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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Scripture: Ephesians 1:3-4

Ephesians 1:3-4 says, *“Blessed be the God and Father of Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ. Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love...”* God’s impartation of blamelessness is essential to erase accusations, guilt and shame so we are able to move forward in faith toward God! 1 John 3:20-21 says, *“If our heart does not condemn us, we have faith toward God.”* Blamelessness is a spiritual healing agent for the very depths of our heart, like spiritual heart medication. We should all take a double dose! It is free and blood-bought as one of the nine resurrection gifts we are studying. In Ephesians 1 we have a very unique application because we have Jesus teaching that the blameless believer has the opportunity to live in perfect confidence before God. What we ask we receive because blamelessness grows confidence before the Lord! The first fruit of blamelessness is confidence before God. This is a supernatural confidence which when watered, weeded and fed matures into a powerful fearlessness in the face of evil. What an amazing benefit for Christian growth and what a necessary dynamic for the last day witness for Christ. As evil escalates, satan’s goal is to terrorize and to overwhelm through intimidation and fear all those standing for righteousness. Never before in this nation’s history have we had such open animosity against God, against America’s Christian roots and those who openly support either one! Christ, Christians and Judeo-Christian values were instrumental in birthing America, yet it is now status quo among elitists and the much of the population to oppose American values once held dear. How tragic this is! There are many educational leaders who openly distort, ignore and misrepresent our Christian history. May the Lord turn their hearts or arrest their ability to hurt His Kingdom! Let God arise and His enemies be scattered! Renewing America’s founding values can be done five minutes at a time at Prageru.com. Watch their 5 minute videos for a baptism in truth!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Scripture: Proverbs 18:20-21

Proverbs 18:20-21 says, *“A man’s stomach shall be satisfied from the fruit of his mouth; From the produce of his lips he shall be filled. Death and life are in the power of the tongue. And those who love it shall eat its fruit.”* *“Satisfied”* and *“filled”* are the same Hebrew word, **saw-bah**, meaning ‘To fill or fulfill’. If we are not satisfied or fulfilled, then we must change the fruit of our mouth – change what we are saying. Changing the words we speak includes our self-talk so that it agrees with God’s Word. And that is the fastest way to change our life! God created the heavens and the earth out of nothing by speaking them into existence! Man was made in God’s image and given creative authority by God. Perhaps the most important part of what we say comes from our self-talk. Do we agree with what scripture says about us or do we consistently underestimate the vessel we inhabit? The creative power of our thoughts and words is very significant before God. Why denigrate God’s creation with ‘I’m an idiot’ or ‘What I did was foolish – I’m so unworthy!’ Excessive and repeated self-criticism destroys the very vessel we are commanded to build up. *“Death and life are in the power of the tongue,”* therefore speak life! The Word says that nothing is impossible to those who believe and that we have a double anointing, available when we choose to agree with the Word. Therefore, we must be careful with what we say because the outcome dramatically impacts our personal well-being! The real question we have to answer is, how

much creative power did God give us? Does it work in both the positive and negative? What is the fastest way to change the trajectory of life? Is it to change what we say? Yes!!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Scripture: Genesis 11:1-6

In Genesis 11:1-6 we are told, *“Now the whole earth had one language and one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there. Then they said to one another, ‘Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly.’ They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. And they said, ‘Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.’ But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. And the Lord said, ‘Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they began to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them.’”* Because we are made in the image and likeness of God, what we can conceive, we can also create. If we start to view words as building blocks, then we can begin to construct our world more in line with God’s Word and more in line with the original creation! Death and life are in the power of the tongue. How would relationships change if we started treating everyone as blameless, even though we know they are not? If we treat others the way Christ treats us, then it should make for a much happier place to live!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Scripture: Ephesians 5:25-27

Ephesians 5:25-27 says, *“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.”* Men have the assignment of sowing blamelessness into people even when there is fault, blame, shame or failure just like Christ does for us. Sowing the seed of blamelessness requires thoughtful choices through our words since death and life are in the power of the tongue! The real surprise in this process is the harvest that comes through the women according to verses 32 and 33. These verses state, *“This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Nevertheless, let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she **respects** her husband.”* The Greek Word for ‘respects’ is **fob-eh-o**. By sowing blamelessness, we reap the ‘fear of the Lord’. The wife is charged with birthing the fear of the Lord into the relationship. **Fob-eh-o** means to put to flight by terrifying, to seize with alarm, to be struck with amazement, to be startled by strange sights. Who would have ever thought sowing blamelessness would harvest the fear of God! May the fullness of the fear of the Lord come to the church!

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:9-11

The key to the end-time harvest is ‘the fear of the Lord’ first in us and then upon us as an end-time anointing. This anointing has to be birthed by the church and the price is walking in faithfulness and obedience to the Lord with a willingness to grow up in Him in all things. To get comfortable with the fear of the Lord, in particular and fear itself in general we have to study the different manifestations of fear in the New Testament and how Jesus used them to unfold His perfect will! Fear has many uses when birthing God’s end-time plan. Jesus made it very clear to His twelve disciples not to fear those who kill the body, but rather fear Him who after He has killed the body can still destroy both body and soul in hell. This second death would be for eternity by assigning a person to hell forever. For this reason, we must look at all the dimensions of fear and its various aspects in accomplishing God’s purposes. We learned yesterday, it is through the fear of the Lord, we persuade men. Studying fear as it is used in the Bible is very helpful in preparing to use it to awaken others to salvation!

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Scripture: Psalms 36:1-4, Psalm 59:12

For believers the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom. For the wicked, the absence of the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wickedness. No fear of God allows wickedness to grow and rule the affairs of men! Liars and deceivers wield influence and control as they publish or publicly speak their poison. Their lies are particularly damaging when their arrows of deceit come against God-fearing national leaders especially when initiated by people in influential positions. Those lies can be like a tsunami coming at a coastline creating ripples of destruction. Do we not see this in our culture today? King David experienced this under Saul. In Psalms 36:1-4, David declared, *“An oracle within my heart concerning the transgression of the wicked: There is no fear of God before his eyes. For he flatters himself in his own eyes, When he finds out his iniquity and when he hates. The words of his mouth are wickedness and deceit; He has ceased to be wise and to do good. He devises wickedness on his bed; He sets himself in a way that is not good; He does not abhor evil.”* Perhaps it is time for our prayers to cry out Psalm 59:12! *“For the sin of their mouth and the words of their lips, Let them even be taken in their pride, And for the cursing and lying which they speak.”* Other versions use the words ‘caught’, ‘captured’ and ‘trapped’ in their pride. ‘O Lord, God of all truth, may every deceitful one be caught, captured and trapped in their lies and deception. Let the confusion and chaos their lies have created fall back upon them. For those who fully harden their hearts, let Your Judicial Hand fall, in Jesus’ name!’ These are the kinds of prayers we are qualified to pray as we walk blameless and fearless. The Sonship Gifts are essential to having confidence in the Throne-Room and boldness before men!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Scripture: Luke 23:29-43

When Jesus was hanging on the cross one of the thieves asked Him for salvation, while the other one was mocking, *“If you are the Christ, save us.”* The first criminal rebuked the one who mocked by saying, *“Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong.’* Then he said to Jesus, *‘Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.’* And Jesus said to him, *‘Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.’* Isn’t it interesting that the fear of God is on one thief and it motivates him to ask for salvation and the Lord gives it to him. What an amazing event and what an awesome power that goes with the fear of the Lord. Salvation is one of the main reasons why it has to be restored in this season. Sometimes only a glimpse of God's awesome power can birth a fear that will turn the hearts of the wicked to the Lord!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Scripture: John 6:19-21, Proverbs 9:10

Proverbs 9:10 says, *“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.”* Receiving salvation is much easier if our minds have been saturated with the fear of the Lord! In this account of Jesus walking on the water we are told, *“So when they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near the boat; and they were afraid. But He said to them, ‘It is I; do not be afraid.’ Then they willingly received Him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land where they were going.”* When the disciples overcame their fear and received Jesus into their midst, they were immediately translated over to the other side in their journey. What a statement that is! It makes us ponder the ability of God to get us to our goal when we overcome our fear and welcome Him aboard. Jesus walked fearless and exhorts us by faith to enter the realm that characterized His earthly walk! Why did Jesus marvel that His disciples had no faith? What will we look like when we walk in faith? Will the winds and sea obey us? Will death obey us? As we submit to God’s leadership, will death leave when we command it to go and come when we command it to come? This looks like God’s witness protection program!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Scripture: John 9:19-28

In this passage we have the healing of the blind man followed by his interaction with the Pharisees. It starts in verse 19 saying, *“And they asked them, saying, ‘Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?’ His parents answered them and said, ‘We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself.’ His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, ‘He is of age; ask him.’ So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, ‘Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner.’ He answered and said, ‘Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see.’ Then they said to him again, ‘What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?’ He answered them, ‘I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?’ Then they reviled him and said, ‘You are His disciple, but we are Moses’ disciples.”* The Pharisees were enraged at that statement. This passage ends with this young man first being healed and then thrown out of the synagogue. This is a good example of how religion can operate if leaders stray from the Word and fear of man supersedes fear of God. The parents demonstrated their fear of man but the son empowered by his healing boldly declared the truth. Are we willing to be thrown out of a comfortable place? Are we willing to be ostracized? Are we willing to speak the truth with boldness regardless the consequences? One way we can grow to that place is to sow the Sonship Gifts into our hearts, walk in blamelessness and have the confidence to be courageous in Christ!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Scripture: John 12:12-18

In John 12 we have John’s account of the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. We are told, *“The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: ‘Hosanna! “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!” The King of Israel!’ Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written: ‘Fear not, daughter of Zion; Behold, your King is coming, Sitting on a donkey’s colt.’ His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him. Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness. For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign.”* John’s gospel shares with us that there was an element of the fear of God that came with the resurrection of Lazarus. To many, his resurrection released a recognition that Jesus was the King, and with their hearts and mouths many participated in the triumphal entry. They cut branches and put them down in the street and went so far as to throw their cloaks down. This group really responded to the Lord, while the ones who rejected Him were the leaders. Likely through the fear the Lord the people recognized the Messiah, but the leaders did not. The motive of the leaders was born out of jealousy and selfish-ambition. The fear of the Lord is often a response to seeing God’s Hand move in major ways. Like the leaders in Jesus’ day, not everyone responds that way. As we approach the latter days, we need the boldness to move God’s Hand so we can turn hearts for a harvest!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Scripture: John 19:6-12

In this passage we have the last mention of fear in the Gospels and it is the account of Jesus being accused by the chief priests before Pilate. This passage says, *“Therefore, when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, ‘Crucify Him, crucify Him!’ Pilate said to them, ‘You take Him and crucify Him, for I find no fault in Him.’ The Jews answered him, ‘We have a law, and according to our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God.’ Therefore, when Pilate heard that saying, he was the more afraid, and went again into the Praetorium, and said to Jesus, ‘Where are You from?’ But Jesus gave him no answer.”* Pilate was intent on letting Jesus go. Jesus brought the fear of God to rulers like Pilate. If Jesus brought the fear of God to rulers and He lives on the inside of us, then we can bring the fear of God to the rulers of our generation of both the church and the nation in the last days. But to do that we need the

boldness that is birthed from walking mature and secure in the blamelessness Christ has given us. That is one function of the Sonship gifts that we need to grow in because our harvest is waiting on a restoration of the fear of the Lord!

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Scripture: Psalm 111:10

Psalm 111:10 says, *“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do His commandments. His praise endures forever.”* The fear of the Lord is great spiritual soil. It is like adding Miracle Grow to a garden. With holy fear, understanding starts to increase until spiritual clarity comes and we begin to better see things the way God does. Clarity of vision helps us war effectively so that we are not praying fruitlessly and battling in vain but rather effectively striking the enemy at the very place that produces the greatest results. When we target an enemy and release spiritual ordinance, it helps to hit the target and gain the greatest possible freedom for the power released! Understanding is always a great asset and a necessary asset for fighting a victorious war. Wise targeting under the direction of the Holy Spirit produces victory!

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Scripture: Proverbs 14:26-27

Proverbs 14:26-27 says, *“In the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence, And His children will have a place of refuge. The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, To turn one away from the snares of death.”* The Living Bible puts verse 26 this way; *“Reverence for God gives a man deep strength; his children have a place of refuge and security.”* The fruit of this soil grows from blamelessness. Confidence, safety, refuge and a never-ending fountain of life lead to the spiritual harvest. The Sonship gifts are foundational and when they are actively cultivated, divine relationship will likely grow. We may not yet think in those terms but the more we cultivate our hearts, the more a stable, secure relationship with the Creator emerges as the result! Jesus died so the Father could establish this relationship with us. Together let's embrace the development process and grow in the image of the stature of the fullness of Christ!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:1-8

As our relationship with the Lord matures, we more and more resemble our Father in how we respond to people by treating them blameless, even as Christ treats us. The question becomes, how do we love beyond defect? The answer to that is in 1 Corinthians 13. Verses 4-7 state, *“Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.”* And because of that, love never fails. Love causes growth. Love is the soil out of which growth comes. We discover in this process that the love of God is actually the soil that brings forth both the fear of the Lord and the judgment of God and it is always in behalf of God's people and purposes. It is not against us, it is for us. What a wonderful love to contemplate!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Scripture: Ephesians 5:25-33

When we put this all together in Ephesians 5:25-33 what we discover is that the love of God is the soil for the development of true Biblical honor. This honor includes deep reverence and respect. This deep-seated honor and respect also has a powerful component of the fear of the Lord. If we are developing a culture of honor in the church, that culture of honor can only come as we sow, cultivate and nurture these Sonship Gifts into our personal lives and practice them in our believing communities. As we fully build and establish them, we realize what our assignment is. Our assignment is first for God, then for each other. The fear of the Lord is a Holy Spirit-activation that we choose to seek. As we honor God, He honors us with His Holy fear first in us and then through us, which at times has wonder-working results!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Scripture: Colossians 1:19-23, Mark 11:23-24

In Colossians 1:19-23 we are told, *“For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross. And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight—if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.”* What Paul gives us here is the five-step process of growing into the fullness of accepting being made blameless. **Step 1** is, we address and repent of our wicked works through the Blood of Christ, believing and declaring they are eradicated as if they never existed! Mark 11:23-24 says, *“For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.”* Let us consistently apply this truth to current missteps. Let’s thoroughly and vigorously apply this truth to old actions and events that carry painful memories and evoke guilt! Command the mountain to be removed!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Scripture: Hebrews 9:11-14

In **Step 1**, we turn to Christ and accept His Blood Sacrifice for our sin and speak to the mountain of guilt and shame. In **Step 2**, we cleanse our conscience with the Word by choosing to accept God's declaration that we are now a new creation. Hebrews 9:11-14 says, *“But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”* Here in Hebrews 9, we get a whole new application of **am-o-mas**, without spot, wrinkle or blemish. The purpose of it goes to our very conscience because Paul says that Christ came as a High Priest of the good things to come. This passage tells us that the Blood of Christ cleanses us and gives us the total freedom from dead works to serve the Living God. We develop a conscience that is free from the past. There is a severing of the past, there is a severing of even the memory of sin that leads to perishing. That is the goal! Out of a clear conscience comes a pure faith. It is important to have our conscience purged in order to have a pure faith. This is absolutely essential and it is something we grow into. Let’s embrace it and walk it out!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Scripture: Hebrews 9:15-28

In **Step 3**, we celebrate being a new person by the power of Blood Covenant through communion! In Hebrews 9:15-28 Jesus is the Mediator of a New Covenant. There is a testament. There is the death of the testator. Verses 18-28 state, *“Therefore not even the first covenant was dedicated without blood. For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water, scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, saying, ‘This is the blood of the covenant which God has commanded you.’ Then likewise he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry. And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission. Therefore it was necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another—He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.”* We know being blameless is

essential. This grows into the total, final redemption where death is swallowed up in victory. The God-quality of life swallows up death! Every time we take communion, we celebrate the cleansing of the blood and being blameless!

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:17-19, Mark 4:1-9

In **Step 4** we choose to sow blamelessness into others in order to reap this harvest ourselves! In 1 Peter 1:17-19 we find **am-o-mos** again. We are told, *“And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one’s work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear; knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”* Verse 19 makes it clear that because of the precious Blood of Christ as the Lamb without blemish and without spot, we are set free from all the flaws, failures and spots of the past and we have been given blamelessness before the King and before one another. As we develop this blameless, clear conscience we have nothing against us accusing us in our conscience which means we are attaining mature faith. We grow into mature faith because of the Sonship Gifts of Christ enabling us to sow and reap blamelessness!

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Scripture: 1 Peter 3:1-12, 2 Corinthians 10:3-6

In **Step 5** we protect our blamelessness by choosing to cast down imaginations and actively, intentionally rejecting every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge, wisdom and Word of God. When it comes to blamelessness, because we have an accuser of the brethren, we have to take action and stand against every thought and reminder of what God has already forgotten! Doers of the Word act on the Word. 1 Peter 3:1-10 shows us the importance of the issue of honor. It clearly says in this passage, *“...not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling. But on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing. For, ‘He who would love life And see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips from speaking deceit. Let him turn away from evil and do good; Let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their prayer; But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”* So the issue of having a clear conscience, covering each other and showing distinctive honor is a call that allows us to develop the fear of God and allows us to enter a mature path toward God’s purpose in our midst and brings us into the fullness that God has ordained for us. Surely we can sow the seed that grow these promises!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Scripture: Jude 21-25

Jude 21-25 says, *“...keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. And on some have compassion, making a distinction; but others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh. Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever, Amen.”* The doxology of Jude has become a weekly declaration in a number of churches and for good reason. God committed people into the Lord’s care and declared that He was able and anointed to present each faultless before the Presence of the Father. That is faith in the power of the Blood and we should expect it to produce something. The power therein should carry us all the way through to completion in our faith, to grow us up into the measure of the gifting and call that God has on our life. What a statement! The Lord is able and we need to be praying a full revelation of our blamelessness and its corresponding supernatural confidence over one another.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Scripture: Psalm 100

Psalm 100 says, *“Make a joyful shout to the Lord all you lands! Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before His presence with singing. Know that the Lord, He is God’ It is He who had made us, and not we ourselves: We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him,*

and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations.” Lord, thank you for intervening in America’s elections and strengthening the hand of the righteous. Bless this president and cripple and muzzle his enemies. Let Your arrows find enemies of righteousness. Move Your victorious Right Hand and send your mighty angels in Jesus’ name! Thank You for visiting and strengthening the hands of the righteous and promoting Your people to great victory in Jesus name!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Scripture: Romans 12:1

Romans 12:1 says, *“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.”* The Sonship Gifts of Ephesians are our spiritual inheritance in Christ but each one must be assimilated and become part of us. The process explained right here in Romans 12:1 where we learn to renew our minds to think like God is instructive. By doing this we are walking toward the fullness of our divine inheritance. There is a process of change and growth that takes time to become like Christ but that is the goal. The phrase *“your reasonable service”* in the New King James is put a number of different ways in other translations. *“This is the way to truly worship him.” “This is your true and proper worship”,* also *“Your spiritual service of worship.”* This is the growth that takes place when we give God’s Word the key and valued place in our lives. As we yield to the Word, Christ is formed in us!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Scripture: Romans 12:2

Romans 12:2 says, *“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”* The Greek word for *“transformed”* means ‘Metamorphosis; the process by which worms become butterflies.’ Memorizing God’s Word releases the power of the promise of that Word to transform us into the promise. Paul experienced this process right after he was saved and began to study to show himself approved. Paul grew into the fullness of Christ by obeying the Holy Spirit one day at a time, which is the same process we are to walk out! Memorizing and meditating on the Word starts the process. The more we speak it, think on it and rehearse it, the more it becomes alive within us. As God’s Word becomes alive within, Christ is formed in us giving us a dynamic and vibrant Christian walk. Word saturation brings Word transformation!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Scripture: Romans 12:3

Romans 12:3 says, *“For I say, through grace given to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly as God has dealt to each man a measure of faith.”* Verse three clearly sets the parameters of humility and declares that we must grow up into God’s Word one day at a time. Our heart is spiritual soil and God’s Word is spiritual seed that when sown and germinated grows the promise. Each Sonship Gift is a seed when sown in our heart can reproduce its own fruit! Blamelessness produces freedom from guilt and shame! No seed produces a harvest within just days of being sown. The growth pattern is first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. Growth takes weeks and months. We plant it, water it, weed it and give it time to grow. We expose it to plenty of sunshine and eventually it produces a harvest. Seeds take time to produce a harvest and so it is with God’s Word. Let’s be purposeful and diligent and give each Sonship Gift enough time for full fruit to grow to harvest. It takes careful development to produce a God-pleasing harvest. Farming takes patience and nurturance whether growing crops or Christian character and mature confidence. Let’s be committed to give this process all the time it needs. The dividends will be a clear pathway to our destiny.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Scripture: Isaiah 55:10-11

Isaiah 55:10-11 says, *“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." In this passage God has explained to us how His Word is seed that was sent to produce a crop. The Kingdom of God is within us and our heart is spiritual soil designed to germinate and produce God's promises! When we memorize, meditate on and declare God's promises we have sown the seed to become the harvest of that promise! The process is clear and all we have to do is embrace and nurture the process!

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Scripture: Mark 4:1-9

Every human heart has four kinds of soil: wayside, thorny, rocky and good soil. Wayside soil is the ground that was never plowed, disked or prepared for planting. Our heart can't grow seed when it has not been properly planted. The seed sits on top of the ground and therefore because it isn't planted cannot germinate. How many of us struggle with the concept of blamelessness? Do we have to battle thoughts from the enemy declaring we deserve a measure of blame or shame? Truth too painful to hear or too difficult to believe demands more soil preparation. Stony ground represents destructive fleshly thoughts, patterns and harmful actions. These become hindrances that stop root development which results in crop failure. Thorny ground represents long-term family strongholds and generational sins, besetting sins that have to be dug out before certain promises will produce. The good news is that every one of us have good soil that will produce and it is up to us to convert the three deficient soil types into good soil as the Holy Spirit reveals which impediments we're facing! We must pray to see rocks, thorns and wayside soil, each for what they truly are. It is essential to take any and all corrective action to grow up into Christ Jesus in all things. A harvest in blamelessness, fearlessness, and confidence is worth it!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Scripture: Mark 4:10-20

God's Kingdom works on farming principles. God's Word reveals rocks, thorns and unplowed ground. Repentance and turning from sin is a process of ploughing out the rocks and thorns to reclaim impaired soil as good ground! If we delay in accepting the blamelessness Christ offers, we risk falling into sin. After all, believing that our mistakes are too big for Christ's blood has elements of pride and unbelief. But when we repent of sins, and change our mind, it is like disking the soil in preparation for planting. When we repent and change habits we are digging out the thorns and reclaiming good soil for a potential harvest. When we plant God's promises, we are initiating a Kingdom process that with time and nurturance grows a harvest. The Sonship Gifts are good seed which will produce an eternal harvest – Christ's likeness. We will never go wrong sowing the eternal seed of God's Sonship Gifts. The exciting and redemptive news is that good seed produces a good harvest and according to Mark 4, it is always multiplied 30, 60 or 100-fold in return! The reward for reclaiming deficient soil yields life-giving abundant return. We get a return making repentance and commitment to growth worthwhile! The goal is that all our soil will produce! Our purposeful development in the Word will not only seal our hearts with blamelessness but with great fruitfulness! And perhaps the greatest joy of all will be that of pleasing our Heavenly Father!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Scripture: Mark 4:21-29, 1 John 3:21-22, 1 John 5:14-15

Mark 4:26-29 says, *"And the kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground, and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how. For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head. But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."* God's Kingdom is like planting our own spiritual garden. Our heart is the garden! We choose what to plant. We can choose to plant God's Word – each Sonship Gift is good seed. We sow the incredible truth of blamelessness until the harvest of confidence, assurance and fearlessness comes. 1 John 3:21-22, *"Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight."* 1 John 5:14-15 *"Now this is the confidence we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him."* As mature believers, we should be

able to pray a promise confidently and boldly with faith from the assurance of our blamelessness. And then we expectantly look for the answer. Each Sonship Gift has to be planted like a seed. It has to be watered, cultivated and nourished until the reality sprouts and grows in us!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Scripture: Mark 4:30-32

Mark 4:30-32 says, *“Then He said, ‘To what shall we liken the Kingdom of God? Or with what comparison shall we compare it? It is like a mustard seed which, when it is sown on the ground, is smaller than all the seeds on earth; but when it is sowed, it grows up and becomes greater than all herbs, and shoots out branches, so that the birds of the air may rest under its shade.’”* This is the secret of the Kingdom. If we give ourselves to God’s will, and faithfully nurture and farm our hearts, He has a great reward both for us and in the lives of everyone we touch. There is a potential yield for those we encourage along the way! Only eternity reveals the fruit of our lives and we won’t know the magnitude until the ultimate harvest at the end of the age. All we have done as believers will be revealed on judgment day in the awards banquet! God alone knows what our faithful obedience will produce! God alone knows how many will rest under the shade that our actions, effort and prayers have created!

*God’s decree of blamelessness
Applies to all His Own!
Let’s plant the pure and Word-based seed
Of all the truth God’s shown.*

*There’s such mighty potential here,
To shape our destiny!
Let’s cling to all the Sonship Gifts
Most unrelentingly!*

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