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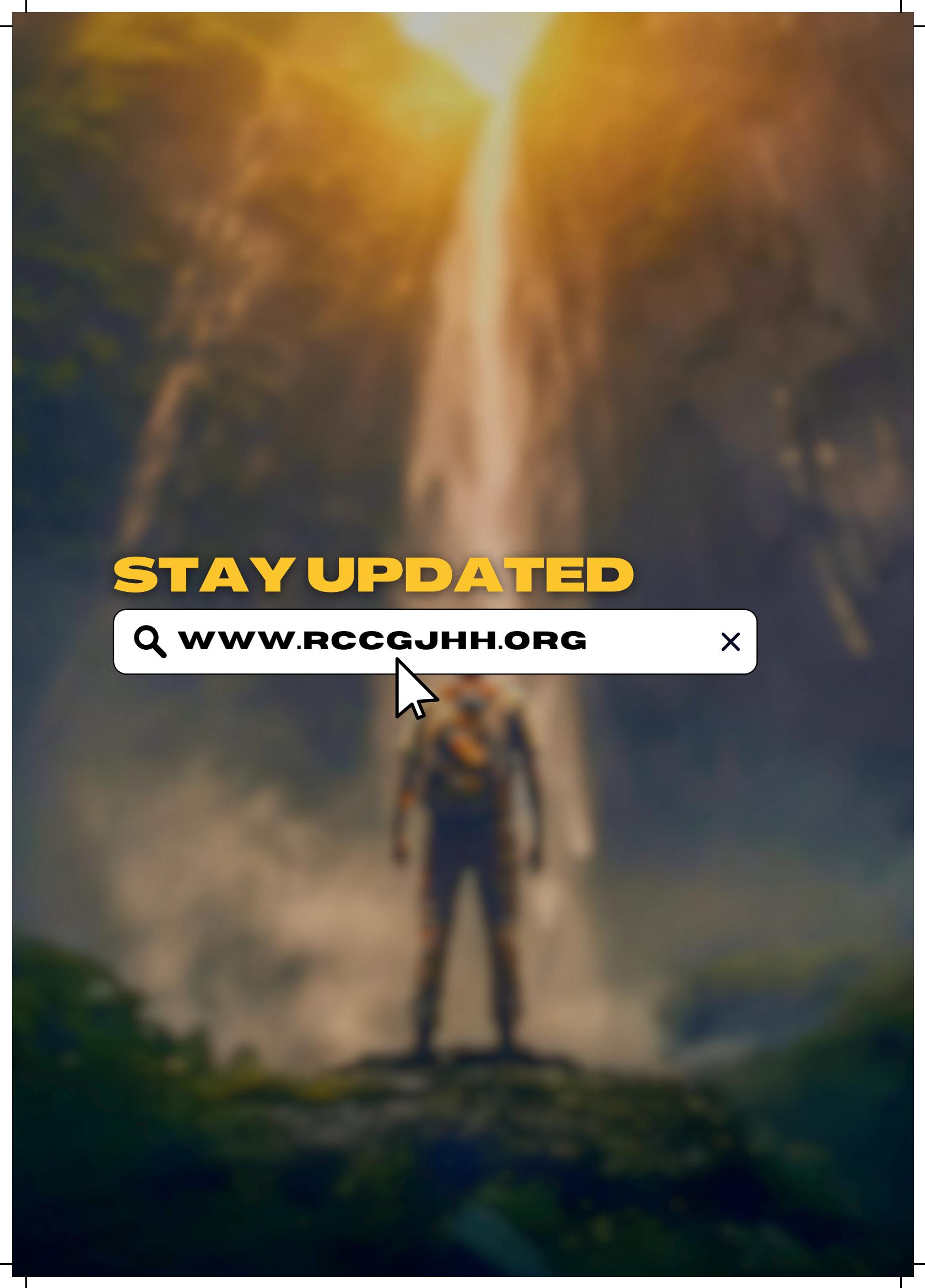
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# PASTORAL DESK

Glory be to God!

It is my great pleasure to congratulate the entire membership of RCCG Jesus House Huntsville on the occasion of our 17th Anniversary.

With great joy, I would like to appreciate all our ministers, workers, and members who have labored faithfully in the propagation of the Gospel over the years. May the Lord reward your labor of love abundantly, in Jesus' name. Amen.

The theme for this year's Anniversary, "DESTINED FOR GREATNESS" (Psalm 71:21), is indeed a reflection of our journey as a church. Truly, we have seen the hand of God in our lives over the years. We believe and we know that we are serving a great God, and He has continually manifested His greatness in every area of our endeavors. He has increased our greatness and comforted us on all sides. Hallelujah!

God has done so much for us this year, as we have witnessed spectacular breakthroughs in various areas – salvation, healings, immigration testimonies, academic and board examination success, and many more.

I also use this medium to warmly welcome God's Generals – Pastor Dr. Joe Takon, Pastor Olumide Oluwole, and Minister Peter K-Sax – to Rocket City, the City of Huntsville, Alabama. We are honored and blessed to have you with us.

Finally, my heartfelt appreciation goes to everyone who contributed to the preparation of this Anniversary Magazine. The joy of the Lord is your strength. May God continue to increase your greatness and comfort you on every side. Amen.

Happy 17th Anniversary, RCCG Jesus House Huntsville, Alabama!

Pastor  
Peter  
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# EDITORS'S DESK



In the beginning, the great God created man in His own image and likeness. He blessed Adam and Eve, commanding them to be fruitful, multiply, and have dominion over the earth. This is the origin of God's plan for greatness—divinely ordained, intentional, and purposeful. From the very beginning, humanity was designed to reflect God's glory, influence the world, and walk in authority.

Seventeen years later, as we celebrate our 17th Anniversary, we stand in awe of God's faithfulness and guidance. This magazine—Destined for Greatness is more than a collection of articles, stories, and reflections; it is a prophetic declaration, a celebration of God's unwavering grace, and a reminder of the extraordinary journey He has called us into. Greatness is not something we chase; it is something God has already placed within us. From the moment He formed us, He stamped purpose, strength, creativity, and destiny into our DNA. This year, as a church and as individuals, we boldly step into the fullness of that God-given destiny.

In these pages, you will find truth, encouragement, testimonies, teachings, and insights that speak to your identity in Christ. You will read about God's faithfulness over the past 17 years and His clear direction for the future. You will encounter reminders that greatness is not loud or boastful—it is a life surrendered, a heart aligned, and a destiny anchored in God's will.

As we celebrate this milestone, I want to express heartfelt gratitude:

To our Senior Pastors – Thank you for your vision, leadership, and tireless labour in God's vineyard.

To our Ministers and Leaders – Your dedication keeps this ministry strong.

To our Contributors, Writers, and Editorial Team – Thank you for your creativity, hard work, and excellence.

To our Designers and Creative Team – Your skill has beautifully brought this edition to life.

To our Church Family and Partners – Your love, support, and faithfulness make this journey meaningful.

A special thank you to my daughter, whose love, encouragement, and support continually strengthen me. Your presence makes even the busiest seasons lighter, and I am deeply grateful.

To every reader—thank you for joining us on this journey. May these pages inspire you to recognize that greatness is not just a theme, but a God-given identity. You were made for more. You were designed to shine. You were destined to influence people, environments, generations, and nations for the glory of God.

On behalf of everyone who worked on this edition, it is my honour to present to you the 17th Anniversary Magazine. May it uplift your spirit, ignite your purpose, and remind you that greatness is not just a goal, it is your birthright in Christ. Welcome to our 17th year. Welcome to greater glory. Welcome to a life Destined for Greatness.

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# WHO ARE WE?

WE ARE RCCG JESUS HOUSE  
HUNTSVILLE FOR ALL NATIONS A  
CHURCH FOR ALL RACES, TRIBES,  
AND NATIONALITIES.

## MISSION

OUR MISSION IS TO  
EQUIP THE SAINTS FOR HEAVEN,  
GIVING HOPE TO THE HOPELESS,  
AND WHERE DREAMS COME TRUE.

## WEEKLY SERVICES



### SUNDAY SERVICE

*Sunday* - Worship Service (10:00 am)



### DIGGING DEEP

*Wednesday* - Bible Study (6:00 pm - 7:00pm)



### MOUNT ZION HOUR

*Friday* - Morning Prayers (5:00am - 6:00am)



### NIGHT VIGIL

*First and Last Friday of the Month* 9:00pm

# MEET OUR LEADERSHIP



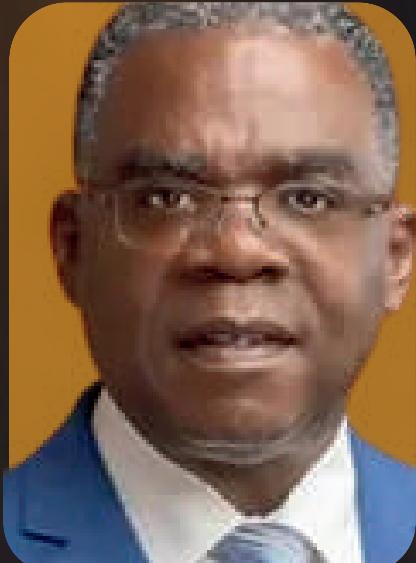
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**The elders who direct the  
affairs of the church well  
are worthy of double  
honor, especially those  
whose work is preaching  
and teaching.**



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HUNTSVILLE

# MEET OUR TEAMS

## CHURCH ADMINISTRATION



## HEADS OF DEPARTMENT



*Heads of various departments for the year 2024/2025*

## CHOIR DEPARTMENT



*Our choir is a dedicated team of worshipers, combining voices and hearts to lead the congregation in praise. Through song and harmony, they create an atmosphere that draws us closer to God, inspiring and uplifting every soul in worship.*

## MEN OF VISION



*We are dedicated men, brothers on a mission to deepen our faith, support one another, and make a positive impact. We come together for meaningful discussions, service projects, and fellowship, strengthening our faith and forging lifelong bonds. Join us on this journey of spiritual growth and camaraderie as we strive to be the men God calls us to be.*

## VIRTIOUS WOMEN



*The Virtuous Women is a thriving community of strong and dedicated women. We gather to strengthen our faith, share life's experiences, and serve our community with love. From meaningful discussions to fabulous events, we're all about nurturing our faith while having a blast.*

## RADIANT YOUNG ADULTS (YAYA)



*We are focused on navigating life with faith as our guide. In our journey, we will demonstrate how faith is cool and real, with vibrant events, inspiring discussions, and unforgettable memories. The ultimate goal is a transformed life.*

## GOD'S HERITAGE



*God's heritage is a joyful playground for kids to grow in love, laughter, and faith. With interactive stories, games, and activities, we make learning about God an adventure they'll cherish.*

## ROOTED TEENS



*This is where faith meets fun. Our spot is the ultimate hangout for all the cool and curious teens out there. We're all about faith, friendship, and a whole lot of fun – from epic game nights to inspiring discussions.*

## THE ELDERS



*Where faith meets fellowship and wisdom. This is a gathering spot for our cherished elders, a place to connect, share stories, and celebrate faith together.*

## WELFARE DEPARTMENT



*Sharing Love, One Visit at a Time! Our Welfare Department is on a mission to turn missed Sundays into brighter weekdays and new beginnings into warm welcomes. We're the friendly faces that reach out with love and support to those who need it most.*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL TEAM



*This is where learning knows no bounds. From kids to adults, we come together to explore, discuss, and grow in our faith journey. Our teachers create a welcoming environment where every age group can share in the wisdom of God's Word.*

## EVANGELISM TEAM



*A dedicated community working to spread the gospel of Christ to all corners of our community and beyond. Through outreach, events, and sharing the love of Jesus, we aim to bring people closer to God and strengthen their faith.*

## PRAYER DEPARTMENT



*We stand as intercessors lifting our intentions and requests to the heavens. We gather frequently to lift our voices, share our burdens, and seek God's guidance through the power of prayer.*

## MEDIA TEAM



*From lights and sound to visuals, photography, and social media, we are the creative force behind every service. Capturing moments, amplifying messages, and creating immersive experiences, our media team helps craft a unique worship experience that resonates with every heart.*

## KITCHEN TEAM



*Beyond eating Rhema, we ensure there's food for our events. By blending flavors and fellowship, we are serving up delicious dishes and warm smiles. Thanks to this team, every gathering is a feast for the soul and stomach.*

## ACCOUNTING TEAM



*Committed to financial stewardship, our church accounting team diligently manages all funds, supporting the financial health and success of our church*

## TRIBE OF PRAISE



*1, 2, 3, Sing!!! We are a dynamic group of young voices united in praise and worship. We come together to create beautiful melodies that resonate with our faith and bring joy to our church family.*

## DRAMA TEAM



*Bringing stories of faith to life, our church drama team uses the power of performance to inspire, teach, and move hearts*

## USHERING TEAM



*We are the friendly faces at the door, ensuring every member and visitor feels welcome and comfortable. We're here to assist, provide guidance, and create a peaceful atmosphere for worship.*

## JHH DANCE TEAMS



*We are the rhythm of our worship, where faith and movement come together in harmony. We express our love for God through the art of dance, sharing joy, hope, and praise with the congregation.*

## WELCOME TEAM



*We keep in touch with every member of the church. We do follow-up and routine checkup calls for both new and old members, as well as visit the sick and new mothers.*

## SANITATION TEAM



*Making cleanliness a joyful ministry! Our Sanitation Department is the unsung hero behind the scenes, keeping our sacred space sparkling and safe. We may not dance, but we sure do sparkle and shine.*

## DECORATION TEAM



*We are passionate about adding beauty to our church. We're the dream team behind the church's visual magic, ensuring every event and service is a feast for the eyes. We make every event, season, and service look fantastic.*



## Salvation Prayer

You cannot step into true greatness by your own strength. Human effort can take you far, but only God can take you into the destiny He designed for you. It's time to meet the One who has the power to make you truly great—Jesus Christ.

Prayer:

Dear Father,

Today I come before You recognizing that I cannot achieve greatness on my own. I need Your grace, Your strength, and Your direction. I acknowledge that I am a sinner in need of Your mercy. I believe that Jesus Christ is Your Son, that He died for my sins, and that He rose again to give me new life and a new destiny.

Lord Jesus, I invite You into my heart today. Be my Lord, be my Savior, and be the One who leads me into the greatness You have prepared for me. Forgive all my sins, cleanse me from all unrighteousness, and make me Yours forever.

Help me to walk in Your will, grow in faith, and become everything You created me to be. Thank You for loving me, saving me, and giving me a future filled with purpose.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

### NOW THAT YOU'RE SAVED — WHAT'S NEXT?

Your journey to greatness has just begun. Here are the simple steps to help you grow in your new life with Christ:

- **Pray Daily:** Talk to God every day. He wants to guide and strengthen you.
- **Read Your Bible:** Start with the book of John. God's Word will shape your walk and build your faith.
- **Join a Bible-Believing Church:** You need a community that will support, teach, and encourage you.
- **Get Baptized:** It's your public declaration of new life in Christ.
- **Surround Yourself with Godly Friends:** Right relationships help you grow and stay focused.
- **Let Go of Old Habits:** Allow God to transform your life from the inside out.
- **Discover Your Purpose:** You were saved for a reason—ask God to reveal your calling.

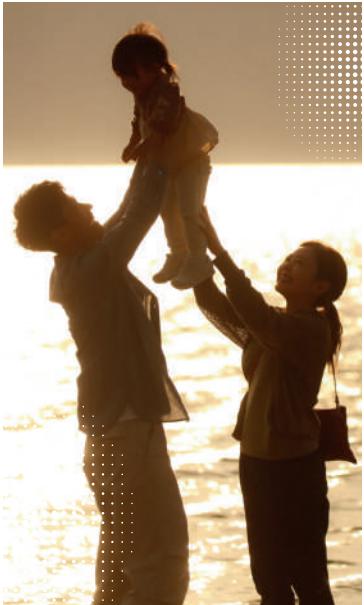
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Welcome to a life Destined for Greatness!



# Children, Teens & Parents

- **Growing in God's Greatness: Practical Devotions for Children**
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- **Raising Successors: Mentoring the Next Generation**
- **Balancing Family and Work on Your Way to Greatness**



# PARENTING GODLY CHILDREN

*Parenting is one of the most profound responsibilities entrusted to any Christian. As parents, we are called to raise our children in the knowledge of God, teaching them His ways, and guiding them as they mature into adults who live out their faith. This responsibility is both challenging and rewarding, offering immeasurable fulfillment as we witness our children grow in love, obedience, and faith. In the context of today's world, where biblical values are increasingly disregarded, the task of raising godly children is even more complex. Our children are continually exposed to external influences that can divert them from God's path. Despite these challenges, God calls us to raise our children in His ways, serving as their spiritual leaders, and modeling a life that reflects His teachings. This article explores essential principles for raising godly children, offering both spiritual insights and practical advice for parents striving to fulfill this divine calling.*

## The Correct Mindset in Raising Godly Children

To successfully raise Godly children, it is imperative to begin with the correct mindset. Psalm 127:3 reminds us, "Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb is a reward." This truth should alter our perspective: children are not a burden or a mere byproduct of our desires, but a divine blessing from God. They belong to God, and we are entrusted with the responsibility to guide them according to His will. Our role as parents extends beyond providing for their physical needs; we must nurture their spiritual well-being and ensure they grow into individuals who fulfill God's purpose. Recognizing that children are a gift and entrusted to us by God should deepen our commitment to parenting. We are not merely caretakers but stewards of His blessings, and our task is to guide them in His ways. As we raise our children, we must ask ourselves continually: Are we fulfilling our divine role in shaping their spiritual lives?

## The Role of Parents as Spiritual Leaders

At the heart of Godly parenting is the understanding that parents are spiritual leaders within the home. This responsibility goes far beyond fulfilling basic physical or emotional needs. Being a spiritual leader involves setting an example through the practice of faith, teaching biblical truths, and nurturing our children's spiritual growth. The foundation of spiritual leadership is modeling the Christian faith. Children learn more from observing their parents than from hearing instructions alone. By consistently living out our faith through prayer, scripture reading, and displaying love, patience, and kindness, we provide our children with a living example of Christian values. Our actions speak louder than words, and our children are watching how we navigate life's challenges with faith.

Discipline is an integral aspect of parenting, yet it must be rooted in love and guided by wisdom. The goal of discipline is not to punish, but to correct and guide children in making better decisions. As parents, we must balance firmness with love. Correcting behavior should always be done in a spirit of love, with the aim of helping children learn the right way. Proverbs 3:11-12, Effective discipline involves helping children understand the consequences of their actions and encouraging them to make choices that align with biblical teachings. Consistency in discipline is key, as it helps reinforce appropriate behaviors while also setting boundaries. This approach fosters an environment of respect, love, and spiritual growth.

## Creating a Godly Home Environment

A primary responsibility of parents is to create a home where God is honored, and where spiritual growth can thrive. A Godly home is about incorporating faith into every aspect of family life. Children should witness their parents living out Christian principles, not only in words but also through actions and relationships. Deuteronomy 6:6-7, One practical way to foster a Godly home environment is by committing to daily family devotion. Beginning and ending the day with prayer helps children understand the importance of depending on God. Family Bible reading fosters discussion and reflection on God's word and its application in daily life. These practices, though simple, have a profound impact on the spiritual development of children. A godly home reflects God's love through the way parents interact with each other, demonstrating the principles of love, grace, and forgiveness.

Proverbs 22:6, To train children in God's ways is to show them what it looks like to live according to His Word. Children learn more from what they observe in their parents' lives than from what they are told. If we wish to instill biblical values in our children, we must first live those values ourselves, setting an example for them to follow. Leading by example is one of the most powerful ways we can spiritually guide our children. Ephesians 5:1-2, As parents, we must model the love of Christ, demonstrating patience, kindness, and humility, showing our children how to navigate life's challenges with a reliance on God. Romans 12:2, Matthew 20:28

## Overcoming Challenges in Today's World

Parenting today is tough, with children facing peer pressure, media, and social distractions. While we can't control everything, we can equip them to navigate these challenges with faith. Teaching them to stand firm in their faith, understand their identity in Christ, and make God-honoring decisions is key. Technology, including social media and smartphones, adds another layer of complexity. We must set boundaries and guide children in using tech responsibly, encouraging content that strengthens their faith and teaching them to discern right from wrong (Ephesians 6:10-11).

It is essential to raise our children with an understanding of their divine purpose. Psalm 127:3 We must instill in our children the understanding that they were created for a specific purpose and that they have a responsibility to fulfill God's will. Teaching them to view themselves as instruments of God's plan, with unique gifts and talents to impact the world, helps them see their lives from a kingdom perspective. Additionally, children must be taught that they are accountable to God for their actions. Ephesians 6:4 encourages parents to "bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord," which not only includes teaching them God's word but also helping them understand their responsibility to live it out in the world.

## The Importance of Prayer in Parenting

Prayer is one of the most powerful tools we have as parents. Through prayer, we seek God's wisdom and guidance in fulfilling our duties as parents. It is vital that we pray for our children, asking God to protect them, to open their hearts to His Word, and to guide them in their faith journey. We should also pray for ourselves, asking God for the strength, patience, and wisdom needed to lead our children effectively.

● *In conclusion, parenting is a demanding but deeply rewarding responsibility. By raising our children in the fear and knowledge of God, we are not only shaping their futures but also preparing them to carry the message of Christ into the world. As parents, we must remain faithful to our calling, trusting that God will empower us to guide our children in His ways. Exceeding grace for all parents. God bless you.*

**Samuel Oginini.**



# TEACHING KINGDOM VALUES AT HOME—BE THE THERMOSTAT, NOT THE THERMOMETER

By Engr. David Tettey

How does your day go when you ask your kids to wash the dishes, do some laundry, or sweep the floor—and they linger on as if they never heard you? Or when someone cuts you off in traffic and, before you realize it, your entire mood shifts? Maybe a friend's betrayal keeps you up at night, or a coworker's careless words replay in your mind for weeks.

Moments like these reveal something deeper than frustration—they reveal who's setting the temperature of our hearts and homes. Are we reacting to what happens around us, or are we intentionally shaping the atmosphere within us?

Every household has both a thermometer and a thermostat. The thermometer simply records the temperature around it; it rises and falls according to the atmosphere. But the thermostat does something different—it sets the temperature. It changes the environment to create the desired condition.

Likewise, Christian parents are called to be thermostats in their homes, not thermometers. We are not meant to merely reflect the moods, attitudes, and habits of the world around us. Instead, we are to set the spiritual and moral climate—one that reflects the heart of Christ and the culture of His Kingdom.

A home thermometer reacts to circumstances. When the day is hard, tempers flare. When finances are tight, tension fills the air. When a child misbehaves, anger dictates the response. But a thermostat home chooses to operate from kingdom principles, not passing emotions. The parents, guided by God's Word, model peace, patience, and prayer even in the midst of pressure. Their calm becomes their children's classroom.

**Proverbs 22:6** reminds us, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Training involves more than instruction—it's the daily demonstration of Kingdom living. Children absorb what they see long before they understand what they hear. When parents respond to frustration with gentleness, they teach humility. When they extend forgiveness instead of resentment, they teach mercy. When they give thanks in lack, they teach faith. Each moment becomes an opportunity to shape eternal values.

In **Mark 4:39**, when the disciples panicked during a storm, Jesus didn't mirror their fear; He changed the atmosphere with His peace: "Peace, be still." That's the power of a thermostat spirit—stabilizing the room, calming the storm, and redirecting hearts toward trust in God. Parents who carry that peace into their homes demonstrate to their children that faith is not merely a Sunday experience but a daily lifestyle.

# MENTAL HEALTH AS IT RELATES TO TEENAGERS AND PARENTS.

BY DEACONESS JULIET MICHAEL-EDMOND

Mental health is not only a foundation for overall well-being but also an invitation to spiritual growth, especially during the adolescent transformative stage marked by profound physical, emotional, and social shifts. The relationship between adolescents (teenagers) and their parents is a sacred bond, deeply influential in shaping not just mental, but also spiritual health and resilience. By exploring challenges, nurturing communication, and seeking holistic support, families can create environments that honor the soul's journey as well as the mind's development.

The teenage stage is a crucial stage in the development of human growth. This is a stage where there are lots of experiments, trust and mistrust, identifications and sense of belonging, and that is why it is the stage that affects the mental health of teenagers most. During this time, mental health concerns such as anxiety, depression, and stress often emerge, signaling a deeper call for balance and harmony. Addressing these challenges with compassion and spiritual awareness can help teenagers connect with their inner wisdom, foster self-acceptance, and strengthen their sense of meaning. Early intervention—rooted in love and understanding—enables the spirit to thrive alongside the mind.



- Anxiety and Depression: Pressures of academics and societal expectations may cloud a young person's spirit. Mindfulness, prayer, and reflection can help restore peace and clarity.
- Low Self-Esteem: Teenagers may struggle with their self-worth, forgetting their inherent value. Affirmations, spiritual teachings, and supportive guidance can remind them of their unique gifts.
- Social Isolation: Experiences of loneliness or exclusion can disconnect one from the collective spirit. Encouraging connection through community, service, or spiritual fellowship promotes belonging.
- Risk-Taking Behaviors: Teenagers sometimes seek meaning or acceptance in risky ways. Guiding them toward purposeful activities, art, meditation, or service—can fulfill deeper spiritual needs.

Parents have a responsibility and a major role to play regarding their teenage children's mental health. They should be conscious of the fact that when the mental health of their children is unstable, their own mental health will be affected. Parents are entrusted with the responsibility of supporting their children's journey through life with empathy, patience, and spiritual wisdom. By fostering open-hearted communication and modeling spiritual values, parents can help their adolescents navigate challenges and discover their inner strength. This can be done through various ways and they include:



- Active Listening: Listen with the heart as well as the ears, honoring the sacredness of the teenager's story without prejudice and judgment.
- Open-Ended Questions: Invite deeper reflection and self-discovery through questions that encourage thoughtful dialogue. It is better to have them explain their situations to avoid assumptions.
- Consistency and Reassurance: Offer unwavering love and spiritual reassurance, even in moments of disagreement, affirming the connection that transcends circumstance.

Parents should endeavor to be attentive to shifts in mood, behavior, or spiritual engagement. If a teenager shows signs of distress—withdrawal, sadness, or hopelessness—it may be necessary to seek support from spiritual mentors or mental health professionals, integrating care that nourishes both the psyche and the soul.

Parents should also learn to respect their teens' independence, allowing space for exploration and personal growth within loving boundaries. They should also encourage holistic habits, support practices that nurture both body and spirit—such as meditation, creative expression, and rest. Model spiritual coping skills by demonstrating faith, gratitude, and mindful presence as tools for navigating life's challenges.

If mental health struggles persist or hinder daily life, consider reaching out to counselors, spiritual leaders, or holistic practitioners. Integrating spiritual care with professional guidance can illuminate the path to healing and empowerment.

## Conclusion

A teenager's mental health is deeply intertwined with their spiritual journey and the quality of connection with parents and caregivers. By embracing compassion, spiritual awareness, and timely support, families can nurture not only resilience and self-confidence, but also a lasting sense of purpose, hope, and inner peace.

**In all let us remember Proverbs 4:23. Teenagers please choose wise companions and seek God first in all you do. Philippians 4:5-7 and remember 1 Peter 5:7 “Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.”**

# BALANCING FAMILY AND WORK ON YOUR WAY TO GREATNESS

By Linda Ezeikel

In contrast to Nigeria, where everyone helps take care of the child or children, parenting here in the U.S. is one of the hardest things I have ever had to do as a mother. Being able to balance work, family, and personal goals is tough. We will talk about how to balance everything and still have a life in this article. We will focus on five main things that can help us find balance. The first is being thoughtful about how we use our time and make plans. This is the hardest thing to do because life happens, and most of the time we can't control what happens, but we need to set rules to keep things from getting out of hand at home. Kids learn to be more disciplined and become better people when they follow rules and stick to a plan. Setting aside time for activities and events is helpful because time doesn't wait for anyone, and everyone in the family knows where and what they are doing at any given time.

This brings us to the second important step for better home balance: communicating with each other well. Clear and concise conversation in the home is possible and fosters transparency and trust in the home. For instance, if kids know why their parents don't allow them to have a sleepover at a friend's house, they will feel calm and understanding. Basically, kids need to be involved in making decisions in a roundabout way by understanding why things are done the way they are.



A man told us a story years ago in one of my basic school classes. He said that a mother doesn't like the skin on sausage, so she takes it off every time she makes it. The kids watched her do this over and over again as they grew up, and they chose to carry on the tradition. When they started having kids, their child one day asked the parents why they peeled the sausage. When the kids' parents asked their mom why, she said, "Because she didn't like the skin." It does go into the hole in her teeth, after all. When we talk to our kids, it might seem strange because we're parents, but it really helps them learn and also helps partners trust each other more. The third thing we should not do is compare our homes or kids to those of other people. We shouldn't do this because it could hurt us more. We hurt their pride and sense of self-worth when we compare. Any given family and child is unique; one may do well in one area and poorly in another. We need to treat each family and child differently because everyone has good and bad potential. Because you don't know what makes them act the way they do (the fellow you are comparing with), don't think they have it all.

Figure out what makes your child or home work best and bring out the best in them. Parents should not feel bad about taking care of their own minds and bodies because they need to be fit to take care of their kids and the house. If care isn't taken, even well-kept things will break down at some point and stop working for the owner until they are fixed or cared for. We need to take care of our health and stay fresh. Do not always think about the bill. Take trips and spend time with each other. Make plans for yourself, make a budget for your money, and set aside time to renew your love for each other.

And finally, pray and fellowship with one another at the time that works best for everyone. The family that prays together stays together. The Bible says, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Let the children know the reason why God is important in their lives, let them watch you as you serve the Lord, and they will definitely grow in the way of the Lord.



# *Spiritual Growth & Christian Living*

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- Nothing is Harder Than Chasing a Dream God Called You To
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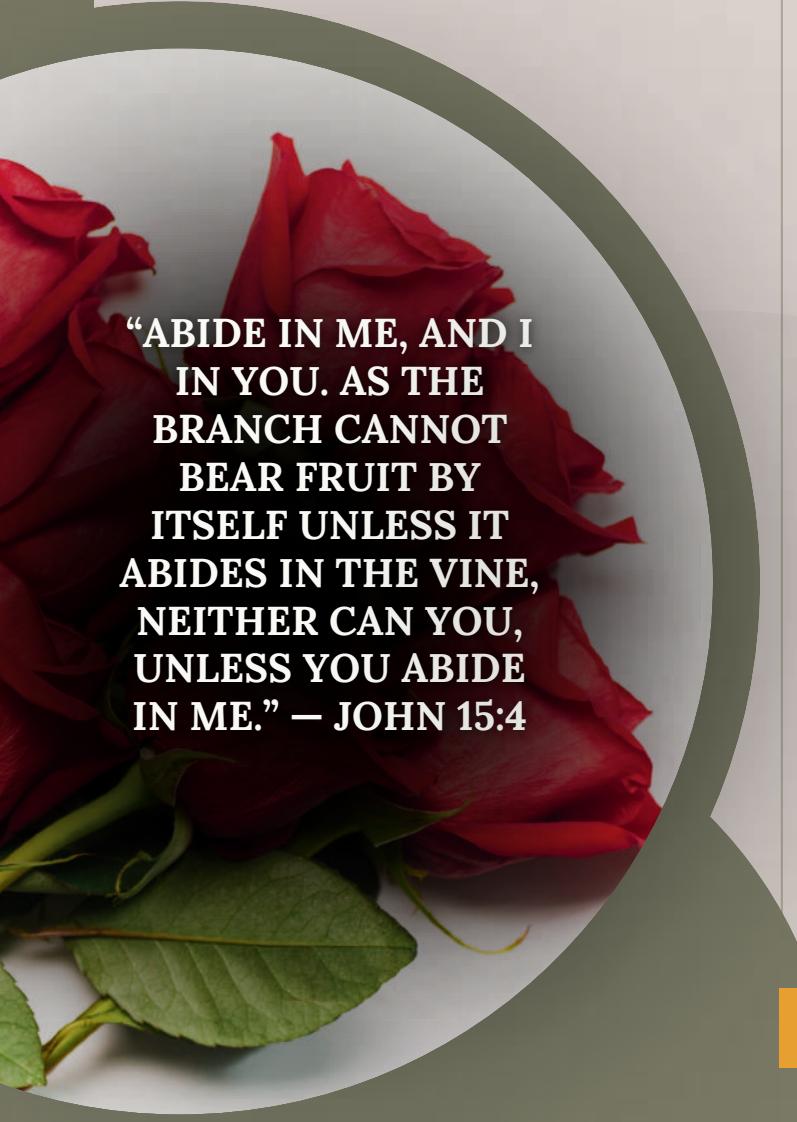
# R.O.S.E.S.

"GROWTH BEGINS IN THE HANDS OF THE GARDENER, WHO NURTURES, PRUNES, AND GUIDES EVERY BRANCH." — IREANA

By IREANA ADENIJI

Roses are a wonder; undeniably beautiful, delicate in form, yet rich in meaning. However, what many forget is that a rose doesn't start out stunning. It begins as a small, thorny bud—vulnerable, hidden, and undeveloped. Only through time, nurturing, and the right conditions does it bloom into what it was always meant to be. Similarly to our spiritual lives.

God, the Master Gardener, is always at work, pruning, shaping, and nourishing. He is cultivating something within us far more glorious than we can imagine. But just like a rose, our growth requires intention. Spiritual maturity demands deliberate alignment with God's truth daily.



"ABIDE IN ME, AND I IN YOU. AS THE BRANCH CANNOT BEAR FRUIT BY ITSELF UNLESS IT ABIDES IN THE VINE, NEITHER CAN YOU, UNLESS YOU ABIDE IN ME." — JOHN 15:4

In a world filled with distractions and competing voices, staying aligned with God requires intentionality and surrender.

The Christian life is not just a momentary decision but a daily journey of transformation. One helpful framework for maintaining spiritual alignment is found in the acronym **R.O.S.E.S.** Repentance, Obedience, Sanctification, Edification, and Strength.

Each element is grounded in Scripture and reflects a vital aspect of our relationship with God.

## 🌹 A Life That Blooms in Christ.

The Christian journey is not about perfection, but progress rooted in God's grace. Through Repentance, we return to the heart of God. In Obedience, we walk in His will. Through Sanctification, we are transformed. By Edification, we build ourselves and others up. And through Strength, we stand firm in every season.

Like a rose, your spiritual life is meant to bloom over time, petal by petal, and layer by layer. Shaped by both pruning and growth. This process is not always easy, but it is always worth it.

As you walk this journey of faith, remember that growth in Christ is not to be rushed, but nurtured—just like a rose unfolding in the care of the Master Gardener.

God is not asking you to strive in your own strength. Rather, He is inviting you to abide in Him, to align your life with His Spirit, and to trust the unfolding work He is doing within you.

You were made to bloom, for His glory, in His time, by His hand.

## Five petals bloom—each one a key:

**R — Repentance:** The soil made new, turning toward life. Repentance is not a one-time event, but a daily reorientation and realignment with God's truth and grace. *1 John 1 v 9, Revelation 3 v 19*

**O — Obedience:** Roots holding true, living out God's Word. Obedience is not rigid rule-following; it is a love response to the One who saved us. *John 14 v 15, James 1 v 22*

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**S – Sanctification:** the pruning knife. Becoming more like Christ. Though it is an ongoing process, sanctification is evidence that we belong to Him. 1 Thessalonians 4 v 3,7, Romans 12 v 1-2

**E – Edification:** The bloom of life, to build up yourself and others. Edification begins with nurturing your own spiritual health and self examination. It then extends to how you treat others. 1 Thessalonians 5 v 11

**S – Strength:** The light that lifts above. Rooted, Renewed and Resilient. Strength is not self generated; it is received through hope in the Lord, time in His Word, prayer, worship, and community. Ephesians 6 v 10, Isaiah 40 v 31

## Reflective Question:

WHICH “PETAL” OF R.O.S.E.S. IS GOD INVITING YOU TO NURTURE MORE DEEPLY IN THIS SEASON?

### Prayer:

Lord, thank You for being the Master Gardener of my soul. Teach me to trust Your process as You prune, water, and shape me to reflect Christ. Help me grow in repentance, obedience, sanctification, edification, and strength—so my life may bloom fully in You. Let my roots go deep into Your Word, and my heart remain soft in Your hands. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

### A Poetic Benediction

Where Roses Grow

Like petals touched by morning dew,  
Your soul was always meant to bloom.

Though storms may bend and shadows weigh,  
Still, roots hold fast through trials each day.

You’re not a weed, tossed and lost  
But a rose, pruned, redeemed at cost.  
Each thorn, a story; each leaf, a grace  
He has been shaping you in every place.  
So tend your soul, this garden ground,  
With holy hands where growth is found.  
For Christ, the Gardener, knows your name  
He waters, prunes, and fans the flame.

### Dedication:

Inspired by Christ’s patient love and care.  
May it encourage you to embrace the process  
of growth and rest in His faithful care.

“Every cut by the Gardener holds a promise.  
Embrace His pruning and flourish in Christ.”

—Ireana



# DESTINED FOR GREATNESS DESPITE THE ODDS. STORIES OF HOPE AND STRENGTH

Greatness is not always born in comfort. Often it emerges through fire, through betrayal, delay, pain, rejection, inner struggles, and environments that do not resemble destiny in any way. Yet Scripture shows again and again that the God who calls us destined for greatness is also the God who specializes in pulling greatness out of impossible places.

Here is a deeper, richer exploration of biblical men and women who rose despite the odds, just like so many of us are rising today.

## 1. Joseph: Greatness in the Pit the Prison and the Palace

**Key Texts:** Genesis 37 to 41; Psalm 105 verse 17 to 22

Joseph's journey to greatness began with betrayal. His own brothers stripped him of his colorful coat and threw him into a pit (Genesis 37 verses 23 to 24). He was sold into slavery, falsely accused by Potiphar's wife, and unjustly imprisoned (Genesis 39 verse 20).

If anyone had the right to say, "My life is over," it was Joseph.

But Joseph carried something no pit could bury: God's presence.

"But the Lord was with Joseph..." (Genesis 39 verse 21).

Instead of bitterness, he offered excellence. Instead of giving up, he kept using his gift.

**Destiny Principle:**

God can use the very places meant to break you as the training ground for your breakthrough.

**Outcome:**

One day the God who allowed him into prison brought him before Pharaoh. He rose from prisoner to prime minister in a single moment (Genesis 41, verses 39 to 44).

**Lesson:**

Greatness is not the absence of suffering. It is the presence of God in your suffering.

## 2. Hannah: Greatness Born Out of Deep Pain and Delay

**Key Texts:** 1 Samuel chapters 1 and 2

Hannah's story is a story full of silent tears.

Her womb was closed, and her rival mocked her (1 Samuel 1 verses 6 to 7).

Year after year she carried the same unanswered prayer.

At her breaking point she poured out her soul to the Lord (1 Samuel 1 verse 15). That honest cry opened a door to a destiny she never imagined.

Her son Samuel became a national prophet, a kingmaker, and a spiritual reformer.

**Destiny Principle:**

Greatness is sometimes hidden in seasons of delay. God uses waiting to prepare hearts for unusual assignments.

**Outcome:**

Her story shifted from shame to a prophetic song (1 Samuel 2, verses 1 to 10).

## 3. David: Greatness While Overlooked and Underestimated

**Key Texts:** 1 Samuel 16 and 17; Psalm 78 verse 70 to 72

When Samuel visited Jesse's house, David's father did not even consider him worth calling (1 Samuel 16 verse 11).

Yet God declared,

"Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." (1 Samuel 16 verse 7)

David's greatness was forged in fields while tending sheep, battling lions and bears (1 Samuel 17, verses 34 to 37), and cultivating worship in secret places.

These unseen victories prepared him for his public triumph over Goliath (1 Samuel 17, verses 45 to 50).

**Destiny Principle:**

God trains His champions in hidden places before bringing them into public destiny.

**Outcome:**

David rose from forgotten shepherd to Israel's greatest king.

## 4. Esther: Greatness in Unchosen Circumstances

**Key Texts:** Esther chapters 2 to 4

Esther did not choose to be an orphan or to be taken into the palace. She did not choose the assignment of saving a nation.

But God positioned her strategically for a divine moment:

"For such a time as this." (Esther 4 verse 14)

And with courage she declared,

"If I perish, I perish." (Esther 4 verse 16)

Her obedience reversed the death sentence over her people.

**Destiny Principle:**

Sometimes destiny is not about where you want to be but where God places you.

**Outcome:**

Her story established a lasting legacy celebrated through the Feast of Purim.

## 5. Ruth: Greatness After Loss and Disappointment

**Key Texts:** Ruth chapters 1 to 4

Ruth's new life began in the ashes of grief. She lost her husband and faced a future of uncertainty.

Yet she made one life-changing decision:

"Your God will be my God." (Ruth 1 verse 16)

Her simple daily steps of obedience led her into divine connection with Boaz and into the genealogy of Jesus Christ (Matthew 1 verses 5 to 6).

**Destiny Principle:**

Your most painful season can become the birthplace of your greatest destiny when you remain faithful.

## 6. Moses: Greatness Despite Flaws, Fear, and Failure

**Key Texts:** Exodus chapters 2 to 4 and 14; Acts 7 verse 20 to 36

Moses battled with identity and insecurity.

He lived between cultures, committed murder (Exodus 2 verse 12), fled the country, and spent forty years in the desert.

When God called Moses, he argued, "I am slow of speech and tongue." (Exodus 4 verse 10)

But God responded, "I will be with your mouth." (Exodus 4 verse 12)

**Destiny Principle:**

God does not call the qualified. He qualifies the call.

**Outcome:**

The same man who feared speaking became the one who stretched his rod and parted the Red Sea (Exodus 14 verses 21 to 22).

## 7. Mary Magdalene: Greatness After a Shattered Past

**Key Texts:** Luke 8 verse 1 to 3; John 20 verse 11 to 18

Mary Magdalene carried a painful past. But when Jesus healed her, everything changed (Luke 8 verse 2).

She followed Him faithfully and supported His ministry. And she became the first witness of the resurrection (John 20, verses 16 to 18).

**Destiny Principle:**

Your past does not have the final say. God can rewrite any story.

## Conclusion: God Is Still Raising Greatness Today

Every one of these individuals faced impossible odds: betrayal, delay, rejection, grief, fear, shame, and weakness. But none of these could stop the plan of God.

Romans 8 verse 31 says,

"If God be for us, who can be against us?"

Philippians 1 verse 6 assures us,

"He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion."

Jeremiah 29 verse 11 declares,

"I know the plans I have for you."

Their testimonies remind us:

Your past cannot stop your purpose.

Your pain cannot cancel your promise.

Your delays cannot destroy your destiny.

Your weakness cannot outweigh God's strength.



*If God lifted slaves into rulers, widows into women of destiny, orphans into queens, fugitives into prophets, and the broken into vessels of good news, then He can lift you too. You are destined for greatness.*

# Nothing is harder than chasing a dream God called you to

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or a long time, I believed that as long as I was passionate about something, it had to be my calling. Nursing seemed like the “right” path; stable, respected, and meaningful; but deep down, I was wrestling with constant obstacles and a quiet restlessness I couldn’t shake. Every door I tried to push open felt heavy, every step exhausting.

But when I finally surrendered my plans and aligned with God’s direction, everything shifted. He led me to computer science, a field I never imagined for myself, and suddenly, the same journey that once felt like a battlefield became peaceful. When you’re walking the wrong path, even open doors can feel heavy, but when you’re walking on purpose, God makes the crooked paths straight.

That’s when I truly understood the power of Psalm 119:105: “Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.” God had been trying to guide me all along, but I was too focused on my own plans to notice his light. When I finally let His Word illuminate my steps, everything started to make sense. Passion began to align with purpose, and peace followed. Can you tell when God is redirecting you?

Sometimes God’s redirection doesn’t look like rejection. It looks like closed doors, detours, and divine delays. I used to see obstacles as signs that I was failing, but now I see them as God’s way of whispering, “Not this way.”

When I was pursuing nursing, I faced setback after setback: financial challenges, academic stress, and even emotional burnout. It felt like no matter how much effort I put in, something was always missing. Looking back, I realize that wasn’t punishment; it was protection. God was protecting me from a path that wasn’t mine.

Proverbs 16:9 says, “A man’s heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps.” We can make all the plans we want, but unless God is in them, they will drain us instead of develop us. His direction may not always make sense at first, but it always leads to peace.

If you’re reading this and you’re in a season of confusion, where nothing seems to be working, take a moment to pray and reflect. Maybe God isn’t saying “no” because you’re unqualified. Maybe He’s saying “no” because you’re meant for something else, something greater, something aligned with His purpose for your life. Purpose? Passion? What makes the two different, you may ask?

Passion is what excites you; purpose is what sustains you. Passion can change with seasons, but purpose is constant, and it’s rooted in who God created you to be.

I was passionate about helping people, which is why I chose nursing. But my purpose wasn’t just to help people physically, but it was to build, create, and solve problems that make a difference. That’s what I discovered when I transitioned into computer science. It wasn’t that my passion was wrong; it just needed to be realigned under God’s direction.

When you surrender your passion to God, He reshapes it into purpose. He doesn’t erase your interests; He refines them. Suddenly, your career stops being just a way to make a living; it becomes a way to make a difference.

Walking in alignment with God doesn’t mean life will be perfect, but it does mean you’ll have peace in the process. There’s a certain ease that comes when you’re moving in rhythm with His will. It’s not about avoiding challenges; it’s about having divine clarity through them.

Since switching to computer science, I’ve faced challenges, sure, but they feel different. There’s grace in the grind. There’s peace in the push. I’ve learned that when God is in it, even hard work feels holy.

The truth is, your career path is more than a paycheck or a title. It’s an assignment. It’s one of the many ways God reveals His glory through your life. Whether you’re an artist, engineer, nurse, or teacher, your work can be worship when it’s aligned with His purpose.

Romans 8:28 reminds us, “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.” Even your detours and disappointments are part of His divine design.

If you’re in a season where things aren’t going the way you planned, don’t panic; pray. God might just be rewriting your story to align it with his bigger picture. Purpose isn’t found in striving; it’s discovered in surrender.

Ask yourself: Am I chasing passion, or am I walking on purpose? Because when passion and purpose meet under God’s direction, peace becomes your companion and success becomes a byproduct and not the goal.

Let God be the lamp unto your path. Let His Word light the way, one step at a time. You may not see the full picture now, but when you trust Him with your career, He’ll take you further than your own plans ever could.

And one day, when you look back, you’ll see that every closed door was really just a gentle nudge toward destiny.



# VICTORY AND THE POWER OF PERCEIVED DISADVANTAGE

In life, most times, we feel that our disadvantages are a hindrance to our goal. Interestingly, if we look closely, there is nothing about us that would not lead us to our destination, more especially, if we do not compare ourselves with the status quo, that is, what is prevailing in our environment with respect to our goal. We should note that as long as we focus on our goal, our challenges become our power and the gateway to our destination. You might ask how?

Do you remember the Bible story of the woman with the issue of blood for twelve years without a cure. I tell you, the woman mostly would be smelling and people would know her for that. Interestingly, her smell did not deter her from desiring to be made clean.

So, what did she do? She proceeded to meet Jesus Christ. Listen carefully, it was recorded that there was a great crowd struggling to see Jesus Christ.

The question is how was she able to press through that crowd? I tell you, it was not because of her strength. Two prominent factors came to mind.

First, she was not interested in her challenge, that is, how to press through the huge crowd. Her focus was her goal, which was to touch the hem of his garment. It means that she was propelled by her goal and not limited by her challenge.

Her second challenge was that she was smelling. However, she did not consider what people would say about her, she proceeded to approach the crowd. So what happened? Most likely, the crowd would respond negatively, that is, to remind her that she was smelling, but she never listened to them. Recall, in the then Jewish traditions, that woman was unclean and not expected to interact with others. Therefore, for her to comply with the status quo implied that she should stay away from people. But what did she do? She approached the crowd with her smelling nature and since they cannot deter her, her smell drove them away and they gave way for her to proceed to achieve her goal. You see, she used her challenge as an advantage and not a limitation.



The question I ask is that what do you think is our disadvantage? Note that sometimes our disadvantage is an advantage when we concentrate on how to achieve our goal rather than thinking about the disadvantage. In this world, nothing is a disadvantage. Challenges are just road marks to direct us to our success and that is the essence of breakthrough. Therefore, it is imperative for us to see our challenges as the gateway to success rather than an hindrance. Obviously once we perceive our challenge as an hindrance, we shut our brain down from the innovative thoughts available to us and ultimately lock ourselves into stagnation. Interestingly, when you have a challenge, note that there is a breakthrough awaiting you, more importantly, when you persist in pursuing your goal.



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# DO NOT LIMIT THE POTENCY IN THE LITTLE YOU HAVE

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ost times, we feel that we do not have what it takes to succeed. This type of reasoning or self assessment has the power to limit the potency in what we currently have thereby making us to consider ourselves as insufficient or incapable in the light of daunting challenges.

Let us look at similar cases in the Bible to have an insight to the inherent transformational power of God in us. first, let us review the case of Abraham and Sarah.

When God addressed Abraham as the father of nations, Abraham said how could that be knowing that he had no child. Not only that he was old, his wife, Sarah had passed child bearing age by all human standards. No doubt that Sarah and Abraham ignored who they were because they considered themselves incapable with respect to the promise. What happened next? Isaac was born, which clearly negates who they felt they were. Another interesting case was Moses. When God met Moses at the burning bush, Moses saw himself as too small to face Pharaoh; consequently, Moses complained to God that he had nothing with him, and God asked him what was in his hands, and Moses replied, a stick. The question is, how can a man who had only a stick and also could not speak fluently eventually led the Israelites out of Egypt and also wrote the first seven books of the Bible, is this not amazing?

How about the case of Gideon? When God called Gideon to lead the Israelites, however, Gideon felt he was incapable, despite that, God called him a mighty man of valor. Eventually, Gideon led the Israelites regardless of his opinion about himself. Let us also analyze the case of Phillip in the New Testament. When Jesus Christ saw the multitude who came to listen his sermon, he felt the need to feed them; consequently, he asked his disciple where can they get food to feed the multitude. On that note, Phillip reported that a lad had five loaves of bread and two fishes; however, what the lad had would not be enough to feed the multitude. Invariably, he ignored the potency in what was available. But what happened next? Jesus Christ blessed the two loaves of bread and two fishes, and they served the multitude and there were left overs. Let us conclude by citing the case of Nahomy. She was so disillusioned with life that she called herself bitterness. Nevertheless, her opinion about her self never stopped her glory as she was mentioned in the genealogy of Jesus Christ through her daughter Inlaw, Ruth.

The examples cited herein should remind us that our journey depends on the one who planned the path. Therefore, knowing that we are not the navigator of our journey, we should not despise what we have irrespective of what we currently face.



To me, when we despise what we have or who we are, we are inadvertently inhibiting the potency of what we have or who we are. We should learn to believe that our current disadvantage is an advantage to us. Truly, if we intend to have a meaningful life, we should learn to see ourselves from the perspective of a seed. As an illustration, if a seed such as an acorn looks at itself as a seed, it will never become the oak tree it is created to be. In most cases, the seed is always smaller than its end desire. You are much more than what you think you are. You should note that greatest is in your DNA, and challenges are an integral part of it.

If you are in doubt of how challenges lead to success, go and ask a metal like gold the processes it went through in the hands of a goldsmith before it became a precious jewelry. Why should you then assume that you are less than who you actually are. In deed, if you believe that God created you, and that knowing that He is all capable, why would He then create something that would be incapable? Have you forgotten that you are fearfully and wonderfully made, an approved product of heaven. Therefore, going forward, know whose you are to assess who you are.

# Mental Health and Faith: Building Strength for Greatness

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Greatness is not only a spiritual journey. It is also an emotional, mental, and physical one. Many people pray for greatness, dream of greatness, and speak of greatness, yet quietly battle exhaustion, anxiety, discouragement, trauma, and spiritual dryness.

In a world where pressure increases daily and responsibilities weigh heavily on hearts, mental health has become an essential part of Christian living. God does not only care about your soul and your spirit. He cares deeply about your mind, your emotions, your stability, and your overall well-being.

This article explores how mental health and faith work together to build the strength required for a life of greatness.

## 1. God Cares About Your Mind

From the beginning of Scripture, God reveals that the mind matters. He commands us to love Him with all our heart, soul, and mind (Matthew 22 verse 37).

The mind is where decisions are made, battles are fought, fears are formed, and identity is shaped.

Proverbs 4 verse 23 reminds us,

“Guard your heart with all diligence, for out of it flow the issues of life.”

Here, “heart” represents our inner world—our thoughts, emotions, beliefs, and mental patterns. God wants His children mentally healthy because a chaotic inner world can choke the seeds of destiny.

You cannot run toward greatness when you are carrying unresolved weights inside.

Faith invites us to bring the chaos to God, who heals, strengthens, and renews the mind.



## 2. Even the Strongest Believers Faced Emotional Strain in Scripture

The Bible never hides the mental and emotional struggles of its heroes. It shows us that faith and emotional battles can coexist and that God meets us in both.

**Elijah** became so overwhelmed that he prayed to die (1 Kings 19 verse 4).

Yet God ministered to him with food, rest, and a gentle voice.

**David** openly expressed sadness, loneliness, and anxiety in the Psalms.

Yet he strengthened himself in the Lord (1 Samuel 30 verse 6).

**Hannah** poured out her bitterness and sorrow before God (1 Samuel 1 verse 10).

Her transparency became the doorway to her miracle.

The message is clear: Struggling does not make you faithless. It makes you human.

## 3. Mental Health and Faith Are Not Opposites

Many people believe faith means ignoring pain or pretending everything is fine. But faith is not denial. Faith is acknowledging pain while choosing to bring it to God.

Faith says,

“I am overwhelmed, but God is my strength.”

“I feel discouraged, but I will still trust Him.”

“I am anxious, yet I know He cares for me.”

1 Peter 5 verse 7 encourages us,

“Cast all your cares upon Him because He cares for you.”

Faith creates space for healing. It opens the heart to peace, restoration, and divine intervention.

## 4. Building a Mentally Healthy Life that Supports Your Greatness

### A. Rest is Spiritual

God rested on the seventh day (Genesis 2 verse 2).

Jesus withdrew from the crowd to rest and pray (Luke 5 verse 16).

Rest is not laziness.

Rest is obedience.

A rested mind hears God clearly and makes wise decisions.

### B. Community Matters

God never intended greatness to be pursued alone.

“Two are better than one” (Ecclesiastes 4 verse 9).

Healthy relationships, trusted mentors, and supportive friendships protect mental health and strengthen faith.

### C. Emotional Honesty

Healing begins with truth.

David said,

“I poured out my complaint before the Lord” (Psalm 142 verse 2).

When you name what you feel, God gives grace to overcome it.

### D. Professional Support is Not Lack of Faith

Counseling therapy support groups and Christian counselors are tools God can use.

Just as we see doctors for our bodies, we can seek help for our emotional injuries without shame.

### E. Feeding the Mind with God’s Word

Romans 12 verse 2 teaches renewal through the Word.

The mind heals and strengthens when it receives truth instead of fear, worry, guilt, or lies from the enemy.

## 5. Mental Strength Fuels Spiritual Greatness

You cannot pour from an empty vessel.

You cannot lead while broken.

You cannot build while drained.

You cannot see clearly when your mind is in crisis.

Mental health is not optional for greatness. It is part of the foundation.

When the mind is healthy

- decisions become clearer
- emotions are balanced
- hope becomes steady
- purpose becomes reachable
- faith becomes stronger

A stable mind becomes fertile ground for God-inspired ideas, vision, creativity, and boldness.

Isaiah 26 verse 3 promises,

“You will keep in perfect peace the one whose mind is stayed on You.”



## 6. Jesus Is the Healer of the Whole Person

Jesus healed bodies, minds, emotions, and spirits.

He restored the demoniac and brought him into a sound mind (Mark 5 verse 15).

He comforted the brokenhearted (Isaiah 61 verse 1).

He spoke peace to troubled minds (John 14 verse 27).

Christ is not only the Savior of your soul.

He is the restorer of your mental and emotional life.

His desire is that you walk in greatness that is  
stable, joyful, consistent, emotionally whole, and spiritually strong.

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*Conclusion: Faith and Mental Health Prepare You for Greatness  
Greatness is not just about gifts, anointing, or opportunities.*

*It is about wholeness.*

*It is about a mind strengthened by faith, a heart anchored in hope, and emotions steady  
under God's peace.*

*As we celebrate seventeen years of God's faithfulness, we must also embrace the truth  
that greatness grows where the mind is renewed, healed, and empowered through Christ.*

*May you receive  
the peace that guards the heart,  
the strength that lifts the weary,  
and the clarity that leads to destiny.*

*Your mind matters to God.*

*Your well being matters to God.*

*And your greatness is safer, stronger and more sustainable when your mental health  
and your faith walk side by side.*

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# The Life of Joseph and Joshua: A Journey of Holistic Greatness—Spirit, Soul, and Body

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The lives of Joseph and Joshua offer powerful examples of holistic greatness. These two figures, though from different backgrounds and eras, share a common theme of trusting God through immense trials and being used by Him for a higher purpose. Both Joseph, the son of Jacob, and Joshua, the successor of Moses, exemplify how greatness is achieved when spirit, soul, and body are aligned with God's will. Their journeys show us how faith, wisdom, resilience, and physical action, all combined, can fulfill God's divine destiny.

## Spirit: Faith and Obedience to God's Will

Both Joseph and Joshua were men whose spirits were rooted in deep faith and obedience to God. For Joseph, his spiritual journey began early, with dreams that foretold his rise to greatness and his role in saving his family and Egypt (Genesis 37:5-11). Even after being sold into slavery and wrongfully imprisoned, Joseph remained steadfast in his faith, trusting that God's plan for him would prevail (Genesis 41:16). His spiritual strength was evident when he interpreted dreams for Pharaoh, acknowledging that it was God who gave him the ability to understand and interpret visions (Genesis 41:16).

Similarly, Joshua's spiritual life was grounded in faith and obedience. Chosen by God to succeed Moses, Joshua was commanded to be strong and courageous, trusting in God's promises for the Israelites' victory in the Promised Land (Joshua 1:7-9). Like Joseph, Joshua placed his trust entirely in God, even when facing overwhelming odds. His obedience to God's commands, whether in battle or in following through on the conquest of Canaan, was the foundation of his leadership.

Both Joseph and Joshua demonstrate that spiritual greatness is born out of a deep commitment to God's will, an unwavering faith in His promises, and a willingness to obey, no matter the circumstances.

## Soul: Wisdom, Emotional Intelligence, and Leadership

The soul of both Joseph and Joshua was shaped by wisdom, emotional resilience, and leadership qualities that enabled them to lead in difficult situations.

Joseph's soul was tested time and again. As a young man, he experienced the betrayal of his brothers and the loss of his family. Yet, he displayed immense emotional intelligence in navigating the complicated relationships he had with his brothers and even Pharaoh. His wisdom in interpreting Pharaoh's dream and proposing a plan to save Egypt from famine (Genesis 41:33-36) demonstrated his intellectual brilliance and strategic thinking. Joseph's ability to forgive his brothers and extend grace to them, despite their betrayal, is a testament to his emotional strength and spiritual maturity (Genesis 45:4-15).

Similarly, Joshua's leadership was defined by his ability to act with wisdom and emotional resilience. As the leader of Israel, he had to navigate difficult situations, including the disobedience of the people and the challenges of conquering the land of Canaan. When the Israelites feared the giants in the land, Joshua, like Joseph, encouraged them to trust in God's promise and not be afraid (Numbers 14:6-9). His emotional strength and wisdom were key in encouraging the Israelites to keep moving forward in faith.

Both Joseph and Joshua's souls were defined by their ability to lead with emotional intelligence, wisdom, and resilience. They understood that leadership is not just about making wise decisions but also about handling emotions, navigating conflict, and inspiring others to trust in God's plan.

## Body: Courage, Action, and Endurance in Service

Joseph and Joshua also exemplified the importance of physical courage and action in fulfilling God's plan. Joseph's body was used in service to God as he rose from the depths of slavery to a position of great influence in Egypt. His physical endurance was demonstrated when he endured the harsh conditions of slavery and imprisonment and when he faced the temptation of Potiphar's wife. His decision to flee from temptation, despite the cost, showed physical discipline and integrity (Genesis 39:12).

Joshua's physical actions were also a significant part of his greatness. As the leader of the Israelites, Joshua led the people in battle after battle, physically participating in the conquest of Canaan. In the battle of Jericho, Joshua commanded the people to march around the city, and God brought the walls down (Joshua 6:1-20). Joshua's willingness to take action in faith, even when the plan seemed unconventional, highlights the importance of physically stepping out in obedience to God.

Both Joseph and Joshua were men who did not just rely on their spiritual or intellectual strength but also demonstrated physical courage and endurance. Whether it was Joseph enduring years of hardship or Joshua leading the Israelites into battle, their bodies became instruments through which God's will was accomplished.

## Holistic Greatness: Spirit, Soul, and Body Working in Harmony

Joseph and Joshua's lives demonstrate how spirit, soul, and body must work in harmony to fulfill God's purpose. Both men were deeply faithful and obedient to God (spirit), led with wisdom and emotional resilience (soul), and took bold physical actions to fulfill their callings (body). They exemplified the truth that greatness is not one-dimensional but involves every part of our being aligned with God's will.

Joseph's journey from a humble shepherd boy to a ruler in Egypt and Joshua's role as the leader who brought the Israelites into the Promised Land show that God uses all aspects of our lives: spirit, soul, and body for His greater purpose. Their stories remind us that we are called to be men and women of faith, wisdom, courage, and action, trusting that God will use every part of us to fulfill His plan.

## Conclusion

The combined story of Joseph and Joshua offers a powerful example of holistic greatness. Both men demonstrate how God can use spirit, soul, and body when we align our lives with His will. Joseph's spiritual integrity, emotional intelligence, and physical endurance, along with Joshua's courage, wisdom, and obedience to God's plan, serve as a blueprint for how we too can live lives of greatness. When we trust God with our spirit, soul, and body, He will equip us to face challenges, lead with integrity, and step out in faith, knowing that His plan for us is greater than anything we could achieve on our own. Just as Joseph and Joshua were used for God's purpose in their respective times, so we too can experience greatness when we surrender every part of our being to Him.





# Relationships, Marriage & Destiny

- **Marriage as a Partnership for Destiny Fulfillment**
- **Relationships, Purity, and Destiny**

# MARRIAGE AS A PARTNERSHIP FOR DESTINY FULFILLMENT

Marriage is not just companionship. It is not simply romance, family building, or emotional support. According to scripture, marriage is a divine partnership crafted by God to advance purpose, multiply impact, and help His children fulfill destiny.

A kingdom marriage is one where two lives, two callings, two strengths, and two journeys merge under God to create a force greater than either person could produce alone.

Marriage, when aligned with God's purpose, becomes a divine assignment designed to build greatness in both partners.

## THIS ARTICLE EXPLORES HOW MARRIAGE SERVES AS A SACRED PARTNERSHIP FOR DESTINY FULFILLMENT.

### 1. God Designed Marriage With Purpose in Mind

From the creation story, marriage is introduced as a purpose-driven union.

Genesis 2 verse 18 says,

"It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make him a helper suitable for him."

The word "helper" in Hebrew (ezer) is not a weak term. It is the same word used for God as our helper (Psalm 33 verse 20).

It means strength, support, and divine reinforcement.

Marriage, therefore, is not a rescue mission. It is a destiny alignment.

Adam had an assignment before God gave him Eve, and Eve was created not to complete Adam emotionally but to complement him purposefully.

Marriage becomes powerful when both partners understand that they are called together for a divine mission.

### 2. Two Are Better Than One for Destiny Fulfillment

Ecclesiastes 4, verses 9 to 12, gives a blueprint for destiny partnership:

"Two are better than one because they have a good reward for their labor."

Two to bring

- multiplied productivity
- multiplied strength
- multiplied resilience
- multiplied wisdom

When one falls, the other lifts.

When one is discouraged, the other strengthens.

When one is confused, the other brings clarity.

When one is weak in faith, the other intercedes.

Destiny is too heavy for one person, but in a covenant marriage, both partners share the weight and the warfare.

### 3. Biblical Couples Who Fulfilled Destiny Together

Scripture gives us strong examples of couples who advanced God's purpose as a unified team.

#### A. Abraham and Sarah

Genesis 17 to 18

Their journey was filled with delays and disappointments, yet they stood together in faith.

Through them God established a covenant that birthed nations.

#### Destiny Lesson:

A united marriage can outlive trials and give birth to generational promises.

#### B. Priscilla and Aquila

Acts 18 verse 1 to 3; Romans 16 verse 3 to 4. They worked together, traveled together, taught together, and built the early church as a ministry team.

Paul called them "my fellow workers in Christ."

#### Destiny Lesson:

Some callings shine brighter when both partners carry the grace together.

#### C. Boaz and Ruth

Ruth chapters 2 to 4

Their partnership opened the lineage that brought forth David and eventually Jesus Christ.

#### Destiny Lesson:

When God joins two destinies, He weaves their obedience into His redemptive plan.

### 4. Marriage Strengthens What Destiny Requires

Destiny demands maturity, sacrifice, resilience, discipline, and spiritual strength. A healthy marriage helps cultivate these qualities.

#### A. Marriage Builds Character

It teaches patience, forgiveness, self-control, humility, and unconditional love.

These are the same traits destiny requires.

#### B. Marriage Provides Emotional Stability

Proverbs 31 verse 11 says,

"The heart of her husband safely trusts in her."

A secure marriage creates a safe place for dreams to grow.

#### C. Marriage Supports Spiritual Growth

Couples who pray together discern God's direction together.

Shared faith creates shared strength.

#### D. Marriage Shapes Legacy

Your union becomes a platform for raising destiny-driven children and influencing generations to come.

### 5. How to Make Marriage a Destiny Partnership

A marriage does not automatically fulfill destiny. It must be intentionally built with purpose at its center.

#### A. Pray Together

Prayer aligns hearts and makes room for God's wisdom.

Matthew 18 verse 19 says,

"If two of you agree on earth... it will be done."

#### B. Pursue God's Purpose Individually and Together

Each person has their personal calling, and the marriage has a joint calling.

Healthy marriages support both.

#### C. Communicate Honestly and Compassionately

Destiny requires clarity.

Couples must regularly discuss vision, goals, burdens, fears, and faith journeys.

#### D. Help Each Other Succeed

Marriage is teamwork.

When one partner wins, both rise.

When one partner advances spiritually or professionally, the marriage grows stronger.

#### E. Fight the Enemy Not Each Other

The enemy attacks marriages because he fears united destinies.

Guard your home through prayer, forgiveness, boundaries, and spiritual vigilance.

### 6. Marriage as a Platform for Kingdom Impact

Marriage is not just about happiness.

It is about holiness, purpose, and impact.

A marriage aligned with God becomes

- a ministry
- a witness
- a safe haven
- a training ground
- a legacy builder
- and a divine force that changes families, communities, and generations.

Matthew 5 verse 16 calls us to let our light shine.

A godly marriage shines brighter than individual lives lived separately.

### Conclusion: Two Destinies, One Assignment, One God

Marriage is God's design for destiny partnership.

It is the merging of gifts, strengths, faith, and purpose to build a legacy that honors God.

When a couple walks in unity, purity, and purpose, heaven backs them.

Their agreement becomes a weapon.

Their love becomes ministry.

Their partnership becomes destiny expressed on earth.

May every marriage in this anniversary season rise to its calling.

May couples rediscover their purpose.

May homes be filled with unity, wisdom, peace, and the fire of destiny.

And may God use every covenant union as a vessel for greatness.

Marriage is more than love.

It is a divine partnership for destiny fulfilled.



Seventeen years of God's faithfulness—what a testimony! As we celebrate another year in the Redeemed Christian Church of God Jesus House Huntsville, it's not just a time to look back, but also a moment to look within. For us—the youth and young adults—this season calls us to reflect on the journey of our hearts, the relationships we build, the purity we protect, and the destiny we pursue.

Each of these areas—relationships, purity, and destiny—shapes who we become. But how do we navigate them in a world that constantly tells us to "follow your heart," even when the heart can be deceitful? (Jeremiah 17:9). How do we stand as young believers in a culture that celebrates compromise and mocks holiness?

Let's take a walk through truth together.

#### 1. Relationships—The Foundation of Influence

Have you ever wondered why relationships matter so much to God?

Because relationships **form** us. No one rises or falls in isolation. Proverbs 27:17 says, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." Who you walk with today can shape where you end up tomorrow.

As young people, we often crave connection—the feeling of being seen, valued, and understood. And that's okay. God created us for community. But the question is: **Are your relationships drawing you closer to God or pulling you away from Him?**

A romantic relationship built without God becomes an emotional playground for confusion. Friendships without purpose become distractions instead of directions. The world says, "It's just vibes." But the Spirit whispers, "Guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it" (Proverbs 4:23).

In the Christian walk, **relationships are not casual—they are covenantal.**

Romantic relationships should be rooted in mutual purpose, not temporary pleasure. Friendships should sharpen your faith, not dull your spiritual edge.

#### Ask yourself:

- Do my friends challenge me to grow spiritually?
- Does the person I'm interested in inspire holiness or compromise?
- When people see my relationships, do they see Jesus reflected in them?

If your answer brings conviction, don't feel condemned. Feel called—called to realign your relationships with God's heart. Because the truth is, **every relationship outside of God's will eventually lead to heartbreak or distraction**, but every relationship built in Christ brings growth, peace, and destiny fulfillment.

#### 2. Purity—The Power of a Clean Heart

Let's be honest: purity isn't an easy topic, especially for young adults today. The world bombards us with images, songs, and content that normalize impurity and mock restraint. But here's the truth: **purity is not outdated—it's revolutionary.**

Purity is not just about abstaining from sexual sin. It's about **living with an undivided heart**—a heart fully devoted to God. Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" (Matthew 5:8). To be pure is to see clearly—to see God in your desires, your choices, and your relationships.

# Relationships, Purity, and Destiny

But how can a young person stay pure in such a world? The Bible gives a clear answer: "By taking heed according to Your word" (Psalm 119:9). The Word of God isn't just a book; it's a cleansing stream. The more you fill your mind with Scripture, the less room there is for sin to take root.

Let's ask some real questions:

- What are you feeding your soul with daily?
- Who or what influences your thoughts, music, or habits?
- Are you protecting your purity, or are you negotiating it for attention and approval?

Purity isn't about perfection—it's about **direction**.

When you fall, rise again. When you stumble, repent quickly. Don't hide from God; run to Him. He already knows your struggles, and His grace is not an excuse but an empowerment. 1 John 1:9 assures us, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."



Purity brings freedom. Sin brings bondage. The enemy whispers that you're missing out, but God says you're being preserved for something greater. Your purity is the proof that you trust God's timing more than your feelings.

**Remember: what you protect in private determines what God can reveal in public.**

#### 3. Destiny—The Unfolding Plan of Heaven

Every young person carries a seed of destiny. Before you were born, God already had your name written in His book. Jeremiah 1:5 declares, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I set you apart." That means you are not an accident—you are a divine assignment.

But destiny doesn't just happen. It unfolds as we walk in obedience and alignment with God. Every decision—who you date, who you befriend, how you live—shapes the road toward your destiny.

The tragedy of many young people today is not a lack of talent but a lack of direction. We chase trends instead of truth, success instead of purpose, and fame instead of faithfulness. But destiny isn't about being popular; it's about being obedient.

#### Ask yourself:

- Am I living for applause or for impact?
- Do I trust God's process, even when it's slow?
- Am I willing to say "no" to good things so I can say "yes" to God's best?

Romans 8:28 reminds us, "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose." That means even your delays, detours, and disappointments are part of God's divine plan. Destiny is not destroyed by mistakes—it's delayed by disobedience.

Sometimes God hides you before He reveals you. He works in silence before He displays you in light. So, while others seem to be running ahead, stay faithful. God's timing is not late—it's precise.

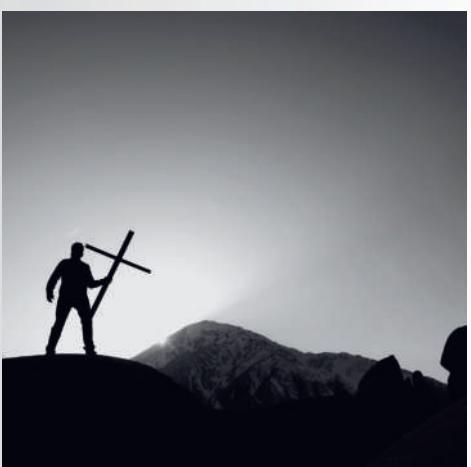


#### 4. The Connection Between the Three

Here's the powerful truth: **relationships, purity, and destiny are intertwined.**

The friends you keep influence your purity, and your purity protects your destiny. Every ungodly relationship is a threat to your spiritual clarity. Every compromise in purity dulls your ability to hear God's voice clearly. And every moment you choose obedience over convenience, destiny unfolds faster.

Think of **Joseph**. His purity was tested, his relationships betrayed him, but his destiny was preserved. Because he said "no" in the secret place, God elevated him in the open place (Genesis 39–41). Purity didn't limit him—it lifted him.



## 5. A Call to the Youth

Dear young believer, God is not calling you to perfection—He's calling you to pursuit. Pursue righteousness. Pursue healthy relationships. Pursue purity. Pursue purpose.

The road may be narrow, but it leads to life. The world may laugh, but heaven celebrates your obedience. You are not missing out by choosing holiness—you are stepping into greatness.

Don't let the pressures of culture silence your conviction. Don't let loneliness drive you into the wrong relationship. Don't let fear make you settle for less than God's best. You were born for more—to shine, to lead, to inspire, and to glorify God in everything you do.

As we celebrate 17 years of God's unending faithfulness, may every youth in this house rise with fresh fire. May our relationships be godly, our hearts be pure, and our destinies fulfilled in Christ.

For we are a chosen generation—not to blend in, but to stand out. Not to follow trends, but to follow truth. And that Truth is Jesus, the One who makes every heart whole and every destiny complete.

### Final Word

Let your relationships honor God.

Let your purity reflect God.

Let your destiny reveal God.

For when your life is built on Christ, everything else—love, friendship, purpose—will align perfectly in His time.

***"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths." — Proverbs 3:5-6***



# Leadership, Ministry & Impact

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# SERVANT LEADERSHIP: THE BIBLICAL PATHWAY TO GREATNESS

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In a world that often equates leadership with power, authority, and status, the Bible presents a radical alternative: servant leadership. This concept is most vividly embodied in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, who consistently demonstrated that true greatness is found not in being served, but in serving others.

Servant leadership is not merely a strategy or technique—it is a lifestyle, a character, and a divine calling. It calls leaders to humility, sacrifice, and a focus on the growth and well-being of others.



## 1. Greatness Through Service

Key Scriptures: Matthew 20:25-28; Mark 10:42-45

Jesus overturned the conventional wisdom of leadership when He said, "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant." (Matthew 20:26)

Greatness in God's kingdom is not measured by titles, wealth, or influence. It is measured by one's willingness to serve others with love, diligence, and humility.

Example from Scripture:

Jesus washed His disciples' feet (John 13:1-17), performing a task that was considered the lowliest of household duties. By doing this, He showed that leadership is not about privilege but about sacrificial service.

Practical Takeaway:

- In the workplace, leadership may mean mentoring others, taking responsibility for mistakes, or putting the team's needs above personal recognition.
- At home, it could be sacrificing comfort to care for family or guiding younger siblings with patience.

## 2. Humility and Selflessness

Key Scripture: Philippians 2:3-8

Biblical servant leaders put the needs of others before their own ambitions. Humility is the heart of servant leadership—it is the awareness that leadership is a trust, not a reward.

Story Example:

Moses, called to lead Israel, was the meekest man on earth (Numbers 12:3), yet he faithfully guided a nation through deserts, battles, and rebellion—all without seeking personal glory. His humility allowed him to lead effectively and align with God's purposes.

Practical Takeaway:

- Humility means listening more than speaking, valuing others' contributions, and seeking to serve first before being served.
- Leaders model selflessness when they prioritize long-term growth and impact over immediate personal gain.



## 3. Sacrificial Love

Key Scripture: John 13:1; Mark 10:45

Christ's ultimate act of servant leadership was His willingness to lay down His life for humanity. Servant leaders follow this example by sacrificing time, comfort, and even personal safety for the benefit of those they lead.

Story Example:

Ruth demonstrated sacrificial love when she left her homeland, family, and security to care for her mother-in-law, Naomi. Her willingness to serve opened the door to God's greater plan (Ruth 1:16-17).

Practical Takeaway:

- Sacrifice can take many forms: mentoring a struggling colleague, volunteering time for community service, or giving emotional support to those in need.
- Servant leaders are willing to make temporary sacrifices for lasting impact.

## 4. Empowering Others

Key Scripture: Exodus 18:21-22; 2 Timothy 2:2

Servant leadership is not about controlling others—it is about raising others up and enabling them to flourish. A true leader invests in the potential of followers, creating a culture of encouragement, growth, and shared purpose.

Story Example:

Barnabas, known as the "son of encouragement" (Acts 4:36-37), supported Paul's early ministry, empowering him to fulfill God's calling despite criticism and doubt.

Practical Takeaway:

- Identify strengths in others and provide opportunities for growth.
- Offer constructive feedback, mentorship, and encouragement that develops others' skills and confidence.

## 5. Accountability and Integrity

Key Scripture: Proverbs 11:3; Luke 16:10

Servant leaders remain accountable—to God and to the people they lead. They welcome feedback, make decisions based on moral principles, and lead with integrity.

Story Example:

Nehemiah exemplified accountability when rebuilding Jerusalem's walls. He not only delegated responsibilities but also monitored progress carefully, corrected wrongdoing, and remained transparent with the people (Nehemiah 6:15-16).

Practical Takeaway:

- Be honest about mistakes and seek counsel.
- Ensure decisions prioritize righteousness and the common good over personal advantage.

## Practical Applications for Today

Embracing servant leadership is a lifelong journey. Here are ways to apply these principles:

1. **Lead by Example:** Demonstrate integrity, humility, and care in daily actions.
2. **Seek the Common Good:** Prioritize the welfare of your team, family, or community.
3. **Build Trust:** Foster relationships that heal, uplift, and liberate others.
4. **Use Influence Wisely:** Recognize that leadership is influence and use it to empower, not dominate.
5. **Serve Daily:** Even small acts of service reflect God's character and strengthen your leadership impact.

## Conclusion

True Greatness is Measured by Service

The Bible teaches that leadership is a sacred responsibility, not a personal entitlement. Servant leaders are called to lead with humility, love, integrity, and a focus on the growth of others.

**Jesus said it best:**

**"The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45)**

When leaders emulate this mindset, they reflect God's kingdom, transform lives, and leave a legacy of true greatness.

Servant leadership is not just a strategy—it is the path to lasting impact, spiritual maturity, and divine greatness.

# Nurturing the Next Generation of Leaders in the Church



By Gamaliel Emmanuel

The church plays a significant role in the world. Jesus called the church the light and salt of the earth. Without the church, chaos would prevail across the globe.

Since the time of Jesus, there has been a focus on nurturing young leaders who will carry the gospel to the ends of the earth in fulfillment of the Great Commission—leaders who will care for the "sheep." Jesus took the time to mentor young men during His life on earth, and after three years, He entrusted the church to Simon Peter, the disciples, and many others whose names are not mentioned (see John 21:15; Matthew 16:18). Jesus encouraged them, saying they would accomplish even greater things. His disciples, in turn, nurtured others, such as the Apostle Paul, who mentored Timothy and many others, creating a ripple effect that caused the gospel to reach us today.

Given the importance of the gospel to the world and the preparation for the coming of our Lord Jesus, the church must pay more attention to the next generation. The analogy of a farmer and seeds is particularly helpful in emphasizing this responsibility. Just as every seed has the potential to grow and bear fruit, if not placed in the right environment, the seed remains dormant or dies. It is the responsibility of this generation to create and foster the right environment for the next generation to thrive. However, it doesn't stop there; after creating the right conditions, they also need nurturing—attention, care, love, and nutrients. Any mistake in these areas could affect the seed, resulting in losing the plant or failing to achieve its maximum potential.



## Conclusion

This generation has given less attention to the seeds (the next generation), which can affect their yield. Season and timing play major roles. There is nothing wrong with the seeds; they have all the potential to grow and bear fruit. More attention needs to be directed toward children and teenagers. The world is moving at a rapid pace, and the overwhelming amount of unfiltered information spreading across social media can cause confusion regarding the Christian faith. Many people are now attacking Christianity, tearing apart the Bible, and encouraging others not to believe in it.

The next generation needs to be equipped to defend their faith and confidently share it with others. The church must develop programs and templates that effectively prepare a generation willing to lay down their lives for the spread of the gospel. Jesus is our model; the church needs to raise more disciples who will receive the baton and continue this mission.

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# Raising Successors: Mentoring the Next Generation

*Preparing future leaders is essential for the ongoing success of organizations and communities. Raising successors goes beyond simply filling future positions; it's about developing individuals who are capable, confident, and guided by strong values. Mentorship is the foundation of this process, providing a purposeful relationship that nurtures the leaders of tomorrow. As leaders we must be conscious that people are watching us. It is of utmost importance to always uphold good moral values. Our character and attitude mentor. Let us look at examples from the Bible of mentoring successors.*

## BIBLICAL EXAMPLES OF MENTORING SUCCESSORS

Throughout history, mentorship has been a key element in developing the next generation, and the Bible offers many examples that illustrate its timeless value:

1. Moses and Joshua: Moses guided Joshua over many years, preparing him to lead the Israelites into the Promised Land. Through instruction and encouragement, Moses ensured Joshua was ready to assume his responsibilities. (Numbers 27:18-23, Deuteronomy 31:7-8)
2. Elijah and Elisha: Elijah mentored Elisha, imparting wisdom and spiritual strength. Elisha's willingness to follow and learn from Elijah led him to inherit Elijah's mantle and continue his prophetic ministry. (1 Kings 19:19-21, 2 Kings 2:9-15)
3. Paul and Timothy: In the New Testament, Paul encouraged Timothy, both through letters and personal guidance, to develop his leadership within the early church. Paul's mentorship empowered Timothy to become a strong and faithful leader. (1 Timothy 1:2, 2 Timothy 2:2)

These examples illustrate how intentional guidance, trust, and shared vision can prepare new leaders for the challenges ahead.

For mentoring to be effective, there are certain pillars that hold it together. These include, but not limited to:

- Personalized Guidance:** Recognize each mentee's unique talents and aspirations. Tailor mentoring strategies to support their individual journey.
- Building Trust:** Establish relationships based on mutual respect and open dialogue. A trustworthy environment allows for candid conversations and shared experiences.
- Role Modeling:** Demonstrate the values and behaviors you want successors to embody. Setting a strong example inspires mentees to adopt positive traits. Let it be a situation of "do as I do, not only as I say."
- Encouraging Critical Thinking:** Instead of providing ready-made solutions, challenge mentees to think deeply, ask questions, and explore different viewpoints. Build an environment where mentees can confidently learn and be solution providers.
- Providing Opportunities:** Give practical experiences by involving mentees in real-world projects and leadership activities, fostering hands-on learning.

## Steps to Effectively Mentor the Next Generation

- Set Clear Expectations:** Lay out the goals and targets of the mentoring relationship. Define timelines and ways to measure success so focus and motivation stay high. Let the rules and regulations be clearly defined. There should be any ambiguities, vague meanings or intentions.
- Offer Regular Feedback and Feedforward:** Give constructive feedback to help mentees see their progress and pinpoint areas for growth. Celebrate their wins and approach challenges with understanding by way of feedforward. This is where the mentees will have appraisals as well as evaluations.
- Promote Continuous Learning:** Motivate mentees to keep learning, attend workshops, and seek out new resources—broadening their skills and viewpoints. Provide avenues for professional development. Encourage Bible studies with diverse groups surrounding the word of God.

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In any mentoring program, as with other programs, challenges are present, how they are handled will determine the outcome. Mentoring the next generation comes with its hurdles, from time shortages to generational gaps and organizational roadblocks. However, treating mentorship as a strategic priority and nurturing an environment that values learning and inclusion helps overcome these obstacles. Successful programs need ongoing commitment from mentors, mentees, and organizational leaders.

Ultimately, true leadership isn't measured by individual achievements, but by the legacies Leaders nurture. By mentoring successors, today's leaders ensure their vision and values endure. Those who benefit from mentorship are more likely to guide others, creating a continuous cycle of growth, resilience, and shared accomplishment. As seen in biblical examples, when leaders invest in others, they set in motion a legacy that continues across generations.

**“** Investing in mentoring is investing in the future. By empowering new leaders, we help secure the lasting success of our organizations and communities and inspire individuals to fulfill their potential. The journey of mentorship never truly ends—but its rewards endure, as each new generation steps forward with wisdom and integrity. So next time you find yourself in a position to mentor others, do it with an open heart and do it unto God. Let us build the future of great successors and establish lasting legacies through Christ.

# CONFLICT MANAGEMENT IN THE CHURCH: A BIBLICAL MODEL FOR RESOLUTION



Conflict is part of human relationships. Whether in families, workplaces, or churches, disagreements are inevitable. The real test of maturity is not whether conflict exists, but how it is resolved. In fact, the way a church manages conflict is a reflection of its leadership, unity, and spiritual health.



If a husband and wife who share daily life can still experience conflict, it is no surprise that choir members, ushers, or protocol teams—who only meet once or twice a week—may also face disagreements. Conflict in itself is not always bad; it can sharpen understanding and strengthen relationships when handled with wisdom. However, unresolved conflict can quickly grow into division, resentment, and even spiritual weakness within the body of Christ.

## UNDERSTANDING THE ROOTS OF CONFLICT

Disagreements often arise from differences in personality, leadership styles, beliefs, communication gaps, or unmet expectations. Sometimes what looks like a major issue is simply a misunderstanding of perspective. Like a teacher's illustration of the number 3—from one angle it looks like an E, from another like an M. Leaders must therefore discern the true source of the conflict before attempting resolution.



## A Biblical Model for Conflict Resolution

Scripture provides us with a clear framework for addressing disputes among believers. Below is a step-by-step guide leaders and members alike can apply:

- 1. Self-Examination (Matthew 7:3-5)** Before approaching others, examine your own heart. Are you motivated by love, or by pride and anger? Prayerful reflection helps us approach conflict with humility.
- 2. Private Approach (Matthew 18:15)** Go directly to the person in private rather than involving others or spreading gossip. Speak the truth in love and give room for open conversation.
- 3. Active Listening (James 1:19)** Be quick to listen and slow to speak. Allow the other person to share their perspective fully. Often, conflicts dissolve when people feel genuinely heard.
- 4. Seek Mediation if Needed (Matthew 18:16)** If the matter is not resolved, invite one or two spiritually mature individuals to help mediate. Their goal is not to take sides but to guide both parties toward understanding and peace.
- 5. Involve Church Leadership (Matthew 18:17)** If reconciliation still proves difficult, the issue may be brought to church leadership for counsel and direction, handled prayerfully and with fairness.
- 6. Choose Forgiveness (Colossians 3:13; Matthew 6:14-15)** Forgiveness is a non-negotiable command. Even when complete reconciliation is hard, believers must release bitterness and entrust judgment to God.
- 7. Restore Fellowship (Galatians 6:1)** The ultimate goal is restoration, not simply resolution. Reconciliation brings healing, unity, and renewed fellowship in Christ.

A simple framework for leaders to remember is:

Pause → Pray → Approach → Listen → Mediate → Forgive → Restore.

## WHY THIS MATTERS

When conflicts are managed biblically, the church community becomes stronger, healthier, and more united. Instead of division, peace prevails. Instead of bitterness, forgiveness flows. Instead of scattering, believers grow in love, maturity, and purpose. As Paul reminded the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 6:1-8), disputes among believers should not be carried before unbelievers but resolved within the household of faith. By following Christ's model, churches can preserve unity, protect their witness, and reflect the love of God to the world.

**Conclusion:** Conflict is inevitable, but division is not. With godly wisdom, patience, and the guidance of Scripture, every disagreement can become an opportunity for growth and a testimony of Christ's reconciling power.

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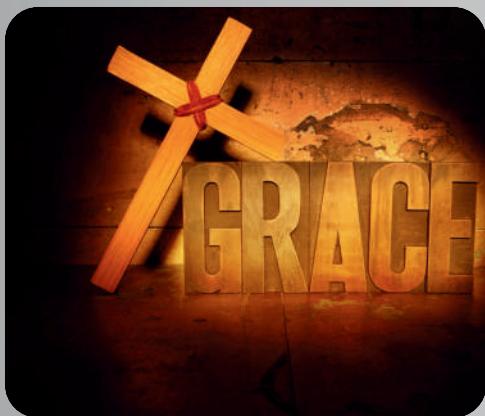
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# WHEN GRACE MEETS TECHNOLOGY: THE ULTIMATE ALGORITHM FOR GREATNESS.

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In a generation obsessed with intelligence, Artificial Intelligence (AI), emotional intelligence, social intelligence, and even financial intelligence, new tools and algorithms are constantly being created to optimize performance and predict our next move. Yet, with all the brilliance AI brings, there remains one system it can never compete with: the Algorithm of Grace. While AI can improve your life, Grace transforms your destiny. AI analyzes your past to predict your future, but Grace interrupts your past to rewrite it. AI may upgrade your skills, but Grace upgrades your identity. Trained on data: your habits, strengths, and weaknesses, AI can only predict what you can become, yet when mistakes, delays, or failures define your record, data doesn't look good on you. If heaven worked like AI, Moses, Rahab, Peter, and Paul would all have been disqualified, but Grace turned each into a vessel of divine greatness.

AI would have said, "Based on your data, greatness is unlikely," but Grace declared, "I will rewrite your code completely." Grace doesn't patch your old system; it installs a new one. As 2 Corinthians 5:17 reminds us, "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature." Grace is not behavior modification but identity transformation. You can master every tool and seminar, but unless Grace works within, you'll remain an efficient version of your old self. AI runs on logic; measured, mathematical, and conditional, but Grace runs on love, radical, relentless, and beyond reason. While AI rewards input and proof, Grace qualifies the unqualified and offers what cannot be earned. As Paul said, "By the grace of God, I am what I am" (1 Corinthians 15:10). Grace is God's supernatural advantage that cannot be explained, duplicated, or reverse-engineered; when it rests on you, others will wonder how you entered rooms and opportunities beyond your credentials. This divine algorithm gives unfair advantage and elevates where intelligence ends. While brilliance is admirable, intelligence alone reaches only as far as human reasoning allows, but Grace carries you to God-designed elevation, beyond data, beyond logic, beyond limitations. With intelligence, you may go far, but with Grace, you go where only God can take you.

To activate this divine algorithm, surrender your script, stay connected to the Source, walk in humility, live with bold faith, and separate your identity from performance, knowing that you are loved and valuable before you do anything. Success may reward intelligence, but greatness is born of Grace. AI may shape the future of technology, but Grace shapes the future of your destiny. So, don't just chase knowledge, pursue the God who gives Grace. For as 2 Corinthians 12:9 declares, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." When Grace meets your potential, greatness becomes inevitable, because Grace, the ultimate divine algorithm, will rewrite your story into the masterpiece God always intended it to be.



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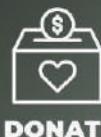


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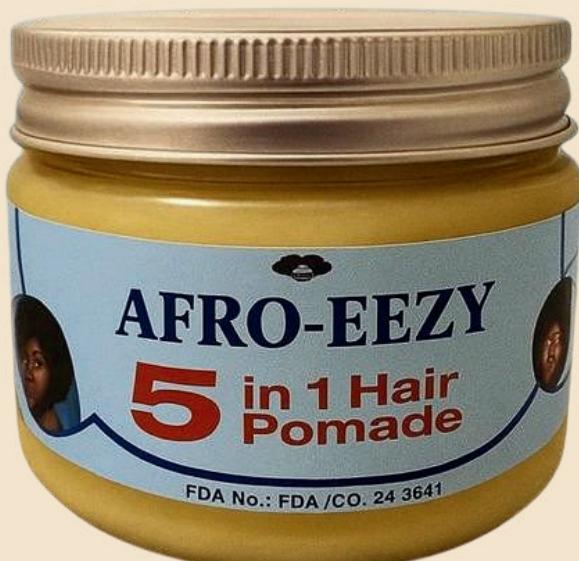
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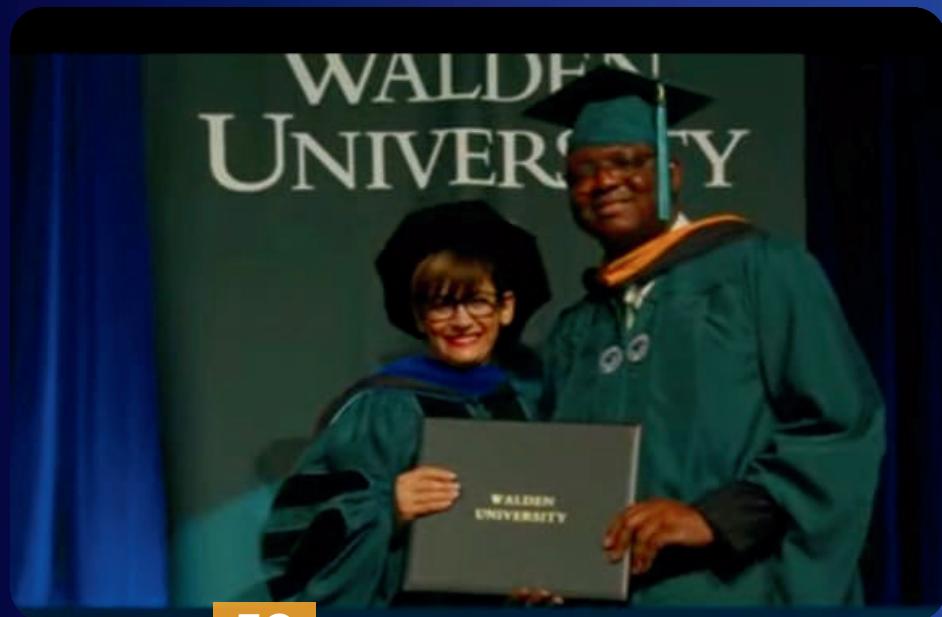


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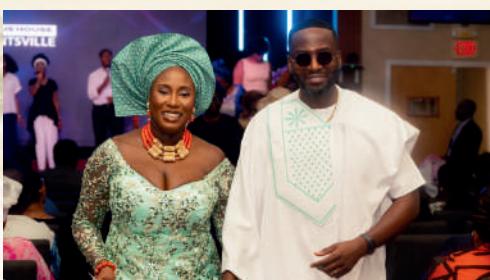
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# Behold A SAVIOUR IS BORN

Scripture Reference: Luke 1:26–35

Theme: God's favor upon Mary and the miraculous birth of Jesus Christ; emphasizing faith, favor, and the power of the Holy Spirit in fulfilling God's promises.

## Mary Chosen for Favor and Greatness

Mary, a young woman from Nazareth, was singled out by God for greatness. The angel Gabriel delivered a divine message, highlighting that she was highly favored among many. This serves as a reminder that God chooses ordinary people for extraordinary purposes, extending favor and divine opportunity to His people today.

## The Prophetic Declaration

Gabriel announced that Mary would conceive and bear a son, Jesus—the Son of the Highest. While this message defied natural expectation, it was divinely ordained. Believers are reminded that God's promises may not always make physical sense, yet His Word never fails.

## Mary's Question: "How Shall This Be?"

Faced with the impossibility of conceiving as a virgin, Mary asked how the promise could come to pass. This mirrors the questions believers ask when confronting seemingly impossible situations, whether related to health, family, or other challenges.

The response: "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee" (Luke 1:35). The Holy Spirit enables the miraculous, turning impossible situations into reality.

## Faith and the Role of the Holy Spirit

The miracle of Jesus' conception was entirely by the Spirit of God, not human effort. Believers are encouraged to trust God rather than ask "how." The same Spirit that raised Jesus can quicken dead situations in anyone's life.

## Contrast Between Mary and Zechariah

Both Mary and Zechariah received divine messages about miraculous births. Zechariah doubted God's plan and was struck mute for nine months, while Mary embraced the message in faith and found favor. This illustrates that favor with God can suspend judgment and open doors to miracles.

## Lessons and Applications

- God's favor makes the impossible possible.
- Believers should respond to God's promises with faith, not doubt.
- Questioning "how" without faith may delay blessings.
- Prayer focus: "Lord, let me find favor in Your sight."

## Prophetic Declarations

- The Holy Spirit will bring divine breakthroughs and long-awaited miracles.
- 2025 is prophesied to be a year of manifestation, favor, and answered prayers.
- Miracles pending in 2024 will be released before year-end.

## Closing Charge

Christmas is not only about gifts but about sharing the love of Christ. Believers are called to proclaim the Savior and express love toward others. Prayer points include thanksgiving, divine protection, and guidance into 2025.

## Main Takeaway:

Just as Mary conceived through the Holy Spirit, believers today can experience divine intervention through faith and favor. God's promises may defy human logic, but with Him, nothing is impossible.



# CROSS OVER



# CROSSING INTO THE YEAR OF DOUBLE PORTION



As the year 2024 comes to a close, believers are called to reflect on God's faithfulness and enter 2025 with a spirit of expectation, worship, and divine anticipation. This year has been proclaimed as a year of double portion, a season of spiritual multiplication, breakthrough, and divine favor.

## Praise and Thanksgiving:

Gratitude sets the stage for God's blessings. Believers are encouraged to lift their voices in worship, magnifying the Holy One of Israel, and acknowledging His faithfulness. Praise is not only a response to past victories but a declaration of readiness for the new year.

## The Double Portion Anointing:

The concept of the double portion comes from the story of Elisha and Elijah in 2 Kings 2:1-15. As Elijah prepared to be taken into heaven, Elisha requested a double portion of his spirit. This request was not for material wealth but for spiritual empowerment—a capacity to operate with greater influence, authority, and favor.

### The double portion symbolizes:

- Spiritual power
- Divine favor and breakthrough
- Increased capacity beyond natural limits
- Fulfillment of God's promises in one's life

Receiving this anointing requires faith, perseverance, and alignment with God's purposes.

## Lessons from Elijah and Elisha:

1. Focus on God, Not Discouragement
2. Elisha ignored the naysayers, the sons of the prophets, who attempted to distract and discourage him. Believers are encouraged to remain anchored in God's Word, resisting negativity, gossip, and opinions that undermine faith.
3. Divine Assignments and Timing
4. Elijah guided Elisha from city to city, preparing him for the mantle of power. God's timing is perfect; patience and faithfulness position believers to receive their divine assignments.
5. Seeing Leads to Receiving
6. Elisha would only receive the double portion if he witnessed Elijah's translation. Faithful observation and spiritual perseverance are key to accessing divine promises.
7. The Mantle of God
8. Power and promotion are given by God, not by man. Spiritual authority, favor, and breakthroughs come directly from Him.

## Keys to Receiving in 2025:

1. Separation
2. Surroundings and associations influence destiny. Aligning with people who love God and share His vision fosters growth, while distancing from negative influences safeguards one's spiritual and personal progress.
3. Transformation
4. Renewal of the mind is critical (Romans 12:2). Transformation positions believers to discern God's will and walk in alignment with His perfect plan.
5. Occupying Dominion
6. Following God's guidance in every territory (Joshua 1:3) ensures divine establishment and authority. Wherever believers step, God grants favor, success, and protection.

## Prayer Points for 2025:

- Full surrender to Jesus to align with God's purposes
- The light of God to shine in dark places, guiding paths
- Victory over personal battles through divine intervention
- Peace, joy, and prosperity in every area of life
- Favor, glory, and protection over family and work
- Spiritual empowerment and breakthroughs throughout the year

## Prophetic Encouragement

Opposition, discouragement, and rejection may arise, but God's plan and favor will prevail. The example of Elisha demonstrates that perseverance, faith, and focus on God's promises lead to empowerment, authority, and lasting victory.

## Closing Exhortation

Believers are reminded to keep their eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of faith, rather than human opinions or sources. Entering 2025 with gratitude, worship, and faith positions every believer to receive God's double portion, spiritual authority, and victories.

# JANUARY

**New Year THANKSGIVING Service**

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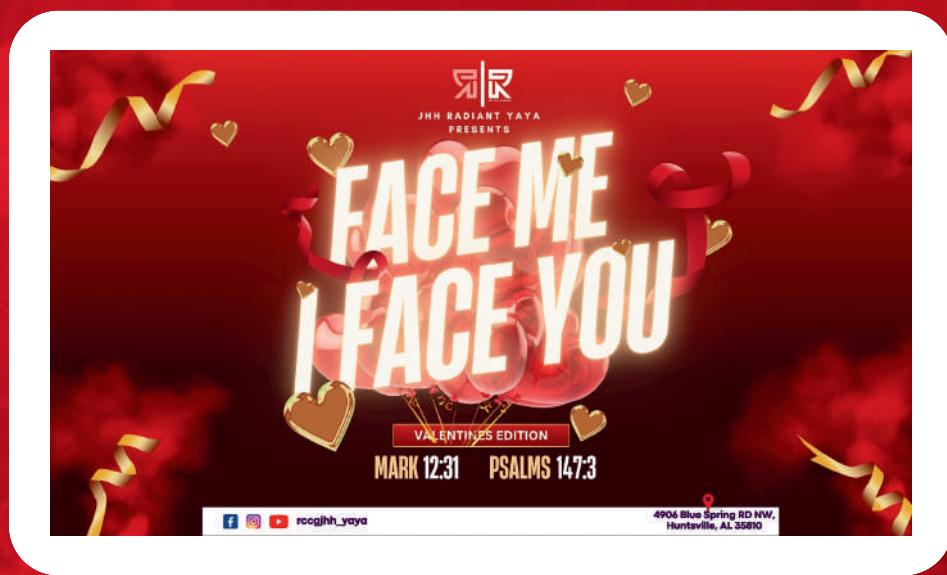
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# THE FORCE OF LOVE



1 Corinthians 13:13

13 And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

In the sight of God love is weightier in comparison than all other gifts.

It is critical to understand that until you excel in love, however gifted you are, you are yet to excel in service.

The greatest of all gifts is Love. Anyone willing to make a lasting impact in the lives of others must walk in love.

When people are aspiring to be seen as individual champions in teamwork, their gifts no longer serve the purpose intended. This is the basis for Paul's comparison of Love with other gifts in

1 Corinthians 13:13 says

13 And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Jesus attested to the power of Love when someone asked Him, "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the law?"

Matthew 22:35-40

35 Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, 36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?"

37 Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord

your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself' 40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

Apostle Paul compares love with other gifts of the spirit and still came to the conclusion that love is the greatest. 1 Corinthians 13:1-8

1 Corinthians 13:1-8: "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing. 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. Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away."

This brings us to a conclusion that love is the summary of God. 1 John 4:8. God is love.

Love is the most excellent way to live.

1 Corinthians 12:31 says 31 But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way.

John 15: 12-13

“This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.”

You cannot claim to love until you lay down something of value.

There are certain dimension to attain laying claim to love

- **Laying down your resources is a pressure test of love.**

Your time, Money, Assets are the pressure test of True love.

What you are willing to give can be a measure of your love.

Acts 2: 44 - 45

“And all that believed were together, and had all things common; And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.”

- **Laying down your ego is a pressure test of true love.**

No man can lay claim to the True love whose ego is shouting.

You must have the mindset of Christ which is servant - Leadership in great humility.

Philippians 2:5-8 “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.”

- **Laying down your personal agenda is a pressure test of love.**

Luke 22 : 42 “Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.”

Jesus had a wish, a desire that the cup of pains, sorrow, agony and death be removed by the Father but He set aside the wish and went for the will of the Father. Whatever you lay down for love, always multiplies back in multiple folds.

John 12 : 24 “Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.”

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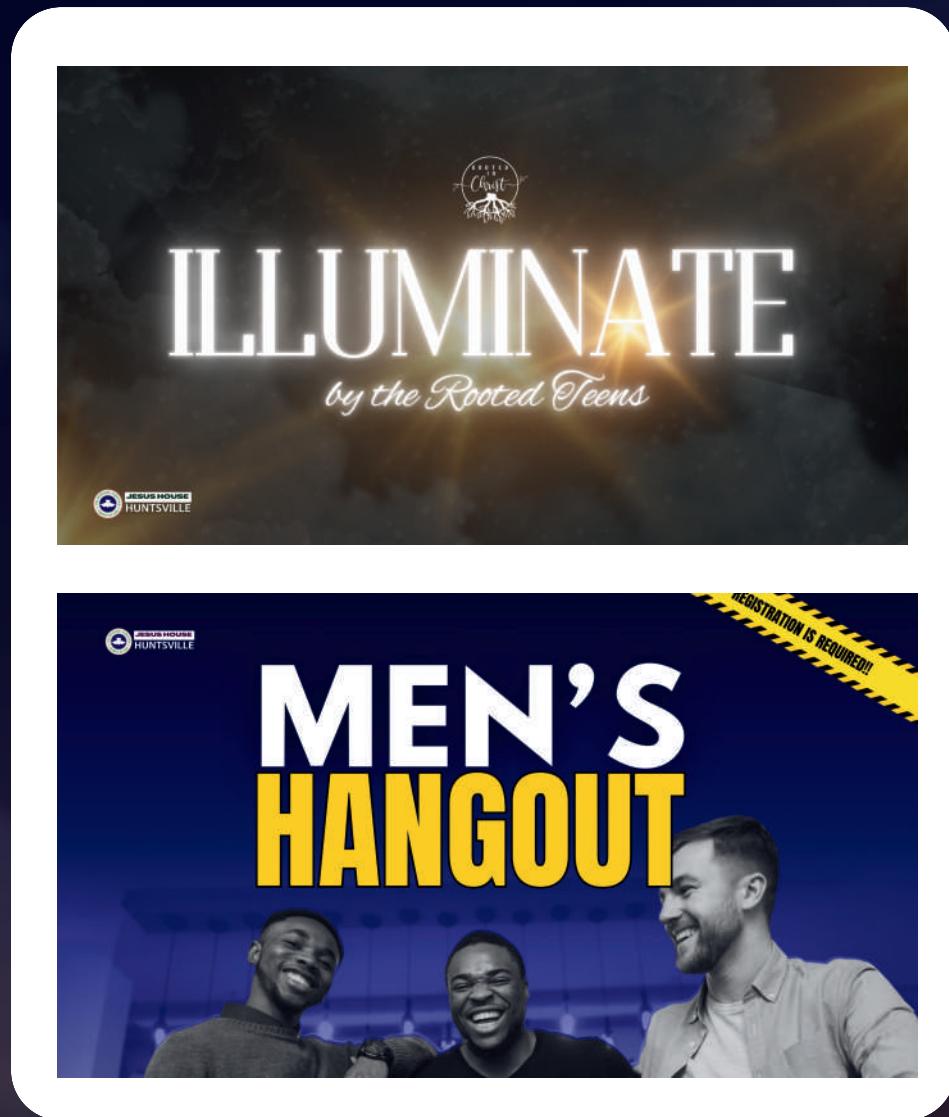


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# BUILDING A LASTING LEGACY

Gen 28: 20-22

As believers, it is very important for us to leave a legacy of eternal value as we sojourn on this Earth.

We will quickly examine three legacies of eternal value.

1.

Legacy of worshipping God: [Gen 28: 20 -22]

Jacob made a vow to Go in Bethel in his days of distress.

God was faithful to his promise concerning his life.

God was with Jacob for those 20 years in Haran with Laban. He returned with eleven sons and a daughter with livestock and wealth.

But instead of coming back to Bethel, he stopped in Shechem in [Gen. 33: 18]

“ And Jacob came to Shalem, a city of Shechem, which is in the land of Canaan, when he came from Padanaram; and pitched his tent before the city. ”

*God was saying to him - comeback to Bethel - A place of your divine encounter.*

Glory be to God - Jacob returned back to Bethel in [Gen. 35: 6-7]

[6] So Jacob came to Luz, which is in the land of Canaan, that is, Bethel, he and all the people that were with him. [7] And he built there an altar, and called the place Elbethel: because there God appeared unto him, when he fled from the face of his brother.

and built an altar and called the place El-Bethel because that was the place of his divine encounter.

Let your legacy be one of worship.

[**Psalm 29:2**] “ Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Let your life declare the greatness of God. ”

2.

Legacy of integrity.

Let your legacy be one of integrity.

3.

Legacy of faith.

Keep your faith in Christ unwavering faith. Romans 1:17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith



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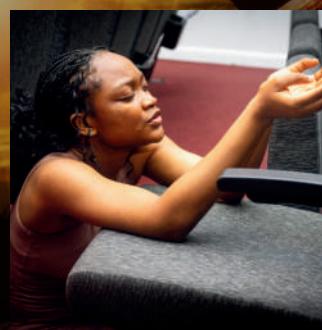


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# He is RISEN

Mark 16: 1 - 13

## Matthew 28: 1 - 6

28 In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.  
2 And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.  
3 His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:  
4 And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.  
5 And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.  
6 He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

## Happy Easter Celebration to you!

The fundamental event upon which christianity is based is the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Cor. 15 : 17 says, “and if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain, ye are yet in your sins”.

Rev. 1 : 18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

While Christ’s life on earth was glorious and His death upon the cross cannot be trivialized.

The most important fact is that He rose from the dead to die no more. This is what gives life to our faith and makes christianity unique.

Luke 24: 5 The angels asked the women who sought the Risen Lord, why do you seek the living amongst the dead?

Jesus Christ is risen and whoever believes in Him will also partake of the eternal life in Him.

Have you received this new life?

I pray that the power of His Resurrection will quicken your mortal body today for greater exploits for you in Jesus name, Amen!



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# EASTER SUNDAY

# FAR ABOVE RUBIES

Proverbs 31:1–4, 10 — Wisdom From a Godly Mother

These verses present the counsel of a wise mother to her son, King Lemuel. She urges him to live with discipline, avoid destructive habits, and embrace the values that shape a noble life. The portrait of the virtuous woman in verse 10 highlights a woman of rare worth—her value surpasses rubies, and her life reflects godly strength and character.

## The Counsel of a Godly Mother

Proverbs 31 highlights the critical role of mothers in shaping destinies. A godly mother teaches her children to avoid paths that ruin leaders—lust, immorality, and a lack of self-control. A strong warning is given against indulging in behaviors that cloud judgment or destroy purpose.

Young people are encouraged to study the book of Proverbs, learning God's standard for life, relationships, and personal discipline. In choosing life partners, virtue, integrity, and spiritual maturity are emphasized above outward appearance.

## The Call to Spiritual Foundation

A fruitful and stable life begins with surrender to Jesus. Faith becomes the foundation on which every other pursuit is built. Without the fear of God, even gifted individuals can fall, as illustrated through Samson's disobedience and rebellion.

Young men and women are urged to remain attentive to God's word, to parental instruction, and to wise counsel. These guardrails prevent the kinds of painful mistakes that can derail destiny.

## Virtuous Women and Godly Character

"Who can find a virtuous woman?" The question underscores rarity, but it also affirms possibility. Virtuous women still exist, and their qualities are discovered through prayer, discernment, and alignment with God's will.

Mothers are encouraged to pass on godly values to their children, shaping homes anchored in righteousness. Men are reminded that a godly spouse is a gift from the Lord, far more valuable than beauty or charm. The blessing of Proverbs 18:22 rests upon those who honor God in their relationships.

## A Warning Against Immorality — Proverbs 7

Proverbs 7 paints a stark contrast to the Proverbs 31 woman. The seductive woman in this passage is loud, rebellious, manipulative, and spiritually dangerous. Her influence pulls individuals into sin and ultimately toward destruction. Her path leads to "the way to hell."

This serves as a sober reminder to avoid adultery, lust, and spiritual carelessness. Women are encouraged to honor God in their homes, while men are called to remain faithful and appreciative of their wives, choosing integrity over temptation.

## Lessons for Women and Men

### For Women

- Care for the home—emotionally, spiritually, and physically.
- Cultivate industriousness, balance, and compassion.
- Embrace humility and a gentle spirit, qualities seen in Ruth—an example of true virtue.
- Avoid harshness, pride, or attitudes that disrupt peace. A calm and wise spirit strengthens the home.

### For Men

- Love, value, and praise your wives; appreciation brings joy and unity.
- Join your spouse in prayer, cooperation, and shared responsibility.
- Stay faithful, resisting influences that destroy character and homes.
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### Practical Wisdom for Families

Families thrive when they are built on prayer, patience, and understanding. Mothers are encouraged to train both sons and daughters in godly behavior and responsibility. Children learn character through intentional teaching, example, and consistency.

A life of discipline includes managing time well, waking early, and offering kindness to others. Wisdom—not control—should guide communication in the home. Advice is offered with grace, not force. A submissive, prayerful, and wise woman strengthens her husband and elevates the entire household.

## The Reward of Virtue

God honors the woman who walks in virtue. Her children learn from her example, rise to appreciate her, and her husband speaks well of her. A home shaped by godliness becomes a place of peace, dignity, and divine favor. Even families that have struggled can experience renewal and restoration when hearts turn back to God.

## Living With Purpose and Godly Balance

A Christ-centered home reflects balance, wisdom, and intentional living. Singles are encouraged to seek God's direction for marriage.

Families are strengthened as they choose righteousness over compromise and walk in alignment with God's principles.

Homes grounded in godly wisdom enjoy protection from destructive influences and experience the peace that comes from living under God's guidance.

## Closing Charge

Be a woman of virtue, a man of integrity, and a family rooted in faith. Build everything on God's word, uphold love and prayer as cornerstones of the home, and allow His wisdom to shape character and decisions. A life patterned after Proverbs 31 rises in value—far above rubies.

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# Joy comes in the MORNING

1 Samuel 2:1-2 – Hannah's Song of Thanksgiving

Hannah's words celebrate the faithfulness of God after a long season of waiting. She rejoices in His salvation, strength, and stability. Her testimony demonstrates how God turns deep sorrow into overflowing joy, and how praise becomes the natural response of a grateful heart.

## Praise Rooted in Gratitude

Praise rises from a place of awareness—awareness of life, breath, strength, and soundness of mind. Simply being alive and able to stand in God's presence is evidence of His mercy. Worship is offered with genuine joy and not with a cold or reserved attitude. God desires worship that springs from a sincere, awakened heart.

Mothers especially are reminded to reflect on the many seasons God has carried them through: childbirth, health challenges, near-disasters, emotional burdens, and silent battles. Every moment of preservation becomes a reason to lift God's name in gratitude.

## Joy Comes in the Morning – Psalm 30

The theme emphasizes that difficult seasons do not last forever. Sorrow may linger through the night, but joy is guaranteed for those who trust God. Night represents hardship, delay, confusion, or emotional heaviness. Morning represents renewal, fresh strength, and divine lifting.

Just as light always follows darkness, God brings His people from sorrow into joy, from heaviness into refreshing, and from trials into testimony. The assurance is clear: every night season eventually gives way to a brighter morning.

## God's Care Through Every Tear

Every hidden tear and silent struggle is known by God. Nothing escapes His attention. He remembers the pain His people endure, and He responds with restoration. He replaces heaviness with gladness and transforms situations that once caused mourning into reasons for celebration.

Lives marked by pressure or prolonged waiting are lifted. Stories once defined by disappointment are rewritten with grace. God's favor outshines the darkness, and His goodness restores what seemed lost.

## Lessons from Hannah

Hannah's journey offers practical lessons for every believer:

- She remained committed to God despite delay, provocation, and misunderstanding.
- She approached God with sincerity, pouring out her deepest burdens.
- She continued to pray until change arrived.
- She honored her vow by dedicating Samuel to God, and she later received additional children.

Her life shows the power of perseverance. Those who remain steadfast in seeking God will eventually step into their own morning of joy.

## Enduring Faith and Renewed Hope

Believers are encouraged to hold on through seasons of waiting, trusting that God meets every need in His time. Joy is not temporary or fragile; it is rooted in God's faithfulness. Families, marriages, individuals, and entire households can expect renewal, fruitfulness, and restoration.

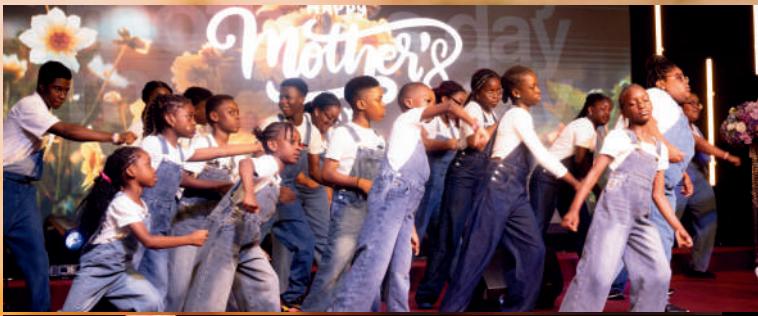
The assurance stands: every form of barrenness—physical, emotional, spiritual, relational, or financial—can be overturned by God's intervention. Hope is strengthened as hearts look toward a future filled with God's goodness.

## Isaiah 60:14 – Promise of Honor and Restoration

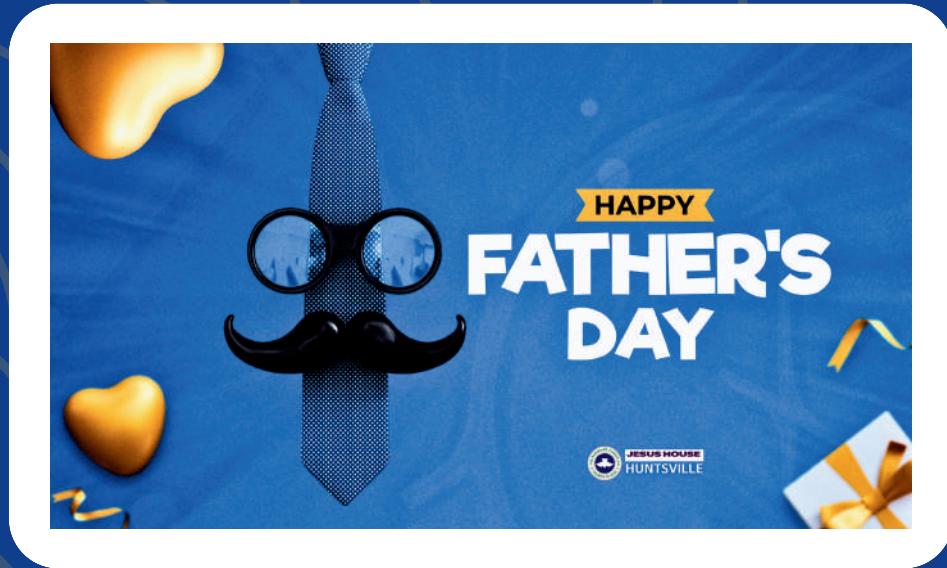
This scripture highlights God's ability to reverse shame and bring honor. Those who once experienced opposition or difficulty will rise into a new season marked by dignity and victory. Praise flows from recognizing the God who turns sorrow into joy and transforms dark chapters into stories of triumph.

## Final Note

Every night season eventually ends. The morning of joy comes with God's presence, His faithfulness, and His promise to complete every good work. Joy rises again, and every story anchored in Him moves toward victory.



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# Leaving A LEGACY BEHIND

Proverbs 13:22: "A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, But the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous."

Happy Father's Day to all our Fathers. A time has come to remind all our Fathers and encourage them to build a Godly legacy through Faith, Character, Presence, Generosity following the Biblical model for a lasting and eternal impact on their families. According to our text Proverbs 13:22; "A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children..."

We will go through some of these Legacies.

## 1. A Legacy of Faith: Teaching the Next Generation to walk with God.

Deuteronomy 6:6-7: "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up."

God commands Fathers to impress His word on the hearts of their Children.

- Sit a regular time for family prayer & Bible reading
- Share personal testimonies with your family
- Involve your family in church life and serve others together.

## 2. A Legacy of Character: Living with integrity before your family.

Proverbs 20:7 "The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him."

A Father's integrity is one of the most powerful tools for generational blessing. When a man chooses righteousness, his children are blessed.

- Be quick to apologize when you are wrong.
- Humility
- Keep your word. Fulfill your promises and pay your vow.

## 3. A Legacy of Presence: Being there with your Time and Heart.

Psalm 103:13 "As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him;"

One of the greatest needs in families today is the presence of Loving and engaged Fathers. Our families need our provision, attention, our listening ears amongst others.

- Schedule intention one-on-one time with each child.
- Be available at home.
- Celebrate their important milestones however small: birthdays, graduations, weddings etc.

## 4. A legacy of Generosity.

2 Corinthians 9: 6-8: "Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

True generosity flows from a heart surrendered to God.

A generous Father creates an environment of abundance.

- Support your children's dreams and education.
- Be an example and inspiration in giving



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# THE GOD OF PERFECTION

## PART TWO

### Main Theme: The God Who Perfects Through Anointing

True success is not shaped by effort alone. Hard work, diligence, and prayer matter significantly, but lasting impact comes from the God factor—the anointing of the Holy Spirit. The anointing is God's divine seal that rests on human effort, producing results far beyond natural capacity.

It represents supernatural enablement, empowerment, and acceleration. It increases ability, multiplies productivity, and perfects destinies. Without the anointing, efforts may struggle to bear fruit. With it, outcomes are magnified, breakthroughs emerge, and divine perfection becomes evident.

#### 1 Samuel 10 – The Anointing of Saul

The anointing of Saul provides a model for understanding how God perfects lives. Five major transformative effects follow divine anointing, revealing how God moves individuals into purpose and destiny.

##### 1. Finding

The anointing brings discovery, clarity, and supernatural direction. Saul located what he was searching for—his father's lost donkeys. This symbolizes a deeper spiritual truth: under God's anointing, purpose becomes clearer, answers are uncovered, and solutions appear in situations that once felt confusing or impossible.

##### 2. Forward Movement

The anointing breaks cycles of stagnation. It initiates momentum, progression, and advancement. Life, ministry, career, and destiny begin to move according to divine timing. Barriers that once held people back lose their power, and steps forward become consistent and undeniable.

##### 3. Favor

Favor flows wherever the anointing is present. Doors open that no human qualification could unlock. Preferential treatment, honor, and divine goodwill accompany those marked by God. Favor places individuals before the right people and grants acceptance and opportunities that effort alone cannot produce.

##### 4. Fame and Status Change

Saul shifted from obscurity to kingship through the anointing. God elevates, promotes, and transforms identity. Influence is expanded, and individuals step into roles that shift the trajectory of their lives and communities. This elevation comes without striving, manipulation, or seeking human approval; it comes through divine appointment.

##### 5. Flame of Fire – Prophetic Power

The anointing ignites spiritual fire. Saul became “another man”—a transformed vessel empowered by the Holy Spirit. This change reflects the boldness, insight, and prophetic ability that emerge when God's Spirit takes full control. Character shifts, spiritual gifts awaken, and believers become carriers of divine solutions and impact.

##### Purpose and Power of the Anointing

The anointing is not symbolic; it is functional and transformative. It:

- Breaks yokes and lifts burdens
- Restores wasted years
- Perfects every area of life—spiritually, emotionally, financially, and relationally
- Revives spiritual dryness and rekindles intimacy with God
- Empowers believers to accomplish what no one in their lineage or generation has ever achieved

Where the anointing flows, perfection begins.

##### Seeking Restoration and Fresh Oil

A life marked by divine perfection requires fresh oil—renewed fellowship, revived spiritual fire, and ongoing dependence on the Holy Spirit. Every area of life—career, ministry, family, health, identity—benefits from the renewing work of God's Spirit. Progress, favor, restoration, and transformation flow from staying aligned with the Holy Spirit's presence and power.

##### Closing Charge

The anointing is the difference-maker. It converts ordinary effort into extraordinary excellence and transforms everyday individuals into carriers of divine influence. When the anointing rests upon a life, forward movement begins, destiny is perfected, and the story shifts permanently for good.

# VBS 2025

## GREATER

1 JOHN 4:4



# THIS AUGUST

The image consists of three vertically stacked promotional posters for Jesus House Huntsville. The top poster features a collage of four people in a church setting, with the text 'AUGUST THANKSGIVING SUNDAY SERVICE' in large yellow letters, a 'LIVE' indicator, and the church's logo. The middle poster shows a man in a purple suit singing into a microphone, with the text 'Seasons of a New Beginning' and the church's logo. The bottom poster shows a man in a blue suit singing into a microphone, with the text 'CROSSING OVER TO TAKE OVER' and the church's logo.

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Seasons of a New Beginning

CROSSING OVER TO TAKE OVER



## August Thanksgiving Service



# Seasons Of a New Beginning



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Isaiah 43:18-19

It is important for us as Children of God to understand that the Season of New Beginnings can focus on the idea that God offers fresh starts in every season of life, encouraging believers to embrace change and trust in His plan.

We can see God as a God of New Beginnings, he lifts us up when we are down and helps us to start over again.

## **Things to Consider For Your Season of New Beginning**

- **Have A New Walk With God.** A new thing begins when God shows Himself as the Almighty in a situation. He introduced Himself to Abraham in Genesis 17:1 And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. He told Abraham to work before Him and be perfect.
- **Have A Vision For Greatness.** Habakkuk 2:3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.
- **Pursue Excellence.** Proverbs 22:29 Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men.

Commit yourself to excellence. Daniel had an excellent spirit and he was preferred above his fellows Daniel 1:8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank:

therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

- **Seek Integrity.** Seek God with integrity if you want to experience a New Beginning. Integrity is reliability, truthfulness, honesty and uprightness. Joseph served with integrity and walked in integrity
- Know How Perseverance Plays A Role in Your New Beginning. A New Beginning calls for patience. James 5:11 Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender merc

# CROSSING OVER TO TAKE OVER



## JOSHUA 1:1-5

Crossing over is not just about entering a new season but stepping into the divine mandate of dominion and possession. God has destined His children for greatness to take charge, excel and manifest His glory.

### To take over means exercising authority in every area of life:

**Genesis 1:28:** “Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that [a]moves on the earth.” yours:

### Occupying promised territories,

**Deuteronomy 11:24:** “ Every place on which the sole of your foot treads shall be yours: from the wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, the River Euphrates, even to the [a]Western Sea, shall be your territory. ”

### Overcoming opposition and manifesting God's glory.

**Isaiah 60:1** “ Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. Caleb boldly declared, “Give me this mountain and he took possession of Hebron” despite the challenges **[Joshua 14:12-14]** Now therefore, give me this mountain of which the Lord spoke in that day; for you heard in that day how the Anakim were there, and that the cities were great and fortified. It may be that the Lord will be with me, and I shall be able to drive them out as the Lord said.” [13] And Joshua blessed him, and gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh as an inheritance. [14] Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite to this day, because he wholly followed the Lord God of Israel.

### Certain Requirements Needed For Crossing Over To Take Over.

- **You have to renew your mindset.** You must move from a survival mood to that of dominion. **Romans 12:2** 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.
- **Allow God to give you divine direction.** **Proverbs 3:5-6** [5] Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall [a]direct your paths.
- **Believe in God's promises no matter how impossible they may seem.** **Mark 11:24** Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.
- **Engage in spiritual warfare.** Bind every opposing force through prayer and fasting. **Ephesians 6:12** [12] For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of [a]the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Crossing over to take over is a call to action to walk in faith, courage, obedience, stepping into God's promises without fear.

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# LIMITLESS TO DO EXPLOITS

## Introduction: Embracing a Life Without Limits

A life of limitless possibilities begins with acknowledging God as the source of transformation. Believers are called to live beyond the boundaries of fear, doubt, or personal history. God desires to express His greatness through His people, and the youth are reminded not to restrict what God can do in and through them.

## A Witness of God's Transforming Power

The journey into a limitless life often begins with understanding that no background is too dark, too broken, or too complicated for God to rewrite. God lifts, restores, and empowers individuals regardless of their past. Every testimony becomes evidence that God specializes in bringing people out of deep challenges and positioning them for destiny.

## What It Means to Be Limitless

To be limitless is to become unstoppable, unhindered, and unshackled from every force that tries to restrain one's potential. In Christ, believers are not called to ordinary living; they are empowered to operate beyond natural limits. This supernatural capacity flows through faith and total submission to God.

## Scriptural Foundation — Ephesians 3:20

The foundation of a limitless life rests on the truth that God is able to do exceedingly, abundantly, and far beyond what anyone can ask or imagine. This ability operates through His power—the Holy Spirit—dwelling within the believer. As long as the Spirit is given room to work, boundaries collapse, and divine possibilities unfold.

## Understanding Limitations

Limitations can arise from external forces or internal struggles. Identifying them is the first step toward overcoming them.

### External Influences

#### 1. Satanic Interference and Demonic Resistance

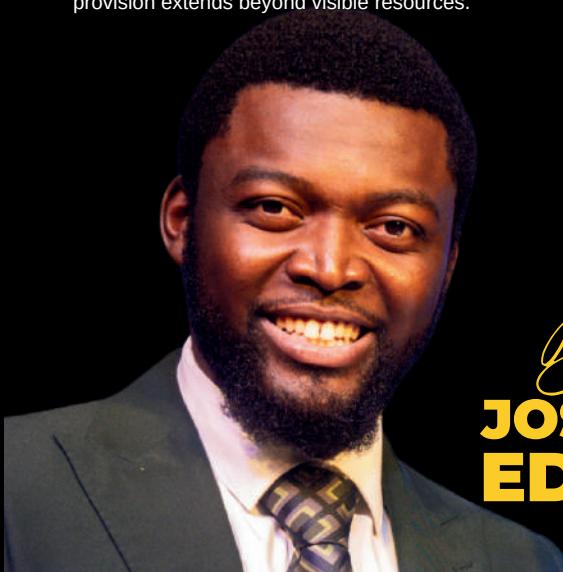
The enemy uses oppression, manipulation, and obstacles to hinder progress. Scripture warns that the adversary is always seeking opportunities to restrict destinies. Spiritual warfare requires awareness and authority.

#### 2. Status and Location

God can lift individuals from any background or environment. Social status, immigration situations, humble beginnings, or family conditions do not confine what God can do. God specializes in raising people "from the dust to sit among princes" (1 Sam. 2:8).

#### 3. Financial Limitation

Money is a necessary tool for life and ministry. God supplies the needs of His people and raises kingdom financiers who will advance His work. Financial limitation should never define a believer's destiny, because God's provision extends beyond visible resources.



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### Internal Influences

#### 1. Mental Attacks

*The enemy frequently targets the mind, planting fear, confusion, self-doubt, or discouragement. The heart must be guarded diligently, as it is the wellspring of life.*

#### 2. Mediocrity and Small Thinking

*A limited mindset—shaped by upbringing, environment, or past failures—can restrict progress more than any demon can. Believers are called to enlarge their thinking and embrace God's vision.*

#### 3. The Flesh and Weaknesses

*Uncontrolled habits, addictions, or moral weaknesses can sabotage greatness. Scripture shows that even a mighty man like Samson fell because he did not master his flesh. Through the Holy Spirit, believers gain victory over sin and destructive tendencies.*

### Partnering With the Holy Ghost

*No one becomes limitless without the active involvement of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is gentle and does not force Himself on any life. He works powerfully in the life of anyone who yields fully to His leadership.*

*Partnership with the Holy Ghost transforms ordinary individuals into vessels of divine exploits.*

### Tools for Overcoming Limitation

#### 1. Prayer

*Prayer is a channel for receiving divine help and direction. A limitless believer maintains a consistent prayer life, seeking clarity and strength through the Holy Ghost.*

#### 2. The Word of God

*Everything visible was created by the Word. Transformation begins when believers align their thoughts, decisions, and expectations with Scripture. Acting on the Word releases supernatural results.*

#### 3. Godly Counsel

*Wisdom from matured, Spirit-filled believers provides stability, safety, and clarity. Counsel helps avoid unnecessary struggles and accelerates growth.*

#### 4. Faith

*Faith is not a concept; it is a lifestyle. It is a living force that produces tangible outcomes. Acting on God's Word with confidence positions believers for breakthroughs and exploits.*

### Call to Response

*A limitless life requires honest reflection and surrender. The message calls individuals to confront the areas where they have been held back:*

- Those who struggle with inconsistency in their walk with God
- Those who desire a genuine relationship with Jesus
- Those who have been shaped by a limited mindset due to past or present circumstances

*God's power is available to break every barrier and realign destinies.*

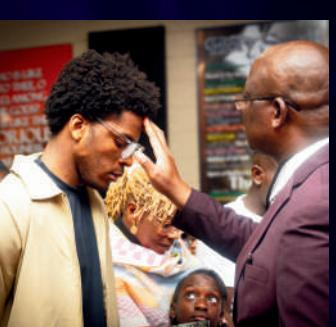
### Conclusion

*Limitlessness is not a motivational concept—it is a spiritual reality available through Christ. Every believer is invited to reject internal and external limitations, embrace partnership with the Holy Spirit, and cultivate a lifestyle of prayer, Scripture, godly counsel, and active faith. Living this way opens the door to a life of exploits without boundaries.*



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# LIMITLESS



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The vertical white frame contains four promotional images for church events:

- FESTIVAL OF PRAISE** (Top Image): A poster for a festival on Saturday, Oct 4th, from 4PM - 10PM. It features a large golden text "FESTIVAL OF PRAISE" against a sunset background. Below the text is a globe with many flags. Two people, Pastor Peter & Korraine Graham, are shown on the right. The poster includes the address "4906 BLUE SPRINGS ROAD, HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA, 35810" and social media links for Facebook and YouTube.
- OCTOBER THANKSGIVING SUNDAY SERVICE** (Second Image): A collage of four smaller images showing people singing and clapping. Overlaid text reads "OCTOBER THANKSGIVING" and "SUNDAY SERVICE". A "LIVE" indicator is in the top right. The Jesus House Huntsville logo is at the bottom.
- ANOINTING For DOUBLE PORTION** (Third Image): A poster featuring a man in a blue suit speaking into a microphone. The text "ANOINTING For DOUBLE PORTION" is in large yellow and red letters. Below it is the Bible reference "2 KINGS 2: 1 - 10". The Jesus House Huntsville logo is in the bottom right.
- PREVAILING PRAYER** (Bottom Image): A poster with a woman kneeling in prayer in front of a campfire. The text "PREVAILING PRAYER" is in large yellow and white letters. Below it is the Bible reference "LUKE 18:1-5". The Jesus House Huntsville logo is in the bottom left.

# FESTIVAL OF PRAISE





## October Thanksgiving Service

# ANOINTING For DOUBLE PORTION

**2 Kings 2: 1-10**



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Our prayer today is that the Double Portion of Anointing will fall so that the children of God will be able to cross over into a new level of power and dominion God wants us to be.

Elisha desired a double portion of the spirit of Elijah and he received it.

## **2 Kings 2:9**

And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.

This double portion anointing must be accessed in order to fulfil our destiny in life. Elisha was sovereignly selected by God to receive Elijah's prophetic mantle.

## **1 Kings 19:16**

And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room. But the fact still remains that Elisha still had to respond to the call.

## **1 Kings 19:20**

And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow thee. And he said unto him, Go back again: for what have I done to thee?



Before Elisha's request for a Double Portion, he was completely focused on Elijah.

After Elisha's zeal for a Double Portion was

conceived, it was tested again and again.

Elisha has to overcome the opinions of his peers, the fifty (50) sons of the prophets and the rejection of Elijah himself.

Also, those deserving a double portion will be subject to the same type of sifting and refinement.

## **STEPS TO DOUBLE PORTION**

You have to go through a period of separation.

### **Romans 12: 9**

Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good

Stay away from evil that can be holding you back from receiving the Double Portion.

You have to go through a period of transformation.

### **Romans 12: 2**

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Have an encounter with God and be transformed by the Holy Spirit. Occupy till HE comes.

Walk in dominion where God has called you.

## **Joshua 1:3**

Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses.

God told Joshua, I will give you every place where you set your feet.

Double Portion Anointing is not going to come without some deliberate effort from you.

# PREVAILING PRAYER



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## LUKE 18: 1-5

One of the mysteries discovered in the parable of this widow is that the widow had no one else to turn to except the unjust judge of her city. If she was to get justice, she had no other alternative. The unjust Judge discovered that this woman was not going to stop demanding justice unless he intervenes in her case. When God becomes your only hope, distractions lose their power over your life.

**Prevailing prayer carries the idea of contending in prayer and never looking elsewhere until the answer comes.**

### [*Psalm 62:1-2*]

1 Truly my soul silently waits for God; From Him comes my salvation.  
2 He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be greatly moved.

### [*Psalm 62:5-8*]

[5] My soul, wait silently for God alone, For my expectation is from Him. [6] He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be [b]moved. [7] In God is my salvation and my glory; The rock of my strength, And my refuge, is in God. [8] Trust in Him at all times, you people; Pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us. Selah

David declared that my soul silently waited for God from Him to come to my salvation.

### [*1 Chronicles 10:13-14*]

[13] So Saul died for his unfaithfulness which he had committed against the Lord, because he did not keep the word of the Lord, and also because he consulted a medium for guidance. [14] But he did not inquire of the Lord; therefore He killed him, and turned the kingdom over to David the son of Jesse.

[*1 Chronicles 10:13-14*]; shows us the repercussions and consequences faced by Saul for not waiting on God for spiritual counsel but turning to a medium instead of waiting on God. He died for his unfaithfulness which he had committed against the Lord.

## **THREE THINGS THAT DESTROYED SAUL**

1. He was unfaithful against the Lord.
2. He did not obey the word of the Lord to totally destroy the Amalekites.
3. He enquired of a medium instead of the Lord.

### [*1 Samuel 28:5-7*]

[5] When Saul saw the army of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart trembled greatly. [6] And when Saul inquired of the Lord, the Lord did not answer him, either by dreams or by Urim or by the prophets. [7] Then Saul said to his servants, "Find me a woman who is a medium, that I may go to her and inquire of her." And his servants said to him, "In fact, there is a woman who is a medium at En Dor."

However, David was a man who learned how to wait on God.

### [*Psalm 40:1*]

[1] I waited patiently for the Lord; And He inclined to me, And heard my cry.

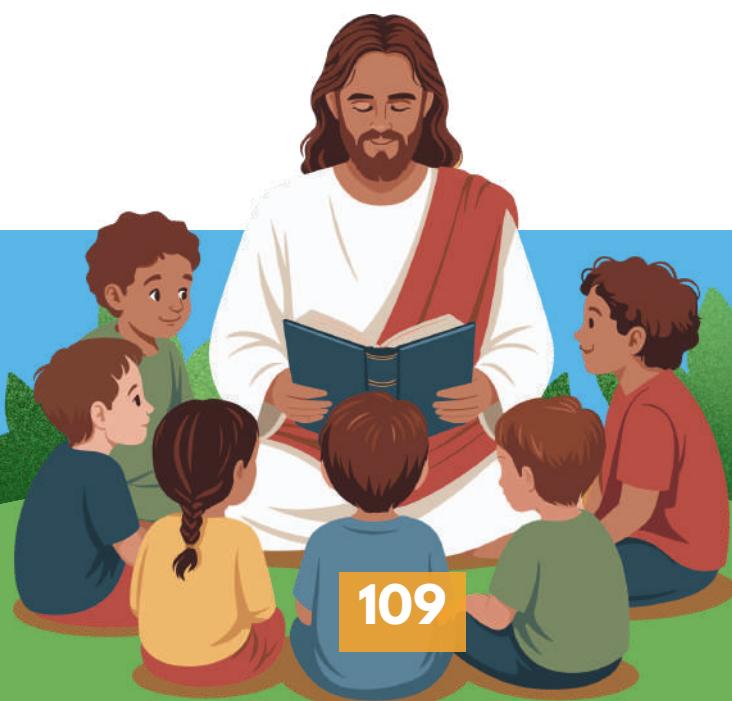
The question we need to ask ourselves today is – **Are we ready to turn our battles of life to God?** Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.



# **GOD'S HERITAGE SECTION**



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A Deep, Faith-Filled Guide to Help Children Walk in  
God's Purpose and Character

God doesn't wait for children to grow up before He starts building greatness in them. The Bible shows us that young people can walk in purpose, hear God's voice, and make a difference from a young age.

Greatness is not about fame, money, or trophies—it is about growing in character, courage, faith, and love.

This guide offers practical devotions for children to help them understand God, develop spiritual habits, and build character that reflects God's greatness every day.



# I Am Created On Purpose



## Bible Verse: Psalm 139 verse 13-14

"For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise You because I am fearful and wonderfully made."

## Deeper Thought:

God made you special with unique gifts, thoughts, and talents. There is no one else like you in the whole world. Your hands, your smile, your imagination, and even the way you think—everything is part of God's plan for your life.

## Practical Example:

Think of a time you helped someone, created something, or made someone smile. That shows your God-given uniqueness at work.

## Activity:

Draw a picture of yourself doing something you love or helping someone. Write down three special things God gave you that make you unique.

## Prayer:

"Lord, thank You for making me special. Help me use my gifts to honor You and shine Your light."

## Discussion Prompt:

Ask your child, "What is one thing God made in you that makes you excited to grow?"



# God Has a Plan for My Life



**Bible Verse:** Jeremiah 29 verse 11

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to give you hope and a future."

## Deeper Thought:

God knows your future. Even if you feel small, confused, or unsure, God has a plan. He is writing your story one day at a time. Sometimes He asks you to be patient and trust Him before the big things happen.

## Story Example:

Think of young Joseph, who started as a shepherd boy, faced betrayal, and ended up saving a nation. God was working on his greatness even when he couldn't see it.

## Activity:

Ask your child to write or draw a dream they have and pray over it. Explain that God can use even little steps to fulfill big dreams.

## Prayer:

"Father, thank You for having a plan for my life. Help me trust You every day and walk in the path You made for me."

## Discussion Prompt:

Ask, "What is one dream God has put in your heart that you want to follow?"



# Talking to God Anytime



**Bible Verse:** Philippians 4 verse 6

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

## Deeper Thought:

Children sometimes feel worried, scared, or sad. Prayer is like talking to a loving parent who always listens. God wants to hear your heart, even about small things.

## Practical Example:

Before a test, when making a new friend, or when feeling nervous, children can pause and speak to God in their own words.

## Activity:

Teach children short one-sentence prayers. Example:

"God, help me be brave today."

"God, thank You for my family and friends."

"God, help me do what is right."

## Prayer:

"Jesus, thank You for listening to me. Help me remember that I can talk to You anytime."

## Discussion Prompt:

Ask, "When was a time God answered your prayer in a way you did not expect?"



# Kindness Shows God's Greatness



**Bible Verse:** Ephesians 4 verse 32

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

## Deeper Thought:

Greatness isn't about being the fastest, the smartest, or the strongest. True greatness is reflected in kindness. Every small act of kindness—sharing, helping, encouraging—makes a big difference.

## Story Example:

Think of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10 verses 30-37) who helped someone in need. Even though he was not asked, his actions showed God's love.

## Activity:

Encourage children to do at least one act of kindness every day. Keep a "kindness journal" and write what they did and how it made them feel.

## Prayer:

"Lord, help me to be kind to everyone I meet and to show Your love through my actions."

## Discussion Prompt:

Ask, "Who can you show kindness to today and how?"





# Courage Comes From God

## Bible Verse: Joshua 1 verse 9

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

## Deeper Thought:

Children often face fears—school, tests, making friends, or trying new things. Courage is trusting God even when things feel scary. God promises to walk with them every step of the way.

## Story Example:

David faced Goliath with just a sling and stones. His courage came from knowing God was with him (1 Samuel 17, verses 45-50).

## Activity:

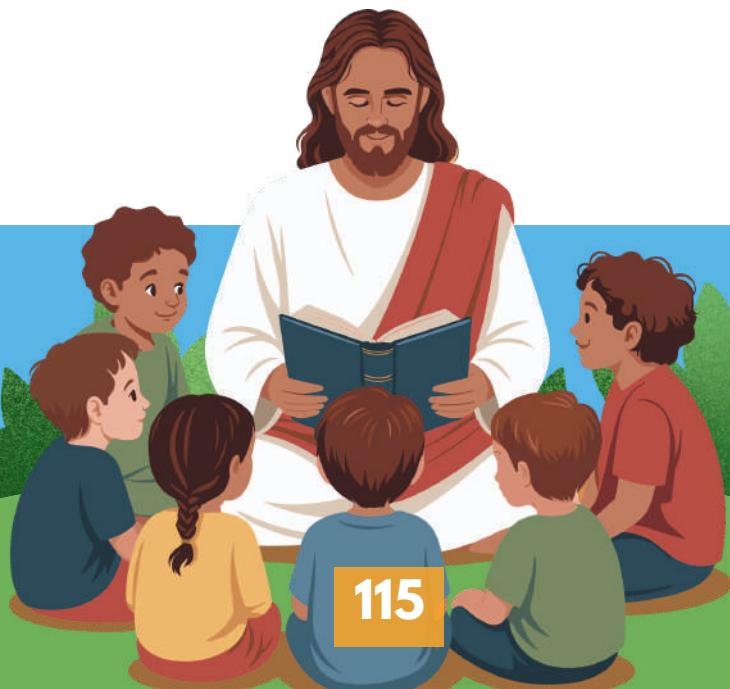
Have your child write down one fear and say, "God, You are with me. I will be brave."

## Prayer:

"Dear God, thank You for giving me courage. Help me to trust You when I feel afraid."

## Discussion Prompt:

Ask, "Can you share a time you felt brave because God helped you?"



# Making Good Choices With God's Help



**Bible Verse:** Psalm 119 verse 105:

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

## **Deeper Thought:**

God's Word teaches children how to make good choices. Whether it's deciding what to say, how to treat others, or what to do at school, God guides every step.

## **Activity:**

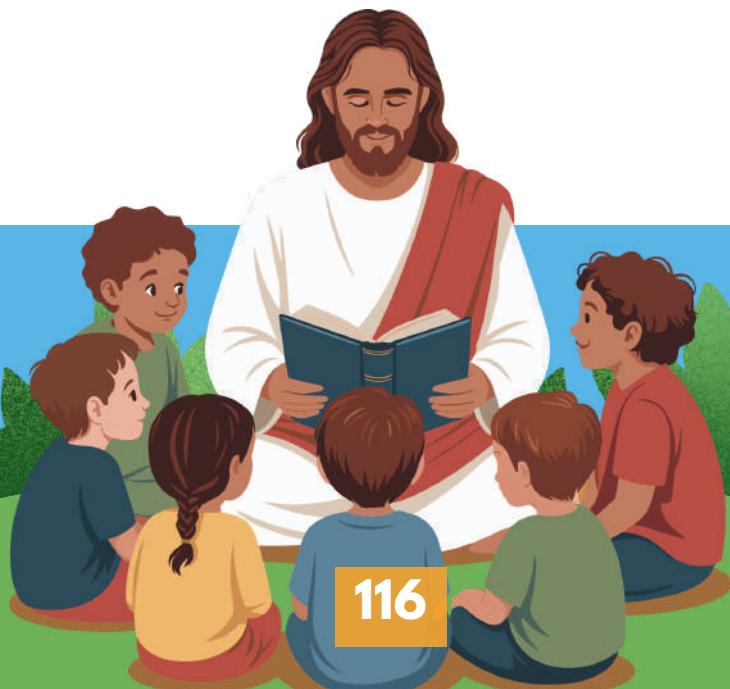
Pick one verse to memorize each week and discuss what it means. Example: "Be kind to others" (Ephesians 4 verse 32).

## **Prayer:**

"Holy Spirit, help me make good choices every day and follow Your path."

## **Discussion Prompt:**

Ask, "What is one choice you can make today that will make God happy?"





# Serving God Even as a Child

**Bible Verse:** 1 Samuel 3 verse 10:

"Speak, Lord, for Your servant is listening."

## Deeper Thought:

Children can serve God in small ways every day. Listening, obeying, helping at home, and encouraging friends are ways to grow in greatness. Samuel heard God's voice and obeyed at a young age.

## Activity:

Give children one small task to serve God today:

- Help a sibling or parent
- Pick up trash at school
- Pray for someone who is sick
- Encourage a friend

## Prayer:

"Lord, help me hear Your voice and serve You in everything I do."

## Discussion Prompt:

Ask, "How can you help someone today and show God's love?"





# God's Love is Constant

**Bible Verse:** John 15 verse 9

"As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Remain in My love."

**Deeper Thought:**

Children sometimes feel lonely or worried about being loved. God's love is constant. It does not depend on how well they behave, perform, or achieve. This love is the foundation of true greatness.

**Activity:**

Encourage children to write a "love note" to Jesus, thanking Him for loving them always.

**Prayer:**

"Jesus, thank You for loving me all the time. Help me to love You and others every day."

**Discussion Prompt:**

Ask, "How does knowing God loves you make you feel brave, happy, or special?"



# Conclusion: Walking in God's Greatness Every Day



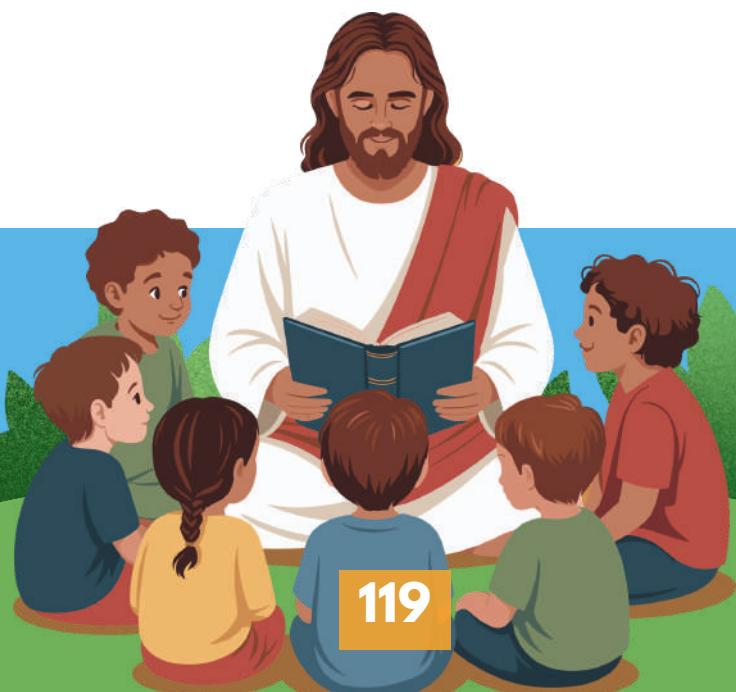
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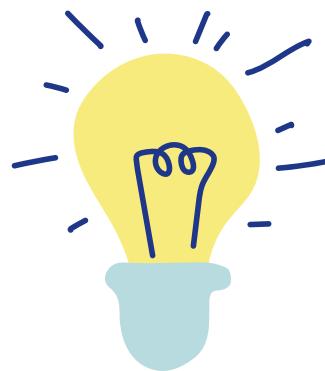
- Knowing they are special
- Trusting God's plan
- Talking to Him daily
- Being kind
- Having courage
- Making good choices
- Serving others
- Resting in God's love

Greatness is not about age, size, or ability. It is about heart, character, faith, and obedience.

**Encourage children to practice one devotion each day. Little by little, their hearts will grow strong, their faith will deepen, and they will walk confidently in the greatness God has planned for them.**

***"Even a child is known by his actions, by whether his conduct is pure and right" (Proverbs 20 verse 11).***





# CAN YOU SOLVE THIS?

Guess the Bible Character from the Emojis...

Answers are at the bottom, no peeking! ☺

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Noah, Moses, Daniel, David and Goliath, Jonah, Jesus, Feeding of the 5,000, Peter Walks on Water, The Resurrection, The Walls of Jericho, The Woman at the Well, Pentecost, Ruth and Boaz, Esther Becomes Queen, David



# CAN YOU SOLVE THIS?

How well do you know your bible stories?

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1. Which prophet was taken up to heaven in a whirlwind?
2. Who prayed even when it was forbidden, three times a day?
3. Who was the first king of Israel?
4. Who wrote most of the Psalms?
5. Who was the mother of Jesus?
6. Who was known for his great wisdom?
7. How many days did Jesus fast in the wilderness?
8. Who was swallowed by a big fish?
9. What did Jesus say on the cross before He died?
10. What is the very first verse in the Bible?

(3.) Saul (5.) Mary (9.) "It is finished." (6.) Solomon (1.) Elijah (8.) Jonah (10.) "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." (2.) Daniel (7.) 40 (4.) David

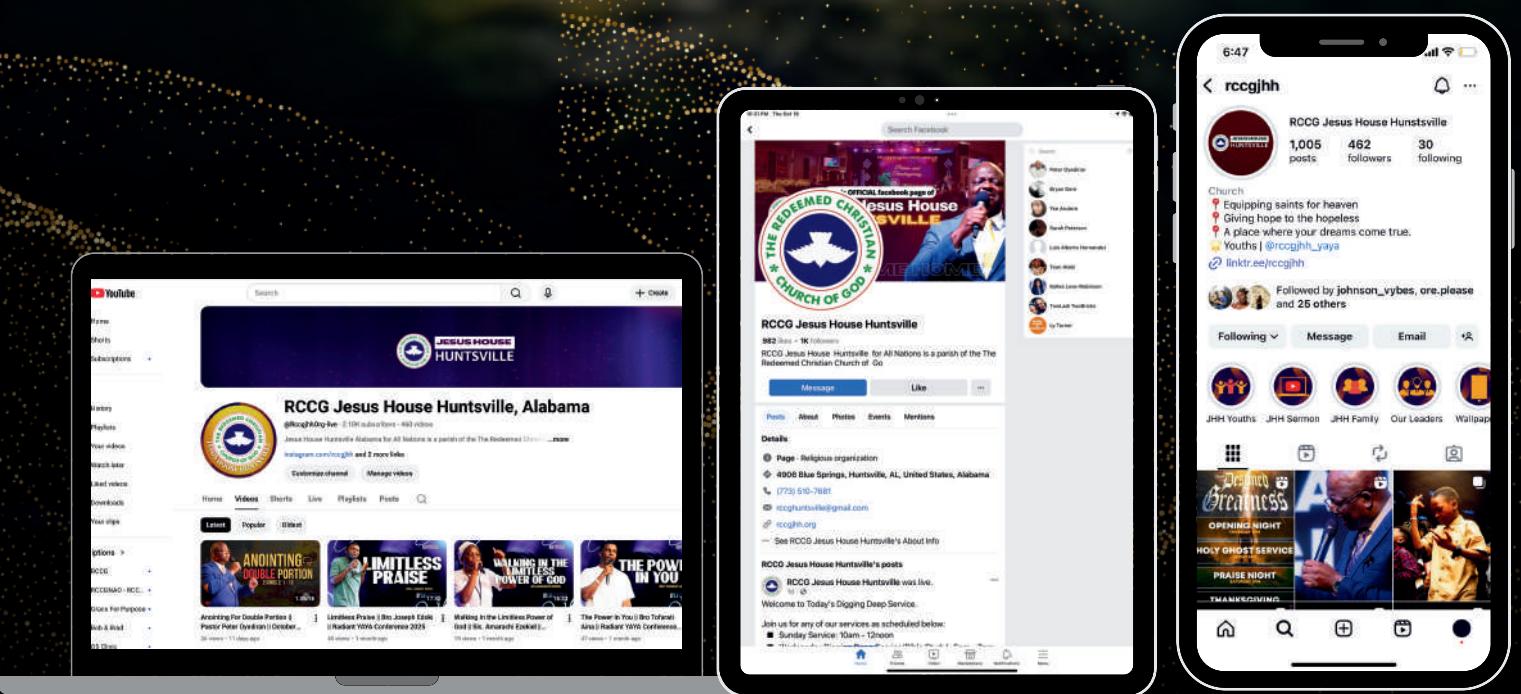
# Have you? **BINGO**

If you've done more than twelve, you are so real for that.

Arrived late to service	Took notes during sermon	Said "Amen" Loudly	Did an undignified dance
Brought a friend to church	Shared your testimony on stage	Forgot your bible at home	Sang in the choir
Attended a past JHH anniversary before	Volunteered for a program	Ate snacks during service	Slept during a sermon
Spoke to someone new at church	Read a Bible Verse in front of everyone	Chew mouth during a song	Thanked an HOD or the pastor

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