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For whosoever shall call upon the name of the lord shall be saved - Romans 10:13

TIME WITH ABBA FATHER

THE BOOKS OF PROVERBS AND ROMANS

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WHILE YOU SLEEP

Romans 1:9, NLT: "God knows how often I pray for you. Day and night, I bring you and your needs in prayer to God, whom I serve with all my heart by spreading the Good News about his Son."

Saturday, January 9th

WHERE DOES YOUR UNDERSTANDING DWELL?

PROVERBS 3:5 NLT. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding."

Sunday, January 10th

ONE STEP AT A TIME

PROVERBS 3:6 ERV," With every step you take, think about what he wants, and he will help you go the right way"

Monday, January 11th

ARE YOUR THOUGHTS RIGHT?

Proverbs 14:12 ERV, "There is a way that people think is right, but it leads only to death."

Tuesday, January 12th

WISDOM

PROVERBS 9:10 AMP, "The [reverent] fear of the Lord [that is, worshiping Him and regarding Him as truly awesome] is the beginning and the preeminent part of wisdom [its starting point and its essence], And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding and spiritual insight."

Wednesday, January 13th

GUARD YOUR LIFE

PROVERBS 27:19 ERV "Just as you can see your own face reflected in water, so your heart reflects the kind of person you are"

Thursday, January 14th

I CHOOSE TO BE HOLY

ROMANS 12:1 NLT, "And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him."

Friday, January 15th

THE TRANSITION

ROMANS 12:2," Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect."

Saturday, January 16th

A KNOW IT ALL

ROMANS 12:16 NLT," Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all!"

Sunday, January 17th

BE EMPOWERED

ROMANS 8:11 NLT," The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, He will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you."

Monday, January 18th

KNOWING AND WORSHIPPING GOD

ROMANS 1: 21 NLT, "Yes, they knew God, but they would not worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused."

Tuesday, January 19th

LIVING RIGHTLY AS LIGHT

Romans 13:12, NLT: "The night is almost gone; the day of salvation will soon be here."

Wednesday, January 20th

THE TRUE ESSENCE OF LOVE

ROMANS 5: 7-9 AMPC

Now it is an extraordinary thing for one to give his life even for an upright man, though perhaps for a noble and lovable and generous benefactor someone might even dare to die. But God shows and clearly proves His [own] love for us by the fact that while we were still sinners, Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One) died for us. Therefore, since we are now justified (acquitted, made righteous, and brought into right relationship with God) by Christ's blood, how much more [certain is it that] we shall be saved by Him from the indignation and wrath of God

Thursday, January 21st

THROUGH THE HOLYSPIRIT

ROMANS 1:3-4 ERV," The Good News is about God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. As a human, he was born from the family of David, but through the Holy Spirit he was shown to be God's powerful Son when he was raised from death."

Friday, January 22nd

YOU HAVE BEEN SET FREE: INNOCENT!

ROMANS 8:1-3 ERV," 1 So now anyone who is in Christ Jesus is not judged guilty. 2 That is because in Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit that brings life made you free. It made you free from the law that brings sin and death. 3 The law was without power because it was made weak by our sinful selves. But God did what the law could not do: He sent his own Son to earth with the same human life that everyone else uses for sin. God sent him to be an offering to pay for sin. So, God used a human life to destroy sin"

Saturday, January 23rd

THE CARNAL MIND

Romans 8:7 KJV, "Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be."

Sunday, January 24th

THE TEST

PROVERBS 27:21 AMP," The refining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold [to separate the impurities of the metal], And each is tested by the praise given to him [and his response to it, whether humble or proud].

Monday, January 25th

FLEEING FROM SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS

Romans 4:5 NLT" But people are counted as righteous, not because of their work, but because of their faith in God who forgives sinners."

Tuesday, January 26th

OBEDIENCE

Romans 10:2-5 NLT," I know what enthusiasm they have for God, but it is misdirected zeal. For they don't understand God's way of making people right with himself. Refusing to accept God's way, they cling to their own way of getting right with God by trying to keep the law. For Christ has already accomplished the purpose for which the law was given. As a result, all who believe in him are made right with God. For Moses writes that the law's way of making a person right with God requires obedience to all of its commands."

Wednesday, January 27th

THE POWER OF WAITING

Romans 8:25 AMP," But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait eagerly for it with patience and composure."

Thursday, January 28th

TITLE: MERCY, LORD! I NEED YOUR MERCY

Romans 12:16, NLT" So it is God who decides to show mercy. We can neither choose it nor work for it."

Friday, January 29th

THE STUMBLING STONE

Romans 9: 32 AMP," And why not? Because it was not by faith [that they pursued it], but as though it were by works [relying on the merit of their works instead of their faith]. They stumbled over the stumbling Stone [Jesus Christ]."

Saturday, January 30th

TITLE: YOU ARE CHOSEN

ROMANS 1:6 AMPC, "and this includes you, called of Jesus Christ and invited [as you are] to belong to Him."

Sunday, January 31st

TITLE: JOY

ROMANS 15:13 AMP," May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing [through the experience of your faith] that by the power of the Holy Spirit you will abound in hope and overflow with confidence in His promises."

NLT," I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit."

WHY I WROTE THIS DEVOTIONAL

Growing up, I realized that there are transitions a child must go through. Most times, the child is rarely prepared or equipped enough for these transitions and seasons of life hence, the room for mistakes, setbacks, and avoidable circumstances as they grow.

As I grew up, I went through a major phase of seeking my identity, purpose, and true joy. For a long while, I struggled with knowing who I was and living well with others. I struggled with the understanding of what it meant to be a child to my earthly parents and the roles I had to play to make the home a better place in the little way I could, knowing how to manage relationships with others and love myself entirely and deliberately. I struggled to identify the real woman in me i.e., a Queen created by God to play a significant role on earth.

I have always been a Christian for as long as I have known, in fact, I loved to challenge myself to finish the bible at a very young age, however, with all this zeal in me for Christ, I still struggled with understanding the concept of growing and the transition we go through in life as humans, I struggled with loving and accepting myself, loving others, and treating them as Jesus would. In summary, I did not understand the concept of not just being a Christian but being in Love enough with God to look and exemplify Him.

In my pain and journey to becoming older, I like to say I met with The Christ again, but this time, in a way I had never experienced Him, although not perfect and in need of help, He picked me up as He recognized me in my weakness. I called on Him and He gave me a new identity, the one of Royalty. He made me understand the meaning of developing genuine intimacy with the father and being schooled or discipled by Him. As I submitted myself to God, to help groom me into becoming the woman He had called me to be and develop intimacy with Him, step by step, I began to grow, I recognized major growth in my actions towards others, my parents, myself, and my relationship with God.

He made me understand the concept of being His child and Him being my father.

I look back at my life and the road in which I was to journey, and I know, that if not for God, I would be wallowing deep in pain, weakness, and shallowness of identity.

In the blink of an eye, God inspired me to pay attention to children, young adults and watch how much impact the mindset they develop from a young age has on their actions and success in life as they grow. I realized we live in a world with various types and kinds of principles, laws, and men/women. It is therefore important that as a child growing into becoming an adult, you and I are equipped enough with the capability and wisdom to deal with these.

God is the creator of the world and He created you and I as representatives of Him here on earth, despite how the world is, it is therefore important that as we grow, God trains us to step out into the world as the Kings and Queens of the purpose to which He has called you and I.

I wrote this book to signify that Jesus saves, not to abandon you and leave you cold, confused and alone, but He saves to build, Jesus saves to prune, He saves to transform, He saves to redeem, and He saves to uplift you and I.

This book is not about being a casual Christian, this book, is about growing intentional and genuine intimacy with your father, the King of all Kings, who will serve as your source, sustainer and guide in life and the world we live in today to come into full bloom of knowing that you are Royalty, because you are His.

With all that has been said, I hope you will find this book a great help to you. It is important to eventually read every message, because together they will cover your life in the way it needs to be covered. The best way to read the book is with the Holy spirit guiding you. I also advice you get a dictionary beside you and a study note just in case need be to search out words not understood and write down key points learned for your review.

I pray as you study the words written in this devotional, God better equips you to establish a strong and life-changing walk with Him as your father and achieve greater things in life. Finally, know that you are loved and accepted by God the father through Jesus Christ, every day and always despite circumstances.

JANUARY

THEME: DEVELOPING INTIMACY WITH THE FATHER

Dear Royalty,

Before we go deep into the book, I would like to give you a short description of the theme for this month," Developing Intimacy with the father".

The theme for this month focuses on developing genuine intimacy and fellowship with God. In January, we shall dive into greater dimensions in Christ Jesus, purposely and deliberately, we will search the scriptures and submit ourselves to come to the knowledge of who we are in Christ. I believe God shall uplift you as you transition into becoming like Zion in your generation.

Please note that in order to get the most out of this devotional, it requires you studying with the Holy spirit as your guide, also, you must decide to remain disciplined to completing the first 31 days of the year, thereby coming into full light of intimacy with God. Let us start this journey into 2021 on the lap and guidance of the **King of Judah**, our father.

Finally! It is important you get a personal jotter beside you to take notes down, your bible and a dictionary to build and aid understanding of all you read.

I, Sharon Paulina Boye count it a great honor to know you have a copy of this book, I wish you all the best as we journey together, and I pray that as we journey, the spirit of God rest upon you, I join my faith with yours, and pray that indeed we shall achieve utmost intimacy with the father through Jesus and the help of the Holy spirit. Amen.

Welcome ROYALTY!

THEME: DEVELOPING INTIMACY WITH THE FATHER



ABBA FATHER FRIDAY, JANUARY 1ST

Romans 10:13 AMP, for "whoever calls on the name of the Lord [in prayer] will be saved."

Hey, Friende

Welcome to your year of happiness. It is 2021.

Writing this to you brings me so much joy. The fact you are reading this is a testimony because you are alive at. I pray you to dance with good news all through the year. Amen.

Are you scared as to what the future holds?

Oh, it is a new year, everyone is celebrating. "It's not that I am not happy. I am, but what would I accomplish this year?", you may ask yourself.

Today as the year begins. I want to encourage you to call on Jesus. Do you know that being alive today is a miracle? Yes, it is.

God is very intentional about you as His child and so, He always wants to make sure you are fine. God is your father, and He does not ever want to see you sad, scared, in trouble, or hurt. God is your dad, and you are His child/ baby.

As I began preparing to write this devotional, I questioned what I could write for the first day of the year. We all know how 2020 went for us, the pandemic and lockdown took many of us unaware, and many lost their lives, in many parts of the world, there were struggles and the economy was greatly affected leading many to also lose their jobs. We may then ask ourselves, what then will 2021 look like? "Will I make it out of this year alive, should I prepare for something worse?"

I have a word for you from today's scripture which says, " everyone who calls on the name of the lord, your father, will be rescued (to be saved) and have a new life." Everyone! And you are not exempted, once you believe in the truth of God through Jesus, and believing in the saving Grace that comes with Jesus, you will be rescued, believe this! As you begin this year, always know you have a father (God) you can call on. He will always be there to help you every time you call Him.

Are you sick in your body? Call on the name of Jesus! Are you about to get involved in an accident? Call on the name of Jesus. Are you feeling depression to the point of suicidal thoughts? Call on the name of Jesus! Do you know someone praying for the fruit of the womb? Call on the name of Jesus! Are you in debt and in a financial battle? Call, ABBA FATHER (Your source, sustainer and guide)!

If you are in trouble, call on Jesus, He will help you. If you need help, ask Him, He will help you. God never leaves His own stranded, never! I write these words with confidence, I write these words because I Have experienced Him, I have experienced Abba, and although you cannot see Him with your physical eyes because He's spirit, know that His presence is with you.

When someone's presence is in a place you can sense it, because there is an impact. You can also perceive the scent of a friend's perfume although they are far from you.

It is the same way with God, His presence breaks yokes and set captives free, even without seeing Him. So, what are you waiting for? Throughout the year, never seize to call, "Dad! Jesus, save me!"

PRAYER POINT

DEAR JESUS, AS I BEGIN THIS YEAR, I PRAY FOR YOUR PRESENCE ALWAYS. I PRAY I WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOU ARE WITH ME AND YOU WILL ALWAYS BE THERE TO SAVE ME WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME. AMEN

He is right with you and on guard to answer, always.



CONQUERING FEAR SATURDAY, JANUARY 2ND

Romans 8:15 NLT, "So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father."

Woke up from a nightmare! "Dad! Dad!", I cry out, with tears rolling down as fear grips me, my heart racing back and forth. Amid the turbulence I feel within me, I hear the words, 'I am here, my child '. Grabbing me closely, He says, "I am with you always even till the ends of time, fear not."

Ever felt alone, troubled, misunderstood, and confused as to the circumstance's life throws at you? You ought to understand not just who you are and what God has created you to be, you must understand whose you are i.e., who you belong to.

You belong to a father who loves you deeply and will always be there to guide and protect you.

During uncertainty, why do you fear? The bible says you have not a spirit that produces fear. It is like a tree whose fruits never come out bad, so also God's spirit in you does not produce fear.

Who is the king of the jungle?

That's right, "A Lion"

Have you seen how powerful and fearless they are? Can you imagine a Cub (baby Lion \bigcirc) being afraid of anything? Impossible!

In this same way, remember, your father (God) is the Lion of the tribe of Judah! And you are His child, so why be afraid?

Go out today knowing you can get anything you set your mind to, and there are no limitations for you, no limitation! And remember this, Jesus loves you (Hold On! Personalize understanding this: I am deliberately and intentionally loved by Jesus!)

PRAYER POINT

PRAY THIS BEFORE YOU HEAD OUT!
DEAR JESUS, PLEASE HELP ME BE
CONFIDENT IN YOU. I HAVE YOUR SPIRIT IN
ME SO HELP ME LIVE AS YOUR CHILD
ALWAYS. TODAY, GRANT ME STRENGTH TO



DO NOT JUDGE! SUNDAY, JANUARY 3RD

Romans 2:1, "You may think you can condemn such people, but you are just as bad, and you have no excuse! When you say they are wicked and should be punished, you are condemning yourself, for you who judge others do these very same things.

Let's go back to stories of childhood, shall we?

"Imagine you get back from school and it is time to do your homework. Your mum gives you your phone tab to do your work for the day and as you are about to start your homework, a message pops in from your Friend, "Dina, I heard something about Jessica today, is it true she lied against David?"

"Yes, it is, I do not like Jessica, she is always lying and gossiping. She is such a bad person. Can you imagine what she said about David? I wish she just gets expelled from school. I really dislike her", you tell your friend.

Just as you are speaking with your friend, your mom begins calling out your name, "Dina Dina", "yes Mummy?" you respond. She asks, are you still doing your homework? You have spent a lot of time on it. Do you need help?

You respond, "no mummy, my teacher said we have a test tomorrow, so I am reading for it "

Story ends

Hmm, what do you think of Dina? She just said she dislikes Jessica because Jessica is always lying and gossiping, yet she lied to her mum about studying for a test, meanwhile, she had been talking to her friend all along.

From our Bible text today, you will notice that Dina has just condemned herself. Dina is as guilty as Jessica as well, that's if Jessica actually lied against David and it is not some false news, if it is true however, both parties are liars in the eyes of God. I know it is hard at times to see someone doing something wrong and not talk about them or judge their behavior, but, how about you? We are so concerned about the flaws in others, we forget we too have flaws. We are quick to judge i.e.,, criticize and evaluate the matters of others but quicker to create excuses for ourselves if found in the same situation.

If you judge people, you too will be judged and if you condemn people, you too will be condemned. God does not wish for any of His children to be judged or condemned that is why He tells us not to judge others in today's scripture. Instead of Dina talking bad about Jessica, she can politely go and meet Jessica and tell her what she did was wrong. If she did, she will not be discussing Jessica with her friend and as a result, would not have lied to her mother.

For real though, you can humbly teach someone through your lifestyle and subtle advice that lying and gossiping or whatever wrong done is bad, but the moment you look at another man's wrong and think to yourself, "at least I am not like that, at least I do not do that," watch out, you have just set a trap of judgement and condemnation for yourself as well like the bible says. The truth is most times, when we criticize others, it is not really about what they have done wrong, but it's for you! To make you feel somewhat good about yourself and how better off you are than they.

I know it may be hard not to judge others, but would you rather be found guilty by your father and risk eternal glory for temporary self-edification of yourself?

Every sin is sin, so if you judge another person just because they sin differently than you, you only deceive and set up problems for yourself.

KEY POINT

AS YOU GO OUT TODAY, SAY TO YOURSELF," I AM A CARRIER OF LOVE, I DON'T JUDGE OR CONDEMN OTHERS. INSTEAD, I LOVE OTHERS EVEN WHEN IT'S HARD TO LOVE THEM".





THE BELIEVER MONDAY, JANUARY 4TH

Romans 1:16 NLT, "For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and the Gentile."

YO! What is good?

I hope your day is going just fine.

I have a question. I want you to think very well before you answer, okay? Have you ever been shy to express your love for Jesus to your friends and loved ones?

Jessica, "It feels like every time I talk about Jesus; people laugh at me.

They say Believing in Jesus is old school"

Michael, "the boys say I can't walk or talk with them, except I stop talking about Jesus. I love Jesus, but I don't want to lose my friends"

Hey! Look here, snap out of it.

I know how you feel, and I cannot imagine how painful it must be to have to choose between Jesus and others, but you know what? You must make that choice; it is either you put Jesus first and every other thing after or you put every other thing first and ignore Jesus. You cannot be in between; you cannot fake your value for Jesus either.

It is your choice to make, but I can tell you this, Jesus will always choose you, first, that is why He died for you because you come first.

You must come to a point in your walk with God as your father, when you say, 'it's either Jesus or nothing'. There are many people who believe in Jesus that can be your friends, but there is only one Jesus that can be your savior.

You are not to try to fit in with others, rather, others are meant to try to fit in and be like the Jesus they see in you, don't you get it? You are the aim of the death of Christ, you are the price of the Love of God, you are chosen. In this same way God had to pay a price to show you of His love through sending His son to die for you and I, we in return must pay the price of dying to self and worldly affirmation, of carrying our cross, to follow Jesus.

Being a Christian is a personal decision you ought to be deliberate about. People may laugh at you and ignore you, but always know, Jesus is close to you and in the end, mockery will turn to glory if you remain persistent in loving Jesus. It does not mean look down on those who do not believe yet in Jesus, it means, be so in love with Abba, your life awakens the desire for Jesus in others, the words of your mouth channel people to come to Jesus. And that even when you find it hard to keep up with loving and worshipping Him, He is always there to help you.

Choose Jesus today and every day of the rest of your life, will you?

PRAYER POINT

DEAR JESUS, AT TIMES IT IS HARD TO LOVE YOU WHEN OTHERS LAUGH AT ME. PLEASE HELP ME TO ALWAYS PUT YOU FIRST NO MATTER WHAT. I CHOOSE YOU JUST AS YOU CHOOSE ME, ALWAYS.



PLANNING WELL TUESDAY, JANUARY 5TH

PROVERBS 21:5 ERV," Careful planning leads to profit. Acting too quickly leads to poverty".

Dear Royalty.

I am happy you are with me today. I have something to tell you and so, I am writing you a special letter today. I hope and pray that you keep this message close to your heart and never forget it.

As you grow and become older, you will have dreams of your own. Not necessarily dreams while you sleep, I mean what you wish to be in future. Your dream to become a big-time actress for example will be different from that of your friend's dream to become a Lawyer.

Whatever your dreams are, it is important you run it by God first, ask Him for help, let Him be the source of your inspiration. Try your best not to do anything outside of His will or guidance for your life.

As you dream, I want you to also plan and work hard so your dream can become a reality.

If you have a dream to one day graduate with good grades, you will need to plan your study timetable so that you can read well to get good grades and eventually graduate.

In this same way, you need to plan carefully for your life and work towards where you see yourself going.

Everybody wants to be successful but only a few people become successful. What will differentiate you from every other person and make you become successful is good planning. Do not rush your way to getting good grades, getting into a relationship, or becoming wealthy. Do not compare yourself with your friends and wish your plans or life to be like theirs. Take each day one step at a time, dream big, plan how you spend your time wisely and make sure you spend it well by working hard.

I want the future you to look back at the decisions you make today, and be happy with your choice, not regret.

So, will you plan? Will you run it by God? Do you want to have a great month ahead? You can start by planning how and what you will spend this month doing day by day.

I love you deeply, I believe in you and I wish you the very best.

Yours truly,

Sharon inspired by Dad

PRAYER POINT

DEAR DAD, I WANT MY YEAR TO GO WELL AND I KNOW THAT I NEED YOU TO MAKE THAT POSSIBLE. I ASK THAT YOU HELP ME PLAN WELL SO THAT I CAN LEARN TO DO THE RIGHT THING AT THE RIGHT TIME. IN JESUS' NAME. AMEN



ASK FOR ADVICE WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6TH

Proverbs 15:22," ERV If you do not ask for advice, your plans will fail. With many advisors, they will succeed."

Dear Royalty.

Yesterday we spoke on the road to true success, and we said that on your way to becoming a great person, you need to plan and work hard as well. Now, after you plan and as you work on your plan becoming successful, it is also important you ask people to guide and help you with your plan towards success. The truth is, God can use other people's experience to help lead you in the decision you make. For example, when you read books, the result is you gain knowledge and understanding of what you read on, in the same way, when you ask others to help you, as time goes on you become wise and avoid making mistakes. Now, before you ask or receive advice, the first question to ask is, "who am I taking advise from?". Proverbs 19:20, says," Listen to good advice and accept correction, and in the end, you will be wise". You cannot just get advice from anybody. Not every advice will be a good one, so it is important to be careful of who you ask and tell your great plans to. Now, for you to get to the person who will give you this advice, you must seek (search for) them. Your advice-giver can be your parent, School or Sunday School teacher, your good friend, or even from social media i.e. YouTube, Instagram, Facebook and many more.

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But how can you know who will give you good advice and who will give you bad advice? The truth is by yourself you cannot know, but if you ask God to help you by bringing good people into your life to advice you on your plans, He will and you can trust that God will not bring bad people your way. Also, you must trust in your senses to know the difference between good and bad, for example: someone giving you some advice to steal your friends pen is a bad advice. You can ask for permission from your friend rather than stealing it and still get that pen. Do you see the difference now? Always trust God and your senses to lead you.

Now, after you get advice, you have to listen to them, you can get all the advice you need to make your plan successful, but if you don't listen and obey the advice, you will still fail. Sometimes we always want to have our way and do our thing, but I can tell you this, if you humble yourself and learn from others, God will help you become a great person.

So, what do you need to do?

- 1. Ask God to help you get advice from the right people
- 2. Ask and look for advice from others (your parent, School or Sunday School teacher, your good friend, or even from social media).
- 3. Be at attention, do not just accept any advice, not all advices are good for you. The person advising you may mean well, but if you do not think it is a good advice, say thank you to them but please do not follow the advice.
- 4. If, you get good advice, please listen, and obey, God may be using that person to speak to you.

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ACTION POINT

ASK FOR ADVICE AND WHEN YOU DO GET GOOD ADVICE, PLEASE LISTEN, AND OBEY, GOD MAY BE USING THAT PERSON TO SPEAK TO YOU.

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ADVICE



INTERCESSION THURSDAY, JANUARY 7TH

Romans 1:9 ERV," Every time I pray, I always remember you. God knows this is true. He is the one I serve with all my heart by telling people the Good News about his Son."

Hey there, my precious Royalty, can you try pronouncing this word: $/_{1}$ ntə'sɛʃ(ə)n/ (In-ter-cession) Come on, try saying it again," INTERCESSION".

Great, now that you have pronounced it, I would like to explain the meaning to you. You may or may not have heard of it, but, I will carefully explain the meaning to you in detail so that by the end of the day, you will be confident that you know what intercession is and can be an intercessor.

I want you to imagine walking to school with a friend called Racheal. While on your way to school, Racheal starts complaining of having Stomach upset, she urgently needs to use the toilet. You look around for a restroom but find none. Sigh, finally, you decide to take Racheal back home to use the restroom as that is your best option. After waiting a while for her, you decide to go ahead to school. On getting to school, your class teacher, Mr. Fred ask about Racheal as you both always come together. You then explain to him that Racheal had a stomach upset hence, she could not come to school. He understands and ask you to take your sit.

By explaining to Mr. Fred why Racheal could not come with you to school, you have just interceded for her.

To Intercede is to stand in for someone else i.e., to speak on behalf of another person.

Now, do you know you can also intercede to God i.e., pray to God on behalf of others. Instead of always praying for ourselves all the time, it is important to also pray for other people whether we know them or not. Like in our bible text today, Paul the writer of the book of Romans, talks about how he always remembers to pray for others whenever he is praying to God.

Whenever you pray, remember to intercede for your friends, class teachers, parents, or siblings whether they ask you to pray for them or not, whether they are sick or not, say a word of prayer for them, trust me, it goes a long way.

Do you know someone else may be praying for you of which you are not aware? So, who will you pray for today?

ACTION POINT

PRAY FOR FIVE (5) OTHER PEOPLE TODAY. NOT YOURSELF, BUT OTHERS.





WHILE YOU SLEEP FRIDAY, JANUARY 8TH

Romans 1:9, NLT: "God knows how often I pray for you. Day and night, I bring you and your needs in prayer to God, whom I serve with all my heart by spreading the Good News about his Son."

Hey Royalty, how was your night? Did you sleep well?

I wonder what you must have dreamt about today. It is nice how we all have different kinds of dreams while we sleep i.e., your dream may not be the same as your best friends' dream. Today we are going to study more about the power of INTERCESSION. Let me share a story with you.

Last year, I had a dream, I have had a similar dream to this before, but this time, when I woke up, I was disturbed. I felt so worried. I dreamt that someone I love and care for had died. When I woke up, I said a little prayer for my friend and went about my day. Then, I received a call later the next day; my friend was sick. This friend of mine had never fallen sick for as long as I have known. So, the news was guite scary to me.

I became more disturbed, and I knew the best thing I could do was to pray for my friend while I also cared and took care of her the best I could

It seemed like my dream was about to become a reality. So, I prayed repeatedly, but, whenever I called to check if my friend was doing better, I did not get a good feedback. I decided to pray harder, this time, inviting another friend, Ayo, to join me in prayers.

One day, while Ayo and I prayed, we prayed for so long, at a point I felt tired of praying, but he awakened hope in me again saying all will be well. He went on to say something more that stirred up strength in me to pray that I wish not to forget in a while

He said to me, "we will not stop praying until we see results!" WOW! He meant, until my friend gets better and is doing perfectly well, we will keep praying continually to God. And that was what we did, Ayo and I prayed day after day, until one day, after about 2 weeks, my sick friend miraculously felt much better. That is the power of intercession.

When you intercede for others, you must be ready to pray with everything in you for the better good of that person. The person you pray for may not be sick like my friend was, in fact, it may be a good dream, e.g. the person may be preparing to gain admission into the university, pray until you see results! If your dad is struggling to get a new job or start a new company, pray until you see results! Your mom may be working on opening a new store, but she is short of money, pray until you see results! If your parents are always fighting, Pray, until you see results!

Whoever God leads you to pray for, perhaps, through a dream (good/bad), through remembering someone in your thoughts that you have not spoken to in a while, or your friend ask you to pray for him/her, Pray, until you see results!

Can you remember the last time you dreamt or thought about someone else but yourself? What have you done about it? Pray until you see positive results!

Do not stop when you are tired, pray until you see results!

PRAYER POINT

DEAR GOD, GIVE ME THE STRENGTH TO INTERCEDE FOR PEOPLE EVEN WHEN I DON'T FEEL LIKE. HELP ME TO BE ALERT AND TIMELY IN MY PRAYERS FOR OTHERS. IN JESUS' NAME. AMEN.



PROVERBS 3:5 NLT. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding." Life will not always be rosy my dear royalty, and as tough as life gets, you will need to make key decisions, it is however based on you and you alone to make decisions that will guide you to the life that God has called you to and not based on current trends and what will bring you, "attention and fame."

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While making these key decisions, you will be tempted to act based on your feelings, your understanding of current situations, your sight of things, and your influence i.e., the people who you choose to listen to. However, you must see further than your today and look beyond. When looking beyond i.e., beyond present times, fears and current urgencies into your tomorrow, your predictions may not always be correct, therefore you must involve a higher power (God) who knows the end from the beginning to help you in your trust in Him and understanding of situations.

You must learn to understand that things are not always as they seem and so if you make primary decisions based on your idea of a somewhat false but presentable idea today, you find yourself making decisions you will be accountable to pay for in the end.

Now, how can you learn to trust in God and not depend on your own understanding? The answer is by spending enough time with God to renew your level of thinking and upgrade your knowledge of Him. The truth is, you cannot say you trust someone you do not know, or you have not spent time with. The reason you can depend on your own understanding easily is because you are somewhat sure of your source of understanding and time spent to get to that understanding. In this same way, before you can trust God with all your heart, you must invest time, creating an atmosphere to hope and trust in Him despite your own understanding.

Look at life as a plate of food. You will testify that not every dish that looks appetizing is in fact appetizing. A meal can look like a dream about to become a reality, but once you taste it, imagine it is too salty, lacks salt at all, too pepperish or stale, imagine your reaction. However, it did not look like it would taste bad, right? This is exactly how life is, not everything is as the surface portrays, so no matter how much you think you know and are skilled in a particular subject matter, do not depend on your own level of understanding.

Go to the chef (God), spend time with Him, then you will realize you will not be quick to make key decisions because you spent time with Him during the process of preparing the food. No situation then will make you turn away from your trust in Him. You may find yourself at any point in your life at the verge of making a critical decision or asked to say something on an important subject matter, pause for a moment, and ask yourself, am I making this decision out of fear, wrong understanding or out of my faith, conviction and believe in God.

The best way to shape your understanding so it aligns with your trust in God and not yours is by spending sufficient time with God. There is more to life than going to church, your understanding of finances, businesses, relationships, health, politics etc. also matter, that is why God who knows all things should be your source of revelation.

When life gets hard to live, trust in the lord and lean not unto your own understanding

When friends laugh and mock you, trust in the lord and do not depend on your own understanding.

When life is great and all is working in your favor, child of God, trust in in the lord and do not depend on your own understanding

God gave you the ability to understand and comprehend things, God gave you emotions as well, however, you must spend accurate time enough with Him to ensure your understanding and feelings about things are not yours only but both you and God. The true differentiation between a child of God and that of the world is what your understanding is based on. Its either on God or on self and situations. If you truly want to rise beyond limitations and achieve great things, you should choose to make decisions based on the leading of God due to spending time with Him and not based on your present feelings.

ACTION POINT

SPEND TIME BUILDING YOUR TRUST AND
UNDERSTANDING OF LIFE SECTORS IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD.



ONE STEP AT A TIME SUNDAY, JANUARY 10TH

PROVERBS 3:6 ERV," With every step you take, think about what he wants, and he will help you go the right way"

Abba Father, Abba Father, Abba Father! If God is your father, then you must understand that one of the roles He has is to lead and quide you in everything you do.

There are three (3) major things we will discuss today:

- 1. Every step you take
- 2. Thinking about what the father wants
- 3. Being aided to go the right way by Him

Welcome my Darling Royalty,

When you are asked, "what do you want to be in future?" You may or may not have the answer to it, but some answers may be, a pilot, an entrepreneur, a surgeon, a lawyer etc. These are great professions, and whatever it is that you desire to become, God wants to make sure you do not just become that but become the best in your field, whatever it is.

Our scripture today focuses on thinking and pondering on what God wants in every step to be taken, then He will help you go the right way.

Firstly, with every step; not some steps, not only when it has to do with exams, no, even the university you should go is as important as the course you study while you are there. With every single step you take in life, think about what He wants. This means that God should be involved in your process not in the end of the process. Many times, we involve God after we have planned, but today He is making us understand the importance of carrying Him along all through before the result is out. But how can you know what He wants if you do not spend time studying the bible enough to know Him?

Now, this thing about knowing what God wants may seem selfish on His part. It may seem like God does not what you to do what you want rather, what He wants. Well, just like we learned yesterday, it may seem like this is what is, but the truth and reality is. God wants you to do what you want however the right way and with the right heart/ motive.

You are not seeking God because you do not have a mind of your own to make your own decisions, you are seeking His will because He knows what is best for you and the timing for which to do that you wish to. God knows you more than you know yourself, He created you and is your father. To be His child, means to submit to Him and His leadings.

For example, you may want to study Accounting in the university, but because you involve God, He may channel you towards studying Marketing rather, a whole different field. You may not like it at first, but God may be preparing you to be a problem solver in your generation with the knowledge gained from studying marketing and not Accounting. Do you see? God's plan for you is greater than your biggest dream for yourself.

To be led by God, one thing I have come to understand is you must have a willing heart to hearken and accept His leadings and teaching. You see in the scripture today, it is after you have thought about His will for you, that you receive His direction. But after you receive His direction, will you accept or neglect it? God will not force you, no, you ought to therefore have a heart that genuinely seeks Him and His ways in all you do first, then when He leads you, you will follow and not struggle to accept His guidance

ACTION POINT

If you struggle to desire and follow His leading, partner with the Holy spirit to work on your desires. Ask Him to help you desire Gods leading in every step you take.

Proverbs 14:12 ERV, "There is a way that people think is right, but it leads only to death."

Few years ago, I read the bible text for today and it changed my life forever. Like most teenagers growing up, I most times found it hard to listen when someone corrected me because I felt I knew it best. Like, I was sure of what I knew, so correcting me seemed like you were against me. I used to feel more confident about my actions whether I was right or wrong, because I am a child of God, and I felt God understood me despite my thoughts being wrong, but as I grew in my faith, God taught me differently. He taught me to have a teachable spirit, He made me understand that His love for me does not mean He will not correct me or use others to correct me when I am wrong, in fact, it is something I am still learning as His child, the learning process never ends.

Royalty, you are set apart to conquer obstacles and defeat the devil and his agents, in the process of growing, you need to learn to sit down, question your ideologies properly and subject your thoughts to be uprooted by God and those He sends to teach you.

You need to learn the art of learning, unlearning, and relearning.

This topic for today is not even about seeing the surface of things and thinking it is good. This is deeper than that, it is you being certain and sure that what you are doing is right, 100% sure, only to find out years later, you were wrong all along.

It takes discernment as a child of God to live a life that leads to life and not death or destruction.

The fact you think something, or a lifestyle is right, does not in fact mean it is right, you should check again to be sure e.g. The fact a pastor seems to be speaking in tongues, does not mean He is a true Child of God. Now, does this mean it is the things you think are wrong that are right? No, it does not. Let me give an example. Have you ever written an objective examination that had multiple options to choose from, and you were sure the answer was option C for example, very sure, only for you to get your results back to find out you were wrong, and the answer was A. How? You may then just realize one word made the difference between option C and Option A, making Option A right.

Royalty, this year, be careful, walk and work in discernment and allow the Holy spirit guide, and teach you so you do not end in destruction. Be led of God, spend time in God's presence and study His word properly, and as you allow Him, be ready also to accept corrections and unlearn false things.

Your time to shine has come, walk in the right way, not your thoughts of the right way.

Shine Royalty shine rightly according to God.

I wish you the very best, God bless you.

PRAYER POINT

SAVE ME FROM MY THOUGHTS LORD. I CHOOSE TO ALWAYS SUBMIT MY THOUGHTS AND WAYS TO YOU AND ASK YOU TO HELP ME DEVELOP THE RIGHT THOUGHTS AND DO THE RIGHT THINGS ALWAYS, AMEN.



WISDOM TUESDAY, JANUARY 12TH

PROVERBS 9:10 AMP, "The [reverent] fear of the Lord [that is, worshiping Him and regarding Him as truly awesome] is the beginning and the preeminent part of wisdom [its starting point and its essence], And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding and spiritual insight."

4 key and powerful words you need to not just know but also instill in your life to revolve around, were used in the bible text for today, they are: wisdom, knowledge, insight and understanding.

The book of Proverbs focuses a lot of acquiring wisdom, and understanding, in fact Proverbs Chapter 2:1-12 says," 1 My son, pay attention to what I say. Remember my commands. 2 Listen to wisdom and do your best to understand. 3 Ask for good judgment. Cry out for understanding. 4 Look for wisdom like silver. Search for it like hidden treasure. 5 If you do this, you will understand what it means to respect the Lord, and you will come to know God. 6 The Lord is the source of wisdom; knowledge and understanding come from his mouth. 7 He gives good advice to honest people and shields those who do what is right. 8 He makes sure that people are treated fairly. He watches over his loyal followers. 9 If you listen to him, you will understand what is just and fair and how to do what is right. 10 You will gain wisdom, and knowledge will bring you joy. 11 Planning ahead will protect you, and understanding will guard you. 12 These will keep you from following the wrong path and will protect you from those who have evil plans."

Wisdom makes you extra ordinary and if you are wise, your days on earth will be filled with safety and without fear of harm due to making wrong decisions. Acquiring of wisdom however does not just come with the snap of a finger. Wisdom is not accumulated by storing up multiple information in a book or diary. While it is good to write down your thoughts, true Wisdom is what you do with the knowledge you have. Be careful not to act on wisdom only, however, it is key to firmly understand what you do and why you do it as verse 2 of Proverbs 2 suggest.

Wisdom is sought after, but if God is the source of this wisdom we seek as verse 6 of Proverbs 2 says, it means true wisdom cannot and never be found outside of God. The same way you search online for answers when given an assignment is the same way and even more, you should seek after God for wisdom. With wisdom, you will be able to succeed in all areas of your life: education, relationships, finances and even in the gaining of skills. But when you go ahead to study verses 9 and 10, they say, if you Listen to God's advice, that which you seek, you will gain. That means, search for wisdom from God through worship and reverence, listen to Him and gain the wisdom.

Now, you may wonder, why so much emphasis has been placed on this topic of gaining understanding, over the past few days, and now wisdom. Royalty, if you build on the right foundation, no matter how much rain and unforeseen incidents come your way, your home will stand. If you jump the steps however of not allowing the clay of the blocks of the house dry properly, and rush to build on it, soon enough the house will crush.

I believe God is leading us to deal with this topic well because He does not want you to rush your way to success and likewise, fall and fail faster. It is better to rise slowly and rightly having a strong foundation, than quickly and weakly.

Wisdom is worth more than riches, if you have knowledge and apply/make use of it that is wisdom, and the works of your hands shall be successful, if you back it up with having understanding, your works shall not just be successful, they shall remain successful, when you crown it with insight (grasping the underlying nature of knowledge, and the essence of wisdom), then you will be able to dodge the arrows and pot holes that come with being successful.

PRAYER POINT

ABBA FATHER, I NEED THIS WISDOM TO GUIDE ME THROUGH MY LIFE, FILL ME UP WITH WISDOM AND CAUSE ME TO OVERFLOW WITH UNDERSTANDING AND GOOD INSIGHT OF SITUATIONS. AMEN

PROVERBS 27:19 ERV "Just as you can see your own face reflected in water, so your heart reflects the kind of person you are"

Today's scripture signifies a deep uncovering to the truth many ignore. While you may not have ever been to the water side and tested to see if truly, your face reflects in water, I can confirm it is, in fact true, Perhaps one day you get to explore the world and experiment this, better still, you can ask a friend to test with you by going to a pool or lake. Take a picture and see the outcome.

The main theme of today's text however can be likened to a mirror rather than water if you have never witnessed the reflection of water. When you look in the mirror, you see yourself without the filter of editing pictures. Your face may reflect, pimples, scars and burns. It is easy to cover it with make-up or powder, but you know the true nature of your face when you look in the mirror.

As a human being, not just your face, your true self is revealed by the manner of heart you have. Now, how can you know the kind of heart you have when you cannot see your heart with your eyes? Well, you can know the state of your heart by the outcomes of your life/lifestyle.

Proverbs 4:23 NLT, says "Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life." So, in summary, your heart reflects the kind of person you are because it determines the course of your life or how your life turns out.

That is why the bible warns us to guard and protect our heart. It is not something to be taken lightly but seriously. Guard the outcomes of your life by first guarding your heart, that is what the bible is saying. Your heart is like your mind, it is fed by what you dwell on, that is, what you see, what you hear, and then, once you have sensed it and ponder on it, it becomes a part of you thereby becoming you.

For example, have you realized it seems easier to remember scenes from a horror movie or how nice gist is when it is about someone else than to remember perhaps a definition of something from your biology note? This is because your sight, ears, and sensation affect your feelings, and literally, your feelings affect your heart status. You will realize before you do something, you must have thought to do it first before going ahead to do it, that is the power of your heart.

If you realize your lifestyle is filled with anger, jealousy, hatred, always backbiting and gossiping, check your heart, check what you dwell on , and make a quick change to it, if not, you are setting yourself up to fall in a

big pit you can't jump over.

KEY POINT

IF YOU WANT TO REALLY KNOW
SOMEONE, DO NOT LOOK AT THEIR
OUTWARD BEAUTY OR HOW NICE THEY
SEEM, LOOK DEEP, CHECK THE PATTERNS
OF THEIR LIFESTYLE, LOOK WITHIN, AND
SEE THEIR HEART. BUT, BEFORE YOU
LOOK AT ANOTHER, CHECK YOURSELF
FIRST, WILL YOU?



I CHOOSE TO BE HOLY THURSDAY, JANUARY 14TH

ROMANS 12:1 NLT, "And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him."

Have you ever thought that worship requires you singing? You know, slow gospel songs that are sang as a form of adoration and prayer to God? While it is beautiful to sing to God and adore Him by showing him reverence, this is not the definition of true worship. Worship is not songs, worship is not Calling God lovely names, all these can very well be termed as reverence to God and they are very important to do, but there is a deeper dimension of worship you and I must come to learn and understand, and that is, worship is our lifestyle.

You see, you can sing as many lovely songs and call God great names for 30 minutes and spend the rest of your day, living as though you do not have a relationship with God, when this is done, you are living in a lie. True worship flows from your intimacy daily with God in every aspect of your life e.g., eating, sleeping, school or work, family etc. The way you live your life is your worship to God, the way you think is to be worship to God, your character is to be worship to God, your words spoken are to be worship to God. Worship is not done in 30 minutes, worship is lived and exemplified each second of your life.

That is why our bible scripture today emphasizes on giving our bodies to God as a living and holy sacrifice, Paul the writer of the book of Romans, is saying here, submit your body to God and live your life as though you were a sacrifice. Have you read on burnt offerings in the old testament of the bible? In those days, burnt offerings meant the slaying of a lamb and offering it to God on an altar, it signified appearsement for sin and complete surrender, devotion, and commitment to God.

Now, Jesus has paid the ultimate price for every sin you and I have could ever commit when He died on the cross for you and I, and so all we need to do is ask and pray genuinely for forgiveness of sin. We no longer need to offer burnt offerings to signify our complete surrender, devotion, and commitment to God, the best way to show that you genuinely love God, and have submitted to him, is by living a life and becoming that sacrifice daily, this is your worship.

Not to say that you kill yourself and die like a lamb, no, it just means you no longer live life on your own terms, you live life on Gods terms, like God will have you live.

Why do you need to do this? You should live your life as holy and presentable to God, because of all He has done for you and is still doing for you, you are not doing this for God, it is not to make God feel good about Himself, really, it is for you and for me to become better people. If we follow God and live our lives like He would have us, we are guaranteed ultimate success, for our lives, but if we live our lives for ourselves and based on our own terms, we lose in the end.

This day, choose to be holy, choose to be and live as worship, offer yourself as a sacrifice and watch how much growth will take place in your life.

PRAYER POINT

GOD HELP ME LIVE MY LIFE AS WORSHIP, FROM WITHIN ME, CAUSE ME TO DESIRE TO LIVE MY LIFE FOR YOU. I WANT TO HAVE PASSION AND REVERENCE FOR YOU EVEN BEYOND THE SONGS THAT I SING. I AM YOUR SACRIFICE, AMEN.



THE TRANSITION FRIDAY, JANUARY 15TH

ROMANS 12:2," Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect."

Dear Royalty,

Do not become so comfortable adapting to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking and being careful. Instead, fix your attention on God, when you do this, God will change you from within you, he will transform wrong mindsets, thoughts, and actions step by step to become right. You must stay at alert always and recognize what God wants from you, and quickly respond and act on it. Do not procrastinate your learning of the teachings, or corrections of God. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, and develops well-rounded maturity in you.

A fact you should know is you still have the same body you had before you met and surrendered your life to Jesus. So, because you still dwell in this body, you will be tempted to keep living like you used to live before you knew Jesus. You will want to keep lying, stealing, gossiping, masturbating and so on. The world will want to keep you glued to its ways and lifestyle, but you must understand that you are not of this world, you are of a kingdom; the kingdom of God and because you are now of God, you have to begin to think and act like a citizen of God's kingdom. However, the transition to becoming a citizen of God's Kingdom to think and act like He will, takes time, it takes discipline, and it takes a heart of submission to God like we discussed yesterday. If you will become mature, and live your life pleasing and perfect to God, then you must be transformed in your thoughts.

The good thing about this transformation process is that you are not the one going to do the job of molding yourself to become more like God, no, God, will do the work in you, from within you bit by bit. The only job you have is to accept His teachings and act urgently on it.

Let me give an example, the world we live in today teaches us to love and accept dressing seductively, disrespecting our parents/ elders or accept homosexualism which is sexual relationship between people of the same gender. While in the world, you will seem to be judgmental and weak if you do not accept it, the world will teach you to slowly accept it, through movies, music etc. that support these things, you will come to love and accept any manner of dressing, being rude to your parents/elders and accept being gay/ a lesbian as a norm. However, when you come into the body of Christ, God will slowly begin to make you understand that being involved in homosexualism, dishonoring your parents, or dressing inappropriately/ seductively is wrong. A wise man called, Pastor Samuel Amor said, "A man is allowed to come the way he is to God, but he is not allowed to go the way he comes". Bit by bit, step by step God transforms your mindset, from within you and soon enough as you accept His guidance, you will realize you will not support or stand for certain things anymore. This in no way means you judge others or look down on them, no, it just means, God lets you see and experience life differently thereby making you become a well-rounded mature citizen of His kingdom to His glory. Will you accept God's counsel?

ACTION POINT

WRITE DOWN 4 AREAS OF YOUR LIFE YOU STRUGGLE WITH AND WOULD WANT GOD TO HELP YOU BECOME BETTER AT, AFTER YOU WRITE THEM DOWN, PRAY TO GOD TO HELP AND TRANSFORM YOUR MINDSET ABOUT THESE THINGS AND FINALLY, ALLOW HIM TRANSFORM YOU BY ACCEPTING HIS CORRECTIONS.



A KNOW IT ALL SATURDAY, JANUARY 16TH

ROMANS 12:16 NLT," Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all!"

Dear Royalty,

In a room filled with many people or in a conversation with another person, understand, that you are not the only one with great ideas. To be a true leader and champion you must be willing to listen to the opinion of others. You do not know it all. Everyone on earth grew up in a unique way, and so every suggestion from another person that is not you can be a learning ground for you to scale up in your knowledge of things. Many at times, God will use other people to bring you to an understanding of certain things. He will use the suggestions of others to build you up into becoming a true Royalty. However, not everyone listens to others, some people are bent on doing only what they want; nobody can correct them, nobody can teach them, nobody can advise them, this should not be you my Royalty. If you will become a King/Queen one day, your strength is not in being arrogant or shutting the voice of others. Your strength is in listening to all who speak and then choosing to put away the bad advices and accepting the good advices to suit your vision. There comes a time you may feel like isolating yourself from others. You may feel as though others in a lower class do not deserve your presence, you know, you are working hard, focusing on life, and so, you do not have time to mingle with "ordinary" people or people that are not in the same societal class as you are. You do not know it all dear royalty. A man who has spent his life living on the streets can be your greatest blessing although you live in a house. Learn to be teachable, learn to listen, learn to keep quiet when you need to and learn to enjoy the company of ordinary people.

God does not desire that you shut people up or the opinions of others. For example, you are in school and your class teacher has asked everyone in class to come up with an idea for a science project. Your classmates and you gather to come up with suggestions of a good idea for a science project. Do not try to force your opinion on everyone, do not shut other people's ideas, even the girl/boy that has the least grades amongst you could bring up the best idea. You do not always have to be the first to speak, sometimes, pause and wait, study the environment around you, listen to other suggestions, then you can speak.

Your greatest strength is not in your ability to be independent, all knowing and ignoring others. Your greatest strength is your ability to live independently yet in harmony, love, and humility with others. You do not know it all, God may just be using your house help or the poorest man in your community to bring you to greater heights. Only if you would spend time with them, listen and not think you know it all.

PRAYER POINT

LORD JESUS, GIVE ME THE GRACE NOT TO LOOK DOWN ON PEOPLE THAT I ISOLATE AND REFUSE TO LISTEN TO WORDS THAT CAN LEAD TO MY UPLIFTMENT, GIVE ME A HEART THAT LOVES MEN AND LISTENS TO YOUR VOICE THROUGH THESE MEN. AMEN.



BE EMPOWERED SUNDAY, JANUARY 17TH

BE EMPOWERED

ROMANS 8:11 NLT," The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, He will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you."

Dear Soldier,

Do you not know who you are? Do you not know that the spirit of God lives in YOU! The spirit that raised Jesus from the dead is alive in you and so there is no limitation for you. In your weakness as a mortal man, God wants you to know this day He is in you. He exists in you, His breathe flows from you and so you are equipped of God.

You have the power to overcome temptations, the power to win battles, the power to overcome sin, power over darkness, you have Power over earthly power, because the power of God, and His light is in you! He walks with you, He said in His word, He will quicken your mortal/human body.

Just as without blood in your body, your heart cannot operate well. In this same way, because God is in you, you become alive, completely! You receive dominion over death, health issues, you receive dominion over darkness. I ask again, Soldier! Do you not know who you are? Do you not know that the spirit of God is and lives in you?

- You have the power to overcome temptations and sin; in that moment when your flesh desires to steal, to lie, to masturbate, watch pornography, hate others, kill, to gossip, know that the spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead is in you, alive and strong to make you overcome temptations. He has given you the spirit to overcome suicide! Child of God, are you reading rightly? You are equipped to overcome earthly and worldly desires. In your weakness the strength of God is in you! I pray that you receive understanding of this.
- You have the power over darkness to win battles: Your strength is not in fighting physically or abusing people. No, leave them alone, do not let anger make you lose your crown but in lowliness of heart, fight on your knees and pray to God. You do not need to fear of the terror of night, or bad dreams because you have the power of God in you! You have the spirit that raised Jesus Christ from death inside of you. This spirit is not dead, that same spirit still lives. You are light! Why fear wicked men when you have the spirit of the risen Christ inside you? Why fear witches and wizards when the King of Zion lives in you? Why fear gods when the God of the universe and light is in you?
- You have power over death and health issues: You may have been born medically sick, but do you think you are still alive today by mistake? You do not live because of man's doing, you live because of God's grace poured out upon you to achieve greater things that He has called you to. The power of God in you is not subject to Doctor's report, it is not subject to road accidents! So, soldier! LIVE! Live as a Prince/Princess that has the spirit of God. Do not fear.

The PHILLIPS translation of Romans 8:11 says, "But you are not carnal but spiritual if the Spirit of God finds a home within you. You cannot, indeed, be a Christian at all unless you have something of his Spirit in you. Now if Christ does live within you his presence means that your sinful nature is dead, but your spirit becomes alive because of the righteousness he brings with him. our fleshy nature is "dead" in the presence of Christ, and so it is, because of its sin. Nevertheless, once the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead lives within you, he will, by that same Spirit, bring to your whole being new strength and vitality."

IT IS ALL ABOUT THE GOD IN YOU! The power of God is in you, fully able and equipped. Do you recognize it?

Prayer point: I have the spirit of the risen king in me; therefore, I decree that I rise above limitations, I live as an ambassador for Christ, I am strengthened when I feel week. I live above sicknesses and unforeseen circumstances. In Jesus name. Amen

PRAYER POINT

I HAVE THE SPIRIT OF THE RISEN KING IN ME; THEREFORE, I DECREE THAT I RISE ABOVE LIMITATIONS, I LIVE AS AN AMBASSADOR FOR CHRIST, I AM STRENGTHENED WHEN I FEEL WEEK. I LIVE ABOVE SICKNESSES AND UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES. IN JESUS NAME. AMEN

ROMANS 1: 21 NLT, "Yes, they knew God, but they would not worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused."

One truth all children of God must know is that Christianity is not a religion, it is a relationship with God. Before you have a relationship with someone, you must spend time with each other and get to know more about one another. For example, you can know your classmates name is Abigail, but if you never speak to her or spend time with each other, you do not actually have a relationship/ friendship with her, you are only classmates, You may Know God's name is Elohim meaning, "the living God", but not know Him enough to have access to things He alone can tell or show you as the living God.

In this same way, many of us deceive ourselves with the idea that because we go to church or we are born into Christians homes, it automatically makes us have a relationship with God. No, it does not! Today's bible text makes us understand that there is a difference between knowing God on the surface and worshiping him truthfully through honoring and thanking him by our actions and words. To honor God means to respect and reverence Him. You cannot just be a church goer and think you have a relationship with God. When you spend time worshiping God, you begin to know more about God, about yourself and develop intimacy with God. God reveals Himself to those who spend their time knowing Him. This Is how a relationship is built.

You would not need to create an idea in your mind about who God is or listen to myths friends/family tell you about God or who He should be because you have come to know God for yourself in Truth and in spirit. In fact, you can be in the choir or ushering department and still not have a relationship with God. Do not get me wrong, it is good to worship God in the choir and be part of the ushering team, but after church is over, do you still spend time with God?

When you refuse to worship, honor, and thank God by yourself, you fail to develop a personal relationship with Him. This leads to you thinking and forming imaginations about God, easily believing lies your friends and family tell you about God, developing myths and fail to focus on the truth, before you know it, your heart and thoughts become blind to the truth completely and you become an easy target for confusion, spiritual weakness, and failure.

Today and for the rest of the year, I want you to decide in your heart that you will serve and develop a true genuine relationship with God through Honoring, worshiping, and thanking Him in always. Not for others to praise you but because you sincerely desire Him.

PRAYER POINT

GIVE ME PASSION FOR YOU JESUS, GIVE ME
PASSION FOR YOU. THAT I WILL LIVE AS CHRIST
AND KNOW YOU IN TRUTH AND IN SPIRIT. AMEN.



LIVING RIGHTLY AS LIGHT TUESDAY, JANUARY 19TH

Romans 13:12, NLT: "The night is almost gone; the day of salvation will soon be here."

Have you ever heard your parent or guardian say," please, go, clean the sitting room, rest rooms and kitchen quickly, we are expecting visitors!". Does this sound familiar to you?

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Whenever you are expecting visitors at home or even a friend coming to your room at the hostel, you try to make your bed space nice because it is important to keep your environment clean and make sure it looks presentable enough for the visitor to feel comfortable. You may have even cleaned earlier on but once you know you are expecting someone, you look back to make sure everything is in place, right?

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In this same way, you must prepare yourself as a child of God to walk in light (cleanliness) and put away darkness/bad character (dirt). Our bible text today says, "The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So, let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light".

What does the bible mean when it says: the night is nearly over; the day is almost here? It simply means this present world and way we live will soon be over and the day of Christ return is almost here. It is therefore important that you and I stop doing the bad things we do and start walking in light as children of God i.e., we must begin to live rightly.

Whenever you see a comparison between night and day it means, at night, because it is dark, people involve themselves in all manners of wicked and bad things because no one is seeing them and most people are in their homes, or asleep. At day when the sun is shining however, everyone is outside and awake, we can see each other clearly, so everyone tries to always do good.

The next line says, "So, let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light "it means we should stop doing bad and shameful things but rather, we should step into light by living right and expecting the return of Jesus Christ

What is that attitude or thing you are involved in you know is wrong? I ask myself this also as I write this message with the understanding and willingness to put off these attributes or character and so I urge you also to please stop doing whatsoever wrong or bad thing you are aware to be involved in and start behaving well so Jesus will be happy with us all. Live rightly as light.

KEY POINT

DO NOT ONLY ACT RIGHT BECAUSE YOU ARE SCARED WHEN JESUS COMES, YOU WILL NOT BE SAVED, ACT RIGHT BECAUSE YOU ARE ABBA'S CHILD AND HIS REPRESENTATIVE HERE ON EARTH.



ROMANS 5: 7-9 AMPC

Now it is an extraordinary thing for one to give his life even for an upright man, though perhaps for a noble and lovable and generous benefactor someone might even dare to die. But God shows and clearly proves His [own] love for us by the fact that while we were still sinners, Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One) died for us. Therefore, since we are now justified (acquitted, made righteous, and brought into right relationship with God) by Christ's blood, how much more [certain is it that] we shall be saved by Him from the indignation and wrath of God

Dear Royalty, take a moment to read todays bible text very carefully. Read it until you believe you have gained some sort of understanding.

Go on, read it.

Imagine living in a world where broken laws are punishable not just by any kind of death, or payment of fines

Christ died when we were unable to help ourselves First question at help? You may ask yourself powerless At the right time, Christ died for us: the timing of Christ death over my life and your life had a significance to our profit today.

Just like there is always a right time to catch the bus to get to school and class early enough, any other bus later than a particular time would differ your earliness to school. In this same way, the timing and season of Christ death alternated our lives as slaves to the law, to now being righteous and having the right relationship with God the father.

God's love is not shown to us by how many times we get awarded in school, or how many dangers we escape, these things are only benefits that come with walking closely with the father. The real and trustworthy proof of God's love to you is when Jesus died on the cross.

Look at yourself in the mirror whenever you get the opportunity, look into the mirror, and know this, just the way you are, with your imperfections, with failures, with the tears within you and pain that weakness you, with all the trials you go through, with all of your earthly possessions whether much or little, JESUS CHRIST LOVES YOU. His love for you is not based on what you do or how perfect your life is, it is not based on anything you do, it is based solely on Him, He has chosen to love you, and so it is your choice to accept, understand and walk in this love.

KEY POINT

GOD WILL KEEP CHASING AFTER YOU, NO MATTER HOW FAR YOU RUN, HE NEVER LEAVES HIS SHEEP STRANDED OR LOST. HE IS COMING FOR YOU, YES, HE IS KNOCKING, WAITING ON YOU. I PRAY YOUR HEART IS OPEN TO RECEIVE THIS LOVE AMEN



ROMANS 1:3-4 ERV," The Good News is about God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. As a human, he was born from the family of David, but through the Holy Spirit he was shown to be God's powerful Son when he was raised from death."

Our bible text today focuses on How through the power of the Holy spirit, Jesus was able to be raised from the dead. This act was a way of showing he was the son of God.

How about you? In what way can your life show that the Holy spirit dwells in you? Now, that you have learned that you are sons and can call God your father. How can your life be proof indeed that you are a son of God? This is possible through the Holy Spirit.

The Holy spirit is in you to help make you more like God. When you have the Holy Spirit, He can help you become righteous and live as God wants you so that your life will be a testimony to your family and friends. If you would like the Holy spirit to help you become more like God, I have an idea how.

Do you want to know?

Alright, I will tell you, but you must make sure you stick to it, okay?

- 1. Read and learn the bible which is the word of God every day. While you read, ask the Holy Spirit to help you. While you read, study each word carefully and understand the concept behind what you read. Do not just read or scale through to fulfill all righteousness, study it until it becomes real and true to you. Yes, you can do it. Try not to miss a day, Okay?
- 2. Now, after you read the bible, do not stop there, you must practice what you have read and learned. Now, this point is very important as you can easily forget to practice what you read on your own. So, you will need a reminder. This is when the Holy Spirit comes in, like your friend or parent reminds you to finish your Homework, the Holy spirit will also remind you of what you have learned and help you obey what you have learnt.
- 3. If the Holy Spirit is going to remind you, you must be ready to listen to Him. Yes, He speaks to you. So, you must expect Him to help you. Just as when you set an early morning alarm clock to wake you up. Even while you sleep, you are sure and expect that the alarm will ring, and you will wake up. In this same way, expect to receive guidance from the Holy spirit today so that you can be an example of a child of God.
- 4. Be willing to accept and hearken unto the guidance of the Holy spirit, the truth is, Holy spirit can guide you, He can teach you, He can show you which path to take, but if you do not listen or follow His leadings, it is as good as not having to be advised at all. And so, as you expect to receive direction from God, be alert as to work on doing as He has directed.

These 4 steps are tested and trusted, it is left to you and I however to consistently put in deliberate effort to achieve the end goal of becoming more like God with the help of the Holy spirit.

PRAYER POINT

SWEET HOLY SPIRIT, PLEASE HELP ME BECOME MORE LIKE A TRUE CHILD OF GOD. AS I STUDY MY BIBLE, HELP ME UNDERSTAND AND PRACTICE WHAT I LEARN. I AM COUNTING AND DEPENDING ON YOU, AMEN.



ROMANS 8:1-3 ERV," 1 So now anyone who is in Christ Jesus is not judged guilty. 2 That is because in Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit that brings life made you free. It made you free from the law that brings sin and death. 3 The law was without power because it was made weak by our sinful selves. But God did what the law could not do: He sent his own Son to earth with the same human life that everyone else uses for sin. God sent him to be an offering to pay for sin. So. God used a human life to destroy sin"

The human life that everyone else uses for sin, was used by the man of Galilee, Jesus Christ to destroy sin.

Dear Royalty, stop letting your past sins and mistakes get to you, Jesus Christ has set you free from the penalty that you were to bear.

I have so much to tell you with regards to the message of today, I have many stories share in order to explain what this freedom that you now have in Christ means, but in summary I need you to understand that you have been redeemed.

In the olden days, our fore fathers were subject to slavery, a reality we all must know and accept, men and women were purchased as though they were commodities, these "slaves" really had no life of their own and were stripped of the power of choice and freedom. If a slave was lucky enough, He was bought by a good master, unless, it was a life of hardship and pain. In this same way, you and I were once slaves to the judgement of sin and the law, and we had no way to breakthrough. The devil held many captive, through deadly sins such as: same gender having sexual relationships, brother killing brother/manslaughter, involvement in witchcraft/wizardry, being a slave to masturbation/ pornography, worshipping idols and graven images, disrespecting and being rude towards others, being a slave to sickness and diseases, and many more. We had no path to escape the consequences of the sin of disobedience by Adam and Eve; the first creations, but for Jesus, the son of God, who has redeemed us from all these and has set the captives free from the hand of the devil and death.

You are free! The devil can no longer accuse you and hold you as His subject! Not anymore, the devil lacks power because Jesus carries all power and this same Jesus has bought you, redeemed you and pleaded your case.

Do not allow guilt pull you down, the devil will try to remind you of past sins, past mistakes, family curses that once existed in your lineage, but I charge you to decree the word of the Lord, "I HAVE BEEN MADE FREE BY JESUS!". The devil will lie to you that you must pay for the sins you once committed and that God can never forgive you for such sins you may have committed, but he lies, the devil has been defeated and crushed by Jesus, and you have been redeemed by The Most High, understand this please!

This year is not going to be any easier than last year was, I do not speak to prophesy bad things, I speak because it is written in the bible, Matthew 24. We are in the end times, and more than anything, the devil will try to trick you into believing that because every other person may be involved in one sin or the other like I highlighted above that still exist and will become a norm in a society, you should just sin a little, it will not hurt you after all. The devil will use tactics to lure you into your past slavery, and would propose these sins to you in a great way, but whenever this happens, remember THE BLOOD OF JESUS WAS SHED FOR YOUR REDEMPTION, therefore Satan has no hold over you anymore!

AND SO, I PRAY BY THE GOD WHO LIVES IN ME AND HAS REDEEMED ME, "RECEIVE THE GRACE TO OVERCOME THE TEMPTATIONS AND TRAPS THAT LIE AHEAD OF YOU, RECEIVE THE POWER CRUSH THE HEAD OF THE SERPENT. RECEIVE UNDERSTANDING OF THE REDEMPTION YOU HAVE IN JESUS, RECEIVE A HEDGE OF FIRE AND THE COVERING OF GOD OVER YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO SHIELD AND PROTECT YOU FROM EVIL VOICES AND CURSES IN JESUS NAME, AMEN!"

PRAYER POINT

SPEAK IN TONGUES I.E., PRAY IN THE LANGUAGE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. IF YOU CANNOT, I JOIN MY FAITH WITH YOURS TO AGREE WITH YOU THAT YOU RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT, IN JESUS NAME, AMEN.



THE CARNAL MIND SATURDAY, JANUARY 23RD

Romans 8:7 KJV, "Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be."

God's Royalty,

It is impossible, impossible I tell you to serve God by yourself as a mortal man. If we ever did that, we only set ourselves up for repeated and constant failure. Just as Isaac Newton said, "What goes up must come down" well, except your age of course, the carnal attitude is inevitably opposed to and fights the purpose of God, and neither can, nor follow his laws for living, never. If you and I must run this race of being a believer and developing genuine intimacy with Abba, then we must be ready to die to flesh, forgo our carnal mind and grow cold to following after our desires, and to be honest with you, it will take time and consistency to remain dead to self, the reason is because you are still flesh i.e., you have a body and still dwell in a world where the devil is looking for who to devour.

There are 3 aspects of every man; spirit (the real you, although you cannot see it), soul (mental-emotional part of you), and body (the container to occupy your true self, your spirit, this body is what you can see with your physical eyes.)

To be dead to flesh means you no longer reverence your human desires and your body, all that you do when dead to flesh is completely based on the spirit of truth, i.e., the Holy spirit, who is with you as your helper, this spirit identifies with your spirit man.

To be dead to flesh means you now focus on the growth of your spirit which is your true self and that which you cannot see. You must understand that if you eat everyday so you don't grow hungry and die physically, you must also and even more feed your spirit consciously. You feed yourself spiritually by yielding to the help of the Holy spirit in us when we accept Jesus as our savior.

God does not recognize us by our identity of the flesh, He identifies us by our spirit, and so, you cannot rush the process of knowing God and submitting totally to His principles. Remember you are now dead to flesh, meaning there has been a new birth to your spirit man, so like a baby to an adult, it will take years, because the more you grow, the more Christ grooms and prunes you in Him, but it first starts with your spirit man, not your carnal mind /flesh, it begins with recognizing and receiving the Holy spirit through confessing Jesus as your lord and personal savior.

Romans 8:9-10 AMP says, "9 However, you are not [living] in the flesh [controlled by the sinful nature] but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God lives in you [directing and guiding you]. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him [and is not a child of God]. 10 If Christ lives in you, though your [natural] body is dead because of sin, your spirit is alive because of righteousness [which He provides]."

Do you see that? You cannot have the spirit of God within you and still be alive to the flesh of sin, no. The moment you receive the Holy spirit, you become dead to flesh- sin and alive in your spirit through faith.

You must therefore understand that if the Holy spirit is dwelling within you, you must remain pure, we cannot continue to deceive ourselves thinking we can be hot for God today and cold the next day. We are in the last days, it is either we stand for Jesus, or stand for the world, we cannot continue to live our lives anyhow, but through the power of the holy spirit, we should continue to ensure we walk and are unified with Him.

Finally, Romans 8:11-13 ERV says, "11 God raised Jesus from death. And if God's Spirit lives in you, he will also give life to your bodies that die. Yes, God is the one who raised Christ from death, and he will raise you to life through his Spirit living in you.12 So, my brothers and sisters, we must not be ruled by our sinful selves. We must not live the way our sinful selves want. 13 If you use your lives to do what your sinful selves want; you will die spiritually. But if you use the Spirit's help to stop doing the wrong things you do with your body, you will have true life..."

In conclusion, You and I need to purposely remain conscious of the corrections, directions and HELP of the spirit of God (the Holy spirit) that is within us as a result of our belief in Jesus Christ who is alive and willing to help us put to death sinful deeds of the body so we can have true life.

PRAYER POINT

I DECLARE TODAY THAT I DIE TO FLESH, I NO LONGER LIVE, BUT CHRIST JESUS NOW LIVES IN ME. I RECEIVE THE GRACE TO BE HELPED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT IN ALL AREAS OF MY LIFE SO THAT IN THE END I WILL HAVE TRUE LIFE EVEN FOR MY SOUL.



THE TEST SUNDAY, JANUARY 24TH

PROVERBS 27:21 AMP," The refining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold [to separate the impurities of the metal], And each is tested by the praise given to him [and his response to it, whether humble or proud].

PROVERBS 27:21 NLT, "Fire tests the purity of silver and gold, but a person is tested by being praised"

Dear Royalty, I hope this message meets you well.

respond to it in humility and composure.

As we approach the end of the month, and go fully into the new year, I want to make you aware of something. As you work on developing genuine intimacy with God, I need to make you aware of something and that is to become like God, to become whole, pruned, like a bride, and acceptable to God, we must pass true tests of life.

In life, there will be trials, there will be setbacks, all these are tests all right and I pray you overcome these seasons of your life. However, I need to make you aware of another level of test many people are blind to. This test comes with blessings, this test comes with upliftment, as you serve God genuinely, you will advance and God blesses those who serve Him genuinely, now with this advancement, comes the test of the heart. Our bible text today focuses on how Fire is used to test the purity of Silver and Gold. In case you did not know this, the beautiful silver and Gold we see, love and appreciate must pass through fire to become that we see and adore. In this same way, a person, man, or woman, will be tested by the praises of men. You see, as you rise and achieve great things, I pray that men recognize the goodness of God over your life, but more than anything, my Royalty, Royalty of God, I pray that with this recognition and accolades, you

Many at times, the upliftment of men, is in irony the downfall of man. We must learn humility and put away pride as children of God.

As you develop intimacy with God, God will need to be sure you are not with Him just for the benefits when down, but that you follow Him indeed even when things are good, and so He test us, He tests our heart, Proverbs 17:3 NLT says," Fire tests the purity of silver and gold, but the Lord tests the heart".

When you compare both Proverbs 27:21 and Proverbs 17:3, you will realize that the first statements are the same, but the second statements give more clarity. God also uses the praises of men to test your heart, to see if you respond in humility or in pride. And believe me, you cannot fake being humble, because God knows and Sees all things.

So, I ask that as you go into the year, as you build the life that God has called you to, as you hope and wait for your breakthrough, pray also that God helps you be humble, that you will past not just the tests that come with trials and temptations, but the test that come with being praised, and honored by men.

ACTION POINT

FOR THE REST OF THE DAY AND YEAR,

CONSTANTLY PRAY TO GOD FOR A GENUINELY

HUMBLE HEART THAT WILL PASS THE TEST OF THE

HEART THROUGH PRAISES OF MEN.



Romans 4:5 NLT" But people are counted as righteous, not because of their work, but because of their faith in God who forgives sinners."

Hello Royalty,

More than I write this message to you, I write to myself as well because we need to be careful of self-righteousness, yes, we need to watch out.

In this message, a self-righteous person is a "sluggard, lazy person in faith." This person lives in fantasy and not reality. To walk with God, you must learn faith, and seek His righteousness not how to become righteous in yourself and works. I will explain the previous statement soon but permit me to explain something first to you. Self- righteous people always think they are right, they actually consider themselves better than others and think that because they have spent perhaps longer years knowing Jesus, they are better off going to heaven than others, or that because they pray longer, have many disciples, they are smarter and wiser than others, these people are similar to those we spoke about on Saturday, 16th January, there is grace however for us all to repent.

That's not the point however, the point is, these people are not willing to understand that our works cannot cancel out the importance of faith in our salvation, they believe that they can lie down, sleep, and rest in their works alone and still achieve whatever dreams they have of knowing God intimately and having eternal life, they live in fantasy and not in reality.

Lazy (sluggards, self-righteous) people think serving God is only about praying, fasting, discipling and receiving revelation, while all these are key, if you don't work towards your goal and build on your genuine believe and trust in God, you only fantasies for faith in God is service to God.

Now, I want to explain this statement written earlier, "To walk with God, you must learn faith, and seek His righteousness not how to become righteous in yourself". Romans 4:2-6 NLT, "2 If his (Abraham) good deeds had made him acceptable to God, he would have had something to boast about. But that was not God's way. 3 For the Scriptures tell us in Romans 4:3-5 NLT, "3 Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith."4 When people work, their wages are not a gift, but something they have earned. 5 But people are counted as righteous, not because of their work, but because of their faith in God who forgives sinners."

Do you get it now? Wait, let's read this in The Passion Translation (TPT), ROMANS 4:2-5, "2 Was it by his (Abraham) good works of keeping the law? No. For if it was by the things he did, he would have something to boast about, but no one boasts before God. 3 Listen to what the Scriptures say: Because Abraham believed God's words, his faith transferred God's righteousness into his account.

4 When people work, they earn

wages. It can't be considered a free gift, because they earned it. 5 But no one earns God's righteousness. It can only be transferred when we no longer rely on our own works but believe in the one who powerfully declares the ungodly to be righteous in his eyes. It is faith that transfers God's righteousness into your account!"

It's my faith and belief in God not my works that makes me a candidate for the transfer of GOD'S righteousness not my own righteousness.

You do not receive salvation through works only, faith must be added to the equation. Do not boast in what you have achieved by serving God, these are good, but do you still genuinely have faith and belief in God or you depend on your works to save you in the final days? Watch out!

You may have started off with faith and switched to relying on works, while both are important, there must be a deliberate balance so as not to become self-righteous. That is why we need the Holy spirit to constantly remind and prune us, so we don't lose out in the end.

PRAYER POINT

LORD JESUS, SAVE ME FROM SELF -RIGHTEOUSNESS.
GIVE ME THE GRACE TO APPROPRIATELY SERVE YOU
DILIGENTLY AND STILL HAVE FAITH ENOUGH TO
BELIEVE GENUINELY IN YOU. AMEN. (PRAY FROM
YOUR HEART, PLEASE.)



OBEDIENCE TUESDAY, JANUARY 26TH

Romans 10:2-5 NLT," I know what enthusiasm they have for God, but it is misdirected zeal. For they don't understand God's way of making people right with himself. Refusing to accept God's way, they cling to their own way of getting right with God by trying to keep the law. For Christ has already accomplished the purpose for which the law was given. As a result, all who believe in him are made right with God. For Moses writes that the law's way of making a person right with God requires obedience to all of its commands."

Dear Royalty,

It marvels me that God makes us understand that as Christians there is a possibility, we are serving Him the wrong way. You can be so passionate for God, serving in a church, preaching the gospel, and be doing it with misdirection and lack of Focus.

One thing I pray for and I ask the Holy Spirit to help me with is the ability to do things aligned with His will. I don't want to lead myself and think it's God only to find in the end that God was never glorified, and I humbly ask you to pray this also.

We are in a warfare, and the devil is doing his best to distract you, you must understand we are not fighting against good and bad. No, it's between good and almost good. The devil and your flesh as a human will make you believe that you are doing things rights, fulfilling all righteousness when in fact, doing the opposite.

Has your parent/guardian ever asked you to do something and after doing it they tell you, you didn't do it well or that was not what they meant? Remember how you feel at those moments? That's exactly what we should try to avoid as children of God; diligently serving a lost course.

If you must genuinely serve God and follow Him, then you must prepare and learn obedience, not to some few things but all things He urges you to follow. It will take you discernment to know and differentiate the voice of God and that of the enemy or self.

Obedience to the voice of God and the word of God will cost you to sacrifice that which is pleasing to your flesh, but if you hearken, it will save you time which is your greatest asset. Yes, your time is your greatest asset.

God knows you more than you know yourself and He is the best person that can direct and lead you to where He has called you to, learn to listen and to follow His leading, not yours, you cannot serve God by Yourself, you cannot, you will fail, you can only serve God with His help, through the Holy Spirit.

We don't serve God by trying to do the work Christ has already done for us. We serve Him through our belief in Jesus, this is how we become right with God. Do you believe this?

ACTION POINT

PLEASE, STUDY TODAY'S BIBLE TEXT INTO CONTEXT, AND PRAY AS YOU ARE LED.



Romans 8:25 AMP," But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait eagerly for it with patience and composure

Dear Royalty, wait! We need to learn the act of waiting for that which is ours!

Many at times we are in a haste, we want to make it in life quickly, we want to outshine others quickly. We rush in the pursuit to become successful and make money. We rush into relationships we have no business being in. We rush into business deals that are risky to our divine purpose but look satisfying to our present circumstances, we rush into making decisions and following the crowd or majority of what others perceive to be good. Before we know it, we find ourselves rushing into mistakes that will cost us.

Please, can we just take a moment to sit and wait? Wait for your turn, wait for your testimonies, wait for God to present you to the world and not you trying to find your own way into success.

The ability to wait rightly and prepare for that which you hope for in God, is the ability to understand the concept of being a capable man/woman enough to handle success.

The bible text for today says that we ought to wait with patience and composure. One day, I was studying the bible and I began to understand the meaning of the word patience into detail and I began to understand that the true meaning of patience is not waiting, patience is what you do while you wait, hence, the word composure used in the bible text today after patience. You can wait while being impatient, nonchalant, always complaining and dwelling in anger, this kind of waiting does not yield anything good. So, when the bible says wait eagerly with patience and composure, it means, your time of rejoicing will surely come, but while you wait, what do you do?

Nothing good comes easy, when you are hoping for something, you cannot see it, it is not yet a reality, but yet, you are to wait, not anyhow to while away time but patiently and in good composure in anticipation of that which God has in store for you. It pays to wait, for waiting enables and enlarges our capacity. The Message translation of Romans 8:25 says, "That is why waiting does not diminish us, any more than waiting diminishes a pregnant mother. We are enlarged in the waiting. We, of course, do not see what is enlarging us. But the longer we wait, the larger we become, and the more joyful our expectancy.

Do you see it? The longer we wait in patience and composure in anticipation of what we hope for, the larger we become and the more joyful our expectations. Do not rush dear royalty, like a pregnant woman who must carry and care for a baby for months before the joyous birth of the baby into the world, your time to celebrate and remain celebrated is coming, keep waiting in patience and composure.

ACTION POINT

WRITE DOWN ALL YOUR HOPES FOR THE YEAR, AND DETERMINE AS YOU WRITE EACH OF THEM, TO DAILY LEARN THE ACT OF WAITING IN PATIENCE AND COMPOSURE AS YOU PRAY THIS PRAYER ALONG, "DEAR DAD, GIVE ME A SETTLED HEART, A HEART THAT WAITS ALTHOUGH UNABLE TO SEE THE REALITY OF WHAT I WAIT FOR. GIVE ME THE GRACE TO BE GENUINELY PATIENT AND ENLARGE ME MORE TO YOUR GLORY, AMEN!"



Romans 12:16, NLT" So it is God who decides to show mercy. We can neither choose it nor work for it."

Dear Royalty,

As I write this message, I have come to see and understand the father in a unique way, I cannot help but to sing songs of Praises Him, and so I ask, before you begin reading the message, please join in to sing to Him, honor Him, call Him great names, exalt the name of the Lamb of God, oh, He is a great GOD! Lift your voice and Honor the King of glory, our father. Please drop every distraction, drop your phones, appliances for a moment and focus on Jesus in truth and in spirit! Honor Him.

Amen!

Royalty, God in His own wisdom decides whom He will show mercy and compassion to whether deserving it or not, whether we work for it or not, yearn for it or not. We are not the ones who motivates God by our works to have mercy, it is a choice He makes on His own accord.

It is not by our works, it is not by how good we act, even the worst of men can be shown mercy by God. Look at the life of Paul the Apostle, the writer of the book of Romans and many of the books in the new testament, before the Lord changed his story, before he had an encounter with Jesus, this same man, was persecuting those who looked unto Jesus unto death, he was completely against that which exalted Jesus. He described Himself in the book of Acts 22:3 as someone who was devoted to God but not through Jesus. Hmm, you can be devoted God, in the wrong way! Oh, but the mercy of God, the mercy of God, who changed a man's destiny out of His mercy.

Romans 12:12-16 AMP says, "12 it was said to her (Rebekah) by God, "The older (Esau) will serve the younger (Jacob)." 13 As it is written and forever remains written, "Jacob I loved (chose, protected, blessed), but Esau I hated (held in disregard compared to Jacob)."14 What shall we say then? Is there injustice with God? Certainly not! 15 For He says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whomever I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I have compassion." 16 So then God's choice is not dependent on human will, nor on human effort [the totality of human striving], but on God who shows mercy [to whomever He chooses—it is His sovereign gift]..."

The gift of God's Mercy, Child of God, you are a candidate of this mercy, whether you have sinned terribly, whether you have killed, murdered, or lied against another, whether you are yet to submit or surrender your life to Jesus, no matter what you have done, even if you have committed adultery, I present to you the God of mercy, the God who loved Jacob even before he was born to act rightly or not, is capable of having mercy on you. You are a candidate of mercy, even in your imperfections. It is great to do good things always, God recognizes these things, and shows mercy to these set of people. This God can give this gift of mercy to any man, any woman, no matter your location or action.

God's mercy comes with His favor, God's mercy comes with Upliftment, God's mercy distinguishes you from others, once again, look at Paul the apostle, look at Jacob. Child of God, God's gift of mercy is not earned based on our works, God's gift of mercy is not transactional, it all lies with Him and you are a candidate, so far you are still alive, you are a candidate of God's mercy, believe it and believe In Jesus! Until Paul and Jacob had encounters with Jesus, they did not experience these testimonies that come with God's mercy. So, child of God, it begins with JESUS, surrender completely at His feet, and know that God has mercy on whosoever He chooses to have mercy on.

PRAYER POINT

OH GOD, I PRAY FOR YOUR MERCY, HAVE MERCY LORD ON ME! I PRAY THAT YOU LOOK UPON ME AND BREATHE YOUR MERCY OVER MY LIFE. IN MY WEAKNESS, I ASK FOR MERCY, IN MY STRENGTH, I ASK FOR YOUR MERCY AND PRAY THAT IN YOUR INFINITE WISDOM, YOU LOOK UPON ME WITH MERCY TO THE GLORY OF JESUS, AMEN.

THE STUMBLING STONE FRIDAY, JANUARY 29TH

Romans 9: 32 AMP," And why not? Because it was not by faith [that they pursued it], but as though it were by works [relying on the merit of their works instead of their faith]. They stumbled over the stumbling Stone [Jesus Christ]."

Is it just me, or does it happen that the more we study the scripture, the more we understand the heart of the father and what He truly requires of us? It is very easy for us as human beings to think that what really matters to God is how much we do in His kingdom, when in fact, it is really our faith in His son that matters. One day, while I was young, I was praying, and I felt dad (God) asking me a question, although I do not remember the specific words, our conversation went this way:

Dad (God): "which do you think I am more interested in, you winning souls, preaching the gospel and so on, or you (me) having a genuine relationship with me and experiencing joy and eternal life?"

Sharon (Abba's girl): "I think you are more interested in the souls of others, that was like one of the major

things Jesus focused on here on earth and He emphasized we do these things even before He surrendered Himself to die."

Dear Royalty, I received a very subtle shock as I felt God responding, "it is not about your works, these are very important, but I care more for your soul than how much you do for me."

I honestly did not believe what I had just heard. God is interested in me? Me? I believe that was the day or one of the days I knew and experienced the genuine love of God. That was the day I knew I was serving a good God, before this, It was a mere saying that "God is good" after, it became real to me and a testimony to me, that indeed," God is good". Hmm, God is not using us dear royalty, oh, I wish you understand and come to the full knowledge of this, you and I, are not in a transactional relationship with God, It is not because of our works we receive salvation and eternal life, it is not because of How many souls we win and churches we start, It is not about how many songs we write or how long you have served In church, it does not make you any better than a man who has not done anything as service to God. Is it important to work for God, yes, very important, these are good, we should do these things. I must tell you however, God is more interested in your Genuine hope and faith in Jesus; that your life exemplifies genuine fellowship with the father. Of what use are your works if you do not receive eternal life in the end, don't you see your soul matters to God? So, do not rely on the merit that comes with your work for God to make it in Heaven, Rather, rely on your faith in Jesus Christ. The devil can slowly change our motives without us knowing, we would think it's because we are pastors, ushers, choir ministers, hmm, it is not, it is about our genuine faith and reliance in Jesus, the stumbling stone, Romans 9:33 AMP says, "As it is written and forever remains written, "Behold I am laying in Zion a Stone of stumbling and a Rock of offense; And he who believes in Him [whoever adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Him] will not be disappointed [in his expectations]."

The more you and I, spend time studying the word of God and subjecting ourselves to be taught by the Holy Spirit, the more we are open to understand the heart of the father.

PRAYER POINT

DAD, HELP MY FOCUS AND MY MOTIVES. PRUNE MY HEART TO SERVE YOU IN TRUTH AND IN SPIRIT, BUT MORE THAN ANYTHING, HELP ME DEVELOP RADICAL FAITH IN JESUS TILL THE END. HELP ME NOT TO THINK OR MISPLACE MY PRIORITY AS TO WHY I AM CALLED YOURS. AMEN.



YOU ARE CHOSEN SATURDAY, JANUARY 30TH

Romans 1:6 AMPC, "and this includes you, called of Jesus Christ and invited [as you are] to belong to Him."

Hey there Beautiful one! You made it to day 30! I really love how seriously you are taking this, keep up the Good work, you are doing well so, do not give up.

Do you remember how happy you were when you found out you had gained admission into your dream secondary/ high school although there were many other candidates the school could have selected? I had that feeling as well! I remember jumping with excitement as I received the good news that I had been selected amongst many others to attend my secondary school.

Now, is it not more awesome that God chose you to be among the people He calls his own? Yes, our bible text today proves that God has selected, called, and has invited you specially to become one of His. But how can I be sure that God has selected you? Well, I will say this, If you are reading this topic with your eyes, hearing this message with your ears or even receiving a sign-language by an interpreter, I want to announce to you, you are among the chosen. God never makes mistake, and you have not gotten to Day 30 by luck.

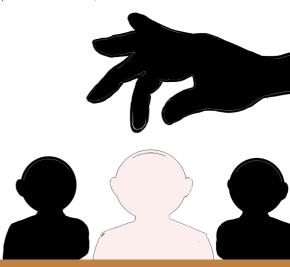
God has called you; He has selected you to become His own, fulfil his purpose and be anointed. Will you answer the call?

Your life matters very much to God and He His doing everything He can to make completely right in Him. You may have heard many times people talking about being saved but you have never actually declared Jesus as your Lord and Savior. Whether you have never surrendered your life to him or have but you stopped following him closely, Jesus remains chasing after you. God is looking for men of depth, men who will follow Him till the very end and not look back to their past. Will you answer Him and surrender your life to Him today?

God loves you as you are and you are made perfect in Him through the renewal of your mind, so, if you are ready to let Jesus into your life, please, join me to believe and say this out: Lord Jesus, I invite you into my life to be my LORD and SAVIOUR. I declare and believe that Jesus is the son of God and that He died and rose again on the third day after His death. Please cleanse me by your BLOOD and help me to always follow your ways from now on. I receive and submit to the Holy spirit. In Jesus' Name, Amen!

PRAYER POINT

DEAR JESUS, HELP ME HAVE A REAL
RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU. I WANT TO KNOW
AND DESIRE YOU. I ASK THAT YOU PLEASE
TRAIN ME TO BECOME MORE LIKE YOU. AMEN.



ROMANS 15:13 AMP," May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing [through the experience of your faith] that by the power of the Holy Spirit you will abound in hope and overflow with confidence in His promises."

NLT," I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit."

Dear Royalty.

It is one thing to be happy for a moment, it is another thing to be genuinely happy and have joy for a long time. It is one thing to be surrounded by issues and be worried, it is one to be surrounded by issues and choose to ignore them, it is another to be surrounded by issues and enjoy peace regardless.

We can try as humans to remain hopeful about something, but doubt and worry because of having a human nature may limit us from achieving genuine joy, peace, and trust in God. But when God, the source of hope fills you up with Joy and Peace, He does not fill you halfway, He fills you unto overflow, completely. In all the works of God, He does very good, you are an example of this truth. God is not in the business of doing incomplete jobs, and so, today, Paul prayed years ago for you and for me that God will fill us completely with joy and peace so that we will abound and overflow with confidence in His promises. Is that not meant to be your job? That we as His children remain confident in His promises? How does God have to do with this? I present to you, a father, a true, worthy father, who provides and never leaves you to fend or search for your way to Him. God in His awesomeness as your father acts as your source and provider of hope, sustainer of life and hope by filling you with joy and peace because of your trust in Him, and guide through the power of the Holy spirit.

So, I plead with you to read the bible text for today (Romans 15:13) repeatedly and in belief, receive it and say amen!

The moment you have overflow of confident hope in His promises for you, you have influenced your faith and strengthened it. So, Royalty, I pray you receive Your peace of mind, receive your joy in Christ, step into your confidence and hope in Christ and His promises for you. Have you given up already? Be energized! Have your plans for the year started to look unachievable? I pray you receive the peace of God during this uncertainty and press on! What are you worried, disturbed, and broken about? I pray you receive the overflowing filling of Joy that comes from your father.

Your father is alive and is working purposefully for you, remain confident in this, Jesus is for you and with you to deliver unto you that which God predestined for you before you were born.

Live happily and in joy In Jesus name. Amen

KEY POINT

JOY AND PEACE LEADS TO HOPE AND CONFIDENCE IN HIS PROMISES. HAVING CONFIDENCE IN HIS PROMISES BUILDS OUR FAITH AND HOPE IN HIM, WITH THESE, WE BUILD GENUINE, UNDYING HUNGER AND THIRST FOR GOD DESPITE BAD SITUATIONS AND BEGIN TO WALK LIKE GOD IN OUR GENERATION.



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