee. The covenant of Sure Mercy is God's weed-eater! It promises to restore any condemnation that is in our hearts. The promises bring the fullness of forgiveness and freedom. The question is, will we accept it? Will we say yes to it? That is what God is waiting for. David said yes when he needed it! David repented and asked for mercy. God granted it! He prayed and God gave him victory – God gave Jerusalem back to David. Does our heart condemn us? Mercy triumphs over judgment! Use the weed-eater and get the weeds out! Receiving mercy means forgiving ourselves!

TUESDAY, JUNE 30

Scripture: Psalm 143:12

In Psalm 143:12, we find King David in a place where he has to pray judgment over someone that he betrayed first. But because he used the weed-eater, he received God's mercy and found it in his heart to pray this prayer. And he got a complete and total victory. Psalm 143:12 says, "*In Your mercy cut off my enemies, And destroy all those who afflict my soul; For I am Your servant.*" David asked God to cut off the man who had been his best friend, Ahithophel, the chief counselor in all of Israel. Ahithophel was Bathsheba's grandfather. David's sin with Bathsheba betrayed Ahithophel. David repented and recovered through Sure Mercy! He took the weed-eater, the covenant of Sure Mercy, and God forgave him. Because God forgave him, he could now pray over the betrayal of Ahithophel. And God honored it. God gave him victory, God gave him his nation back, God gave him Jerusalem back, God destroyed Absalom, Ahithophel and everyone who was part of the rebellion. The covenant of Sure Mercy works. It was given to King David and promised to us. It worked well for King David and it works for us as well! The question is, are we willing to take that covenant and walk in it? David had to take the weed-eater of that covenant and weed the soil of his heart. He did it and it gave him the confidence to put the judicial word in his mouth and gain utter and total victory. That is what Jesus made possible for you and I. The question is, will we take it and run with it? It is time we did!

**It's tongues, tribes and nations
That Jesus desires.
Will we do the key work
That our calling requires?**

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