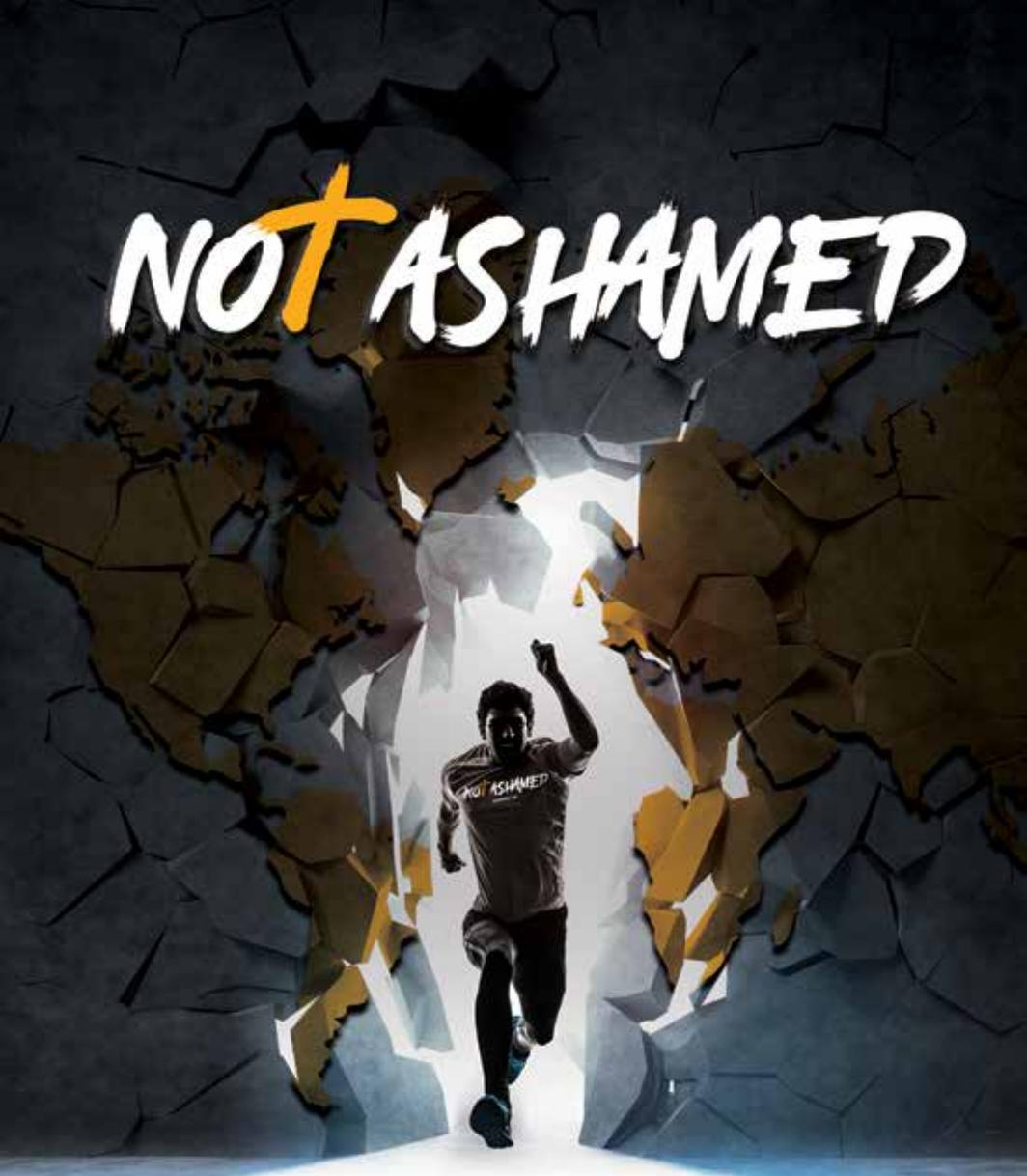


NOT ASHAMED

A man in a grey t-shirt with 'NOT ASHAMED' written on it is running through a jagged hole in a dark, cracked wall. He is running towards a bright, glowing light source behind the hole. The background is dark and textured with cracks.

FOR I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL
OF CHRIST, FOR IT IS THE POWER OF GOD TO
SALVATION FOR EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES...

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NOT ASHAMED

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I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL

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I AM NOT ASHAMED OF MY WEAKNESS

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I AM NOT ASHAMED IN WHOM I BELIEVE

MAY - JUN

I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE SUFFERING OF CHRIST

JUL-AUG

I AM NOT ASHAMED TO TRUST THE LORD

SEP-OCT

I AM NOT ASHAMED TO LET MY LIGHT SHINE

NOV-DEC

IMPORTANT NOTE: This prayer book is given a week early so that we can start using it to prepare ourselves for the week of prayer and fasting. Begin to read, study and pray through this book. The Holy Spirit will speak and work in us. (*All scriptures are NKJV version unless otherwise noted.*)

Isaiah 50:5–10 (NLT)

*The Sovereign Lord has spoken to Me, and I have listened. I have not rebelled or turned away. I offered My back to those who beat Me and My cheeks to those who pulled out My beard. I did not hide My face from mockery and spitting. **Because the Sovereign Lord helps Me, I WILL NOT BE DISGRACED. THEREFORE, I HAVE SET MY FACE LIKE A STONE, DETERMINED TO DO HIS WILL. AND I KNOW THAT I WILL NOT BE PUT TO SHAME. He who gives Me justice is near. Who will dare to bring charges against Me now? Where are My accusers? Let them appear! SEE, THE SOVEREIGN LORD IS ON MY SIDE! WHO WILL DECLARE ME GUILTY?** All my enemies will be destroyed like old clothes that have been eaten by moths! Who among you fears the Lord and obeys His Servant? If you are walking in darkness, without a ray of light, **TRUST IN THE LORD AND RELY ON YOUR GOD.***

Isaiah 50:7–8

*For the Lord God will help Me; **THEREFORE I WILL NOT BE DISGRACED . . . I HAVE SET MY FACE LIKE A FLINT, AND I KNOW THAT I WILL NOT BE ASHAMED.** He is near who justifies Me; **WHO WILL CONTEND WITH ME?***

FOREWORD — NOT ASHAMED

Jesus Was “Not Ashamed” Even When Subjected To Shame

Satan uses shame to intimidate, inhibit, shackle and eventually to imprison and enslave to fear, anxiety, dread, distress, depression and hopelessness. He aims to rob us of faith in God and faith in our call, and make us focus on self instead of God. He wants us to hide away from God and ultimately give up on God and everything.

Isaiah 50 prophesied that God’s obedient Servant, Jesus Christ, would be subjected to the most brutal and harshest of attacks, violence, persecution, mocking, whipping, beating, pulling of His beard, shaming, spitting and finally an ignoble and horrible crucifixion on the cross. In the fires of all these attacks and sufferings, Jesus did not shy away in fear, disgrace or dishonor because He was “*not ashamed*”! In fact, He offered His back to those who struck Him, His cheeks to those who plucked out His beard and did not hide His face from their shaming and spitting. **Nothing shook Him because of His faith in God, His Father. He knew Who His Father was, He knew Who He was in His Father and He knew what His Father had called Him to do.** Nothing could shake His knowledge of this truth. Therefore He was unafraid, unashamed, unapologetic, unshakable

and undefeatable. Nothing could intimidate Him, move Him, disgrace Him or stop Him. As it says in Isaiah 50:5–6, ***“I was not rebellious, nor did I turn away. I gave My back to those who struck Me, and My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting.”*** Jesus did not shun the vindictive assaults, abuse and hate. In fact, He offered Himself up to His enemies’ beatings and shaming. **IT WAS NOT IN FEAR THAT HE YIELDED; IT WAS IN FAITH.** He had a total, unshakable and undefeatable conviction, courage and faith in His Father and His Father’s cause. In all these, He did not waver in doing the Father’s will, as Isaiah 50:7 (NLT) says, ***“BECAUSE THE SOVEREIGN LORD HELPS ME, I WILL NOT BE DISGRACED. THEREFORE, I HAVE SET MY FACE LIKE A STONE, DETERMINED TO DO HIS WILL.”***

The church must learn to be prepared to live and move in faith, and to obey and serve God as Jesus did in the midst of demonic opposition, animosity, hatefulness, persecution and vilification. **WE MUST NOT TURN AWAY FROM GOD AND HIS PURPOSE BECAUSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE ADVERSARY’S ATTACKS OF DISGRACE, SHAME AND FEAR.** We must be prepared for warfare whereby we will be accused, attacked, denigrated, shamed and persecuted for the sake of Jesus Christ and His cause. Can the church stand and withstand as Jesus did? Will the church buckle and yield to fear and panic? Will we take cover, compromise, deny or be ashamed in days like these and the days ahead? Or will we be like Jesus; totally not intimidated, not hiding, not hating, but relentlessly loving God, steadfastly obeying God and absolutely not ashamed of God, His cause, His Word and His work?

May we have the kind of faith that strengthens our spiritual conviction so we can say as Jesus said in Isaiah 50:7–10: ***“For the Lord God will help Me; therefore I WILL NOT BE DISGRACED; therefore I HAVE SET MY FACE LIKE A FLINT, AND I KNOW THAT I WILL NOT BE ASHAMED.*** *He is near Who justifies Me; who will contend with Me? Who is My adversary? Let him come near Me. Surely the Lord God will help Me; who is he who will condemn Me?”*

Jesus’ heart and faith in God were so strong that He said, *“Who is My adversary? Let him come near Me.”* He was saying that even satan’s worst could not put a dent in Him, just as He powerfully affirmed, ***“I WILL NOT BE DISGRACED . . . and I know that I WILL NOT BE PUT TO SHAME . . . !”*** We are to have the same mind as Jesus Christ. We are to have this same faith, same conviction, same commitment and same courage to set our faces like a flint, not turn away, not be disgraced, not be ashamed and powerfully and relentlessly complete God’s purpose. We know that God is with us and will help us. Therefore, we know and believe that none can contend with us, condemn us or shame us. **There is not one tool, one person, one organization or one strategy satan can successfully weaponize against God and His church.** Yet we must be prepared, we must be alert and we must be sober for such a time as this.

“Not Ashamed”—What Does It Mean?

“NOT ASHAMED” IS NOT A HUMAN, CARNAL AND FLESHLY SELF-CONFIDENCE, AUDACITY OR PRIDE producing attitudes of presumptuousness, brashness, brazenness, impudence, insensitivity, callousness, hardness and boasting. A person with these attitudes ultimately loses the ability to feel ashamed and be convicted of sin and wrongdoing. This is where the world is truly at: due to a defiled and seared conscience, they no longer blush at sin, and they have lost the ability to be convicted. Being *“not ashamed”* in this manner is not what the Bible is referring to.

Being *“not ashamed”* is also not the result of human courage or the work of the natural man. **IT IS A WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT PRODUCING IN OUR SPIRIT A FAITH IN GOD. As exemplified in Paul’s life, there is a GRACE FROM FAITH that enables us to LIVE “NOT ASHAMED.”** 1 John 2:28 says, *“And now, little children, ABIDE IN HIM, that when He appears, WE MAY HAVE CONFIDENCE AND NOT BE ASHAMED BEFORE HIM AT HIS COMING.”* It is because of our confidence in God that we are *“not ashamed”* before Him, even at His coming. We have this confidence that He has redeemed and justified us; therefore, no one can accuse, condemn or come against us.

The word “CONFIDENCE” (*parrêsia*) INDICATES HAVING A FEARLESS FREEDOM AND UNRESERVEDNESS TO DARE TO SPEAK OR DO IN OBEDIENCE TO GOD. It is having a free and fearless confidence, a cheerful courage and boldness, an unfailing assurance and holy audacity in God in all situations TO BE, TO SPEAK AND TO DO AS HE COMMANDS US TO. To be *“not ashamed”* means that no opposition, threat, intimidation, humiliation, trauma, pressure, event or persecution can cause us to become overwhelmed, confused, embarrassed, flustered, intimidated, shaken, discouraged or thrown off track. **THIS IS POSSIBLE WHEN OUR FAITH IS FIXED, ROOTED AND EMBEDDED IN JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD, OUR SAVIOR, OUR REDEEMER AND OUR ROCK.** This is the same faith that Paul lived in. He was relentlessly and viciously opposed, attacked, maligned and condemned, yet he was *“not ashamed”* of the Gospel. He was *“not ashamed”* of his suffering, he was *“not ashamed”* of his weakness and he was *“not ashamed”* of Jesus, Whom he believed in.

In Romans 8, Paul wrote, ***“There is therefore now NO CONDEMNATION to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit . . . For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, ‘Abba, Father’ . . . Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? . . . Who shall bring a charge against God’s elect? IT IS GOD WHO JUSTIFIES. WHO IS HE WHO CONDEMNS? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, Who is even at the right***

hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: 'For Your sake we are killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.' YET IN ALL THESE THINGS WE ARE MORE THAN CONQUERORS THROUGH HIM WHO LOVED US."

Shame Is A Satanic Weapon And Strategy

Shame is one of the most lethal weapons satan uses against God's people. It holds many in bondage to fear, intimidation and condemnation. It devours one from the inside out, eroding all that is good and causing an internal silent and progressive dying. **Satan aims to spiritually, emotionally, mentally and even physically incapacitate through shame. Ultimately, he purposes to paralyze and destroy us from within. SHAME PUTS ON THE APPEARANCE OF OUTWARD FREEDOM, BUT THE INWARD EXPERIENCE IS DEATH AND BONDAGE.**

Shame produces torment, torture, unrest, sorrow, pain, confusion and terror. It inhibits, debilitates and erodes. It can leave one physically free, but inwardly crippled and imprisoned. Satan seeks to render us impotent, hoping that we will disqualify ourselves with self-condemnation.

Concerning shame, we must DISCERN THE DIFFERENCE between the CONVICTION OF SIN by the Holy Spirit and the CONDEMNATION OF UNFOUNDED GUILT by the adversary. Guilt is unfounded when sins are already forgiven or where there is no sin. **CONVICTION of sin is a work of the Holy Spirit when He reveals to us OUR RESPONSIBILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY OVER SINS WE HAVE PERSONALLY COMMITTED,** meaning we have been found truly guilty. When David was confronted by the prophet Nathan regarding his sins of adultery, conspiracy and murder, David experienced the pain and deep sorrow of true guilt. **THE INNER CONVICTION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT LED HIM TO REPENTANCE AND RESTORATION. THIS IS NOT LIKE THE SHAME THAT COMES FROM FALSE GUILT.**

CONDEMNATION IS A DEMONIC ATTACK. Regardless of whether the enemy uses lies, unfounded accusations or real sins, HIS AIM IS TO PRODUCE FALSE GUILT, SHAME AND HOPELESSNESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DESTROYING. False guilt and shame attack a person's intrinsic worth and value through condemnation; they do not bring us to a place of personal responsibility and accountability leading to repentance. It guts that person from inside out—spiritually, mentally and emotionally. It leaves the person chronically disheartened, hopelessly dejected, and devastatingly ashamed because of feeling unworthy as a human being—consequently without hope, help and future. Shame will eventually drive a person into demonic depression, despair and isolation. It causes individuals to run away, isolating themselves from God and His people. Conviction and condemnation are both uncomfortable to bear,

but only conviction produces godly sorrow leading us to run to God in repentance. Condemnation produces an unfounded (*groundless, baseless*) shame that drives us away from God and paralyzes us from inside out. **CONDEMNATION LEADS TO SHAME IF WE ACCEPT. CONVICTION LEADS TO LIFE IF WE RESPOND.**

The Power Of Living “Not Ashamed” By Faith

WHEN WE LIVE “NOT ASHAMED” BY OUR FAITH IN GOD, WE ARE ABLE TO LIVE IN STRENGTH, POWER AND AUTHORITY IN CHRIST JESUS. Our confidence, assurance and certainty are totally anchored in God. It is a faith that defies all pressures, assaults, attacks and weapons that the enemy may launch against us to prevent us from preaching the Gospel, living for God and worshipping God. **IT IS A FAITH THAT CANNOT BE SHAMED BUT TRIUMPHS IN THE WORST OF THE WORST WARFARE.** It is a faith that causes the demonic realm to tremble before the church, rendering them powerless to hurt and totally defeated. Such was the faith that the church in the book of Acts lived in—when jailed, they sang; when being stoned, they forgave; when shipwrecked, they comforted others and when persecuted for the Gospel, they prayed for more boldness to preach. **THEY LIVED WITH NOTHING TO LOSE IN THIS LIFE, BUT EVERYTHING TO GAIN IN GOD.** Their hearts were focused on the Lord like lasers—sharp, relentless and unwavering. The devil had no currency that he could use to hold over them.

In 2 Timothy 1:8–12, Paul wrote: *“Therefore **DO NOT BE ASHAMED OF THE TESTIMONY OF OUR LORD, nor of me His prisoner, but SHARE WITH ME IN THE SUFFERINGS FOR THE GOSPEL according to the power of God, Who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began . . . For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I AM NOT ASHAMED, FOR I KNOW WHOM I HAVE BELIEVED and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.” THIS IS OUR CALL, THIS IS OUR FAITH, THIS IS OUR MISSION AND WE ARE “NOT ASHAMED”!***

Notes:

CALLED TO SOLEMN ASSEMBLY: JANUARY 6-13, 2019

Week 1 – Personal Preparation: December 30, 2018 – January 5, 2019

Week 2 – Corporate Prayer And Fasting: January 6-13, 2019

REGIONAL AND CORPORATE PRAYER SCHEDULE:

Mon-Fri, January 6-11 **Regional Morning Prayer**

6:00-7:00 a.m. at Red Hill, Windward, Central Oahu

Mon/Wed/Fri – East Honolulu, Leeward

Corporate Noontime Prayer

12:00-1:00 p.m. at Red Hill

Corporate Evening Prayer

6:00-8:00 p.m. at Red Hill

Saturday, January 12 **Personal and Family Prayer**

(no corporate assembly)

Sunday, January 13 **Thanksgiving and Exhortation**

6:00-8:00 p.m. at Red Hill

Saturday, January 19 **Leaders Seminar w/John Harke**

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Red Hill

CORPORATE EVENING PRAYER SCHEDULE:

Personal Prayer 6:00-6:30 p.m.

Corporate Prayer 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Personal Prayer 7:30-8:00 p.m.

Instructions For All Concerning Prayer Time

During the times of prayer, **the Sanctuary is dedicated to prayer. No one is to fellowship in the Sanctuary.** Let us honor the presence of God and also the privacy of those seeking God. **THIS IS SOLEMN ASSEMBLY AND LET US GUARD THE SPIRITUAL SOBRIETY AND SANCTITY OF THE OCCASION.** Be encouraged to wait on God and hear Him. Take notes of what you hear.

DAILY PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 6–13:

- Day 1 (Sunday)..... **Ministry Of The Word**
(a.m. and p.m. services)
- Day 2 (Monday)..... **I Am Not Ashamed To Be Consecrated**
- Day 3 (Tuesday)..... **I Am Not Ashamed Of My Weakness**
- Day 4 (Wednesday) **I Am Not Ashamed In Whom I Believe**
- Day 5 (Thursday)..... **I Am Not Ashamed Of The Gospel**
- Day 6 (Friday)..... **I Am Not Ashamed Of The Power**
- Day 7 (Saturday)..... **Personal And Family Prayer**
- Day 8 (Sunday)..... **Thanksgiving And Exhortation**

WEEK OF PERSONAL PREPARATION: DECEMBER 30, 2018 – JANUARY 5, 2019

SIX STEPS TO PREPARE FOR SOLEMN ASSEMBLY

December 30, 2018 to January 5, 2019 is a week of personal preparation before the Solemn Assembly. Like the Levitical priests who carefully prepared themselves before they entered the Tabernacle to minister to God, it is important that we take time to prayerfully prepare ourselves to enter the Solemn Assembly in the spirit and posture of heart that are pleasing to God. (*Record all that God will be speaking to you throughout this season of prayer and fasting on the pages provided in this booklet.*)

STEP 1 – Plan Your Week’s Schedule To Include Times For Prayer

1. Schedule both corporate and personal prayer times into your week
2. Note all the corporate prayer times (*morning, noon and evening*) and plan to be there with your family
3. **All ministries for the week of January 6–13, 2019 are canceled* to release the church to participate in Solemn Assembly during noontime and evening prayer**

**Net/Care leaders and ministry heads are to take note, inform their helpers and exhort them to be present for prayer*

STEP 2 – Personal Preparation (Psalm 51:1–19)

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.” (v10–11)

1. **Prepare your heart** to come before God in humility and contrition
2. **Prayerfully allow the Holy Spirit** to do a **deep searching** of your heart and life; bring everything to light and let nothing be hidden
3. **Pray through Psalm 51**; repent and ask God to forgive you and create a clean heart and right spirit within you
4. **Ask God to open the eyes of your understanding**; remove all unbelief, hardness, pride and resistance to His Holy Spirit, and ask God to put truth and wisdom in your inward parts
5. **Make relationships right with God and with others**

STEP 3 – Prepare As A Family (Joshua 24:14–15; Psalm 133)

“Now, therefore, fear the LORD, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD! . . . But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

1. **If you are the head of your household, help prepare your family**; share the personal application of Solemn Assembly with each member of your family
2. **Minister unity and oneness in your family**; bring healing and reconciliation in all relationships, repent of sins committed against each other and minister love and forgiveness to one another
 - a. In marriage (1 Peter 3:1–7; Colossians 3:18–19)
 - b. Between parents and children (Colossians 3:20–21)
3. **Have a family communion time** to seal the oneness of spirit, love and peace, and pray Psalm 133 and Colossians 3 into your family

STEP 4 – Spiritual House-Cleansing (2 Chronicles 34:3–27)

“For in the eighth year of his (Josiah’s) reign, while he was still young, he began to seek the God of his father David; and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem of the high places, the wooden images, the carved images, and the molded images . . . in the eighteenth year of his reign . . . he sent Shaphan . . . to repair the house of the LORD . . . because your heart was tender . . . and you humbled yourself before Me . . . I also have heard you,” says the LORD.

1. **Do spiritual house-cleaning:** if there is any item in your possession that contains spiritually defiling material and is not pleasing to God, get rid of it immediately; such items can become gateways for the enemy to infiltrate your home (2 Chronicles 34:1–33)
2. **Repair your personal and family altar** (*daily devotions, prayer and the Word*)

STEP 5 – Prepare All Ministries (Colossians 3:12–15)

*“Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, **put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another; and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.”***

1. **If you are the head of a ministry, help prepare your helpers and others under your care;** ensure that everyone is informed concerning the purpose and times of prayer
2. **Exhort all to participate** in the blessing of the Solemn Assembly
3. **Minister unity, reconciliation and oneness;** if there is any rift in ministerial relationships, prayerfully bring reconciliation and oneness
4. **Pray Psalm 133 and Colossians 3** into your ministry; **renew your commitment to God and other members**

STEP 6 – Ask God To Infuse Great Faith In Us (Hebrews 11:6)

*“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that **He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.**”*

1. **Seek God diligently** and believe Him for great things
2. Step into the week of Solemn Assembly with a contrite heart and great faith

WHAT IS SOLEMN ASSEMBLY?

The Call To Humbly Seek God In Prayer And Fasting

Joel 1:14 – “Consecrate a fast, call a sacred assembly; gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land into the house of the LORD your God and cry out to the LORD.”

SOLEMN ASSEMBLY

Solemn Assembly is a **corporate** and **personal call** to humbly separate ourselves unto God for a time of **Consecration, Prayer and Fasting to seek His face for a specific purpose. It is humbling ourselves before God in repentance and consecration.**

- It is a time of *"breaking up the fallow ground"* of our hearts
- It is a time of repenting of sin and returning to God whole-heartedly
- It is a time of total consecration to God as His redeemed people
- It is a time of waiting on God to hear from Him and take heed
- It is a time to resolve to obey and please Him alone

HOW DO WE DO SOLEMN ASSEMBLY?

We Consecrate A Fast, Call A Sacred Assembly

Corporately and individually we set aside time to seek God in prayer and fasting.

What is fasting and prayer?

Fasting and prayer are **very powerful spiritual ministries that God responds to.** In fasting, the abstinence from food (*and other things*) is an outward demonstration of an **inward heart of contrition and repentance toward God. It is also a spiritual act of humbling and emptying ourselves before God in submission to His Lordship. Fasting is crucifying our flesh and self and enthroning God.** It brings us into total submission to Him. We deny all that is of ourselves—our will, needs, appetites, desires, priorities, motives—and embrace all that is His. There are different ways of fasting. Let the Lord lead you at all times. We fast on:

- **Food** – abstinence from food (*depending on how God will direct you*)
- **Time** – set aside time to pray and wait on God
- **Priorities** – deny personal priorities; make seeking Him first priority
- **Pleasures** – abstinence from things or activities we enjoy (*hobbies, TV, internet, entertainment, recreation, social media, etc.*) and devote that time and energy to God

How do we fast?

We are to fast as **the Holy Spirit leads us.** Let Him show us what He is dealing with us in our life. **Fasting must be accompanied with prayer.**

- **Total fast:** Abstaining from solid foods for all meals and drinking only water; if you have a health need, consult your doctor before fasting

- **Partial fast:** Abstaining from certain meals or reducing the normal portions of intake (*no snacking to make up for fasted meals; take much water*)
- **“Daniel” fast:** Abstaining from specific (*favorite*) types of food or beverages, and also from certain activities (*e.g. TV, golf, shopping, video games, internet, social media, etc.*)

How do we wait on God?

Plan and set aside a specific time and place to wait on God each day of the Solemn Assembly (*remove all distractions*).

- Waiting is an act of submission that crucifies the flesh; it lets God be God
- Allow Him to search us thoroughly that nothing is hidden
- Consciously tune our heart and spirit to hear Him and be sensitive to His voice
- God will draw near to us and reveal Himself to us
- It brings revelations of things that we need to take care of
- It allows the Holy Spirit to illuminate our hearts
- Take note of all that He speaks to us

Notes:

DAY 1 — SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019

MINISTRY OF THE WORD (MORNING AND EVENING SERVICES)

Isaiah 50:7–10 (NLT)

Because the Sovereign Lord helps Me, I WILL NOT BE DISGRACED. THEREFORE, I HAVE SET MY FACE LIKE A STONE, DETERMINED TO DO HIS WILL. And I know that **I WILL NOT BE PUT TO SHAME. He Who gives Me justice is near.** Who will dare to bring charges against Me now? Where are my accusers? Let them appear! **SEE, THE SOVEREIGN LORD IS ON MY SIDE! WHO WILL DECLARE ME GUILTY?** All My enemies will be destroyed like old clothes that have been eaten by moths! . . . **TRUST IN THE LORD AND RELY ON YOUR GOD.**

Mark 8:34–38

When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, “Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel’s will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? **For WHOEVER IS ASHAMED OF ME AND OF MY WORDS in this adulterous and sinful generation, OF HIM WILL THE SON OF MAN ALSO BE ASHAMED WHEN HE COMES IN THE GLORY OF HIS FATHER with the holy angels.**”

2 Timothy 1:8–12

THEREFORE DO NOT BE ASHAMED OF THE TESTIMONY OF OUR LORD, NOR OF ME HIS PRISONER, but share with me in the sufferings for the Gospel according to the power of God, who has saved us and called us with a holy calling . . . I was appointed a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. For this reason I also suffer these things; **NEVERTHELESS I AM NOT ASHAMED, FOR I KNOW WHOM I HAVE BELIEVED AND AM PERSUADED THAT HE IS ABLE TO KEEP WHAT I HAVE COMMITTED TO HIM UNTIL THAT DAY.**

2 Corinthians 12:7–10 (NLT)

So to keep me from becoming proud, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger from satan to torment me and keep me from becoming proud. Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. Each time He said, “**My grace is all you need. MY POWER WORKS BEST IN WEAKNESS.**” So now I **AM GLAD TO BOAST ABOUT MY WEAKNESSES, so that the POWER OF CHRIST CAN WORK THROUGH ME.** That’s why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. **FOR WHEN I AM WEAK, THEN I AM STRONG.**

DAY 2 — MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019

PRAYER FOCUS: I AM NOT ASHAMED TO BE CONSECRATED

Ephesians 1:3–14 (NLT)

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ. Even before He made the world, **GOD LOVED US and CHOSE US IN CHRIST TO BE HOLY AND WITHOUT FAULT IN HIS EYES. GOD DECIDED IN ADVANCE TO ADOPT US INTO HIS OWN FAMILY BY BRINGING US TO HIMSELF THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.** This is what He wanted to do, and it gave Him great pleasure . . . Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for **HE CHOSE US IN ADVANCE,** and He makes everything work out according to His plan . . . when you believed in Christ, **HE IDENTIFIED YOU AS HIS OWN by giving you the Holy Spirit,** Whom He promised long ago. The Spirit is God's guarantee that He will give us the inheritance He promised and that **HE HAS PURCHASED US TO BE HIS OWN PEOPLE.** He did this so we would praise and glorify Him.

Leviticus 20:26

YOU SHALL BE HOLY TO ME, FOR I THE LORD AM HOLY, and have SEPARATED YOU FROM THE PEOPLES, THAT YOU SHOULD BE MINE.

Leviticus 22:31–33

Therefore you shall keep My commandments, and perform them: I am the LORD. **You shall not profane My holy name, BUT I WILL BE HALLOWED AMONG THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL. I AM THE LORD WHO SANCTIFIES YOU,** Who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: **I AM THE LORD.**

Leviticus 10:3

And Moses said to Aaron, "This is what the LORD spoke, saying: **'By those who come near Me I MUST BE REGARDED AS HOLY; and before all the people I MUST BE GLORIFIED.'**"

2 Corinthians 6:14–18

Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. FOR WHAT FELLOWSHIP HAS RIGHTEOUSNESS WITH LAWLESSNESS? And what communion has light with darkness? AND WHAT ACCORD HAS CHRIST WITH BELIAL? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? AND WHAT AGREEMENT HAS THE TEMPLE OF GOD WITH IDOLS? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people." Therefore **"COME OUT FROM AMONG THEM AND BE SEPARATE,** says the Lord. **Do not touch**

what is unclean, and I will receive you. I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the LORD Almighty.”

1 Peter 2:1–12

Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking . . . Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, **a HOLY PRIESTHOOD, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ . . . you are a CHOSEN GENERATION, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, HIS OWN SPECIAL PEOPLE,** that you may proclaim the praises of Him Who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light . . . Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, **HAVING YOUR CONDUCT HONORABLE AMONG THE GENTILES, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, BY YOUR GOOD WORKS WHICH THEY OBSERVE, GLORIFY GOD IN THE DAY OF VISITATION.**

1 Thessalonians 4:1–8 (NLT)

Finally, dear brothers and sisters, we urge you in the name of the Lord Jesus to LIVE IN A WAY THAT PLEASES GOD, as we have taught you. You live this way already, and we encourage you to do so even more. For you remember what we taught you by the authority of the Lord Jesus. **GOD’S WILL IS FOR YOU TO BE HOLY, so stay away from all sexual sin.** Then each of you will control his own body and live in holiness and honor— not in lustful passion like the pagans who do not know God and His ways. Never harm or cheat a Christian brother in this matter by violating his wife, for the Lord avenges all such sins, as we have solemnly warned you before. **GOD HAS CALLED US TO LIVE HOLY LIVES, NOT IMPURE LIVES. Therefore, anyone who refuses to live by these rules is not disobeying human teaching but is rejecting God, Who gives his Holy Spirit to you.**

Psalms 24:3–6

Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place? **He who has CLEAN HANDS and a PURE HEART, who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, NOR sworn deceitfully.** He shall receive blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. This is Jacob, the generation of those who seek Him, who seek Your face.

Hosea 2:14–23 (NIV)

“Therefore I am now going to allure her; I will lead her into the wilderness and speak tenderly to her. There I will give her back her vineyards, and will make the Valley of Achor a door of hope. There she will respond as in the days of her youth, as in the day she came up out of Egypt. **In that day,” declares the LORD, “YOU WILL CALL ME ‘MY HUSBAND’; you will no longer call me ‘my master.’ I WILL REMOVE THE NAMES OF THE BAALS FROM HER LIPS;**

no longer will their names be invoked. In that day I will make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, the birds in the sky and the creatures that move along the ground. Bow and sword and battle I will abolish from the land, so that all may lie down in safety. **I WILL BETROTH YOU TO ME FOREVER; I will betroth you in righteousness and justice, in love and compassion. I WILL BETROTH YOU IN FAITHFULNESS, AND YOU WILL ACKNOWLEDGE THE LORD.** In that day I will respond," declares the LORD—"I will respond to the skies, and they will respond to the earth; and the earth will respond to the grain the new wine and the olive oil, and they will respond to Jezreel. **I WILL PLANT HER FOR MYSELF in the land; I will show My love to the one I called 'Not my loved one.' I will say to those called 'Not my people,' 'You are my people'; and they will say, 'You are my God.'"**

Jude 1:24–25

Now to Him who is ABLE TO KEEP YOU FROM STUMBLING, and to PRESENT YOU FAULTLESS BEFORE THE PRESENCE OF HIS GLORY with exceeding joy to God our Savior, Who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.

EXHORTATION – I AM NOT ASHAMED TO BE CONSECRATED

In everything we do and say, we need to find the heart of God—His will, His intent and His ways. It is not just about doing or acting upon a word; it is about knowing God's why, what and how. So it is with consecration; we want to know God's why, what and how. God is always very clear, precise, specific and unchanging in distinguishing those who are His from those who are not: the sheep from the goats; the wheat from the tares; His children from the hirelings; the clean from the unclean; light from darkness and holy from unholy. There is never any ambiguity with God and His Word; neither confusion nor compromise. 1 Corinthians 10:21 says that with Him, **"You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the Lord's table and of the table of demons."** There is no place for double-mindedness, and no mixing of good with evil or clean with unclean. Leviticus 20:26 says, **"You shall be holy to Me, for I the Lord am holy, and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be Mine."**

TO BE CONSECRATED UNTO GOD MEANS TO BE EXCLUSIVELY SET APART AS DEVOTED, DEDICATED, SACRED AND HOLY UNTO GOD ALONE. Consecration deals with our relationship and intimacy with God—it is a union that exists when He loves us most, and we love Him most. It is relationship before task. It is intimacy before works. It is union before ministry. **Consecration at its core is about oneness with God and knowing His heart.** God chose us in advance to be united with Him, adopted in His holiness and without fault in His eyes. He chose to bring us to Himself, purchased us as His people and identified us as His own by giving us His Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 1:3–14 (NLT) says, *“All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because **we are united with Christ**. Even before He made the world, **God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in His eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into His own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ**. This is what He wanted to do, and it gave Him great pleasure . . . Furthermore, **because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for He chose us in advance**, and He makes everything work out according to His plan . . . when you believed in Christ, **He identified you as His own by giving you the Holy Spirit, Whom He promised long ago. The Spirit is God’s guarantee that He will give us the inheritance He promised and that He has purchased us to be His own people. He did this so we would praise and glorify Him.**”*

None of this is about us, but about Jesus Christ Who has loved us. We are **HIS PEOPLE, HIS FAMILY AND HIS ETERNAL BRIDE**. If Jesus has placed His relationship with us as His top priority, passion and mission, how could we do any less?

Consecration is not just in outward actions; it is the inward consecration of our whole being, including our heart, affections, thoughts and intents. We see consecration in action as far back as Adam and Eve, when God set for them the boundaries of consecration in the Garden of Eden. They were not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, lest they die. **THIS WAS NOT TO LIMIT THEM, BUT TO PROTECT THEM FROM SIN AND PRESERVE THEIR INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM. Likewise, consecration and holiness is how God preserves His relationship with us. Consecration is staying within the holy boundaries that God has marked out for us because we are His. He considers us as sacred and holy unto Him. Therefore, do not break through the boundaries of consecration and holiness. Do not break through that wall of God’s protection from sin and evil.**

God is very intentional about our consecration because our relationship with Him depends on this. **WITHOUT CONSECRATION THERE IS NO HOLINESS, WITHOUT HOLINESS WE CANNOT SEE GOD AND WITHOUT SEEING GOD THERE CANNOT BE RELATIONSHIP OR INTIMACY WITH HIM. WITHOUT A RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM, WE CANNOT DO ANYTHING.** Satan is not so concerned that we confess Jesus Christ, **BUT HE FEARS OUR CONSECRATION BECAUSE HE FEARS OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS, which makes us undefeatable, unstoppable and unconquerable.** Therefore, satan will always attack our consecration by subjecting us to temptation and testing.

Christianity, without being one with Christ, is as empty and futile as any false religion—meaningless, powerless and pointless. If we love Jesus Christ with all of our heart, soul and strength, we will never let anything stand in the way of our consecration unto Him. We will never allow anything to divide our heart, diminish our affection or compromise our consecration.

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When we have passion for Him, we will have passion for consecration. When we hunger for Him, we will hunger for consecration. When we love Him above all else, we will love consecration above all else. Deeds that we do for God deal with service unto Him; consecration deals with intimacy with Him. If we know Christ is the center of our faith, then let us make consecration unto Him the center of our lives.

God ordained marriage to help us understand the consecrated relationship we are to have with Him. It is an intimate oneness in holiness, devotion and allegiance. In Hosea 2:14–23, God referred to Israel—His chosen people—as His wife, and Himself as their Husband. However, their relationship was broken when Israel defiled themselves by forsaking their sacred marriage covenant and committing spiritual adultery in lusting after other gods. Through the prophet Hosea, the Lord lamented Israel's lost consecration and spoke of how far He would go to woo them back. Just like Gomer, Hosea's unfaithful wife, Israel's numerous sins led them into bondage and slavery. But in a prophetic act that was to symbolize His relationship with Israel, God instructed Hosea to purchase his wife back from slavery and restore her once again into a consecrated marriage relationship. God used Hosea's love for Gomer and his restoration of her to speak of how He loved His people and wanted to sanctify and consecrate them unto Him once again as His wife, and He their Husband. God pledged to Israel, ***"In that day . . . you will call me 'my Husband'; you will no longer call Me 'my Master.' I will remove the names of the Baals from her lips; no longer will their names be invoked . . . I will betroth you to Me forever; I will betroth you in righteousness and justice, in love and compassion. I will betroth you in faithfulness, and you will acknowledge the Lord."***

The Essentiality Of Our Consecration

In the Jewish culture, a betrothed woman was not ashamed to set herself apart for her espoused by keeping herself absolutely pure, virtuous and worthy of the marriage covenant. During the betrothal, her heart and mind were set on him because she was pledged to him. She would not flirt, dally with others, or secretly hide other affections in her heart. **She was not ashamed to make it known that she was no longer her own, but his.** She consecrated herself to prepare for that wedding day when they would come together as husband and wife, united in spirit, soul and body. In the New Testament, Jesus is referred to as the Bridegroom of the church. As Christ's bride, the church is betrothed to Him and waits in preparation for His coming. Our responsibility is to be ready to receive Him and not be caught blemished, spotted, sleeping or unprepared—or as Jesus Himself put it, without *"oil in our lamps."* We must not be ashamed to single-heartedly and single-mindedly focus on setting ourselves apart in righteousness, holiness and purity unto Him. **When love for God burns so strong in our hearts, keeping holy, righteous and pure for Him is what we want and love to do. We are not ashamed of it.**

Ecclesiastes 9:8 says, **“LET YOUR GARMENTS ALWAYS BE WHITE, AND LET YOUR HEAD LACK NO OIL.”** This is our consecration unto Jesus Christ as His betrothed and spotless bride. There is to be no rival love, no competing idols and no contending passions in our heart. **May Jesus alone be our one love and passion! Let us not allow anything to taint or stain the fabric of our relationship with Him, but KEEP IT CLEAN, HOLY, PURE AND CONSECRATED.** God consistently commands His people to be Holy because He Himself is holy, and He wants to take us as His own. God wants to make us His precious treasure, a royal priesthood and a holy nation. As His church, we have no business dallying with the world, flirting with idols or letting our hearts secretly stray from Him. There is no place for apathy, casualness, carelessness or lukewarmness in our consecration unto Him. The church must not think like the world, act like the world, have worldly passions and goals, embrace worldly desires and pursuits, or be joined to the world.

JESUS LIVED AND WALKED IN TOTAL CONSECRATION UNTO GOD.

He was tempted at all points, but He never sinned. He was viciously attacked, but He never compromised. He was falsely maligned, but He never retaliated. He kept His consecration and remained holy and sinless before His Father. **He lived in such a manner that He had intimate oneness with His Father, AND LIVED FULLY IN HIS FATHER’S PRESENCE, PLEASURE AND POWER. AS CHRIST’S BETROTHED, WE ARE CALLED TO DO LIKEWISE.** Our consecration unto Jesus Christ is invariably essential; not only for now, but also for our preparation to be His spotless bride at the Wedding Supper in heaven. We look forward to the day when our Bridegroom returns, and long with anticipation for that day to come. For now we must walk in consecration, safeguarding and persisting in it as Jesus did. **LET THE BRIDE’S GARMENT BE WHITE AND HER HEAD LACK NO ANOINTING.**

The War Against The Consecration Of The Church

The war for our consecration is on. It has been on from the time of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. It is an intensifying war as gross darkness fills the earth. We must know that our adversaries (*demonic powers, principalities and rulers of darkness in high places*) always brutally war against us in order to make us lose our consecration unto God. **They attack our consecration severely and relentlessly to steal, kill and destroy.**

Satan is after the holy bride of Jesus Christ. He already has the sinful world; he is after the church. The church is his prized target. **One of the primary ways satan attacks the bride is by tempting her to give up her consecration and become defiled with the unclean and unholy.** Satan seeks to soil the bride’s pure white garments by dividing her heart and deceiving her mind. If you are a born-again believer you are part of the bride of Christ, and satan intends to come after you to destroy you. **THIS**

IS THE END-TIME WAR AGAINST THE CONSECRATION AND HOLINESS OF THE CHURCH. Satan, the dragon spoken of in Revelation, is vicious, raging, murderous and evil. His heart is set on attacking God by attacking His people. He is violently brutal and has been persistent in seeking to destroy them from long ago. He not only tempts and entices, but strikes and assaults to cause us to fall, sin and turn away from God. It is not just a matter of “do not touch this” or “do not do that”; satan will use every weapon he can to cause us to fall away from God’s ways, Word and statutes. He attacks to pressure us into yielding to him instead of obeying God. He seeks to taint our heart with sin, compromise and defilement. **FIGHT FOR OUR CONSECRATION, WHICH HAS BEEN PAID FOR WITH A GREAT PRICE—THE LIFE AND BLOOD OF JESUS. He died to save and consecrate us to Him, so now we live out our consecration unto Him.**

In this modern era of the world touting, bragging, and enshrining man’s free will of choice above the knowledge of God, the church is constantly challenged on how to discern what is holy and unholy; what is clean and unclean and what is acceptable to God and what is not. Without us being aware, we have sometimes allowed the constant barrage of the world’s voices (*through media, social connections, secular education and man-centered Christianity*) to teach, train and influence us regarding what is holy and acceptable to God and what is not. **The pure word of God has been made secondary to all these supposedly “wise” and “time-relevant” opinions and world-views.** Many have used the world’s opinions and philosophies to break down and dissect the Word of God and His holy standards to determine what is applicable or relevant to Christianity instead of letting the Word of God judge all the counsel of man. Many have become ashamed and unwilling to subscribe to consecration and holiness according to the Bible due to fear of being branded as legalistic, judgmental, out of touch, irrelevant, condemning and obsolete. In a rush to make sure we are relevant to the world and not be deemed as unloving and judgmental, many have compromised with the good intention of reaching the world. But where is Jesus Christ in all of this? Have we compromised and become defiled like the churches in Revelation because we have been intimidated and succumbed to worldly pressures, ideas and influences? **When Jesus looks at us and searches our hearts, does He see a pure and consecrated bride? What will the one True and Faithful witness say about us?**

Of the seven churches mentioned in Revelation, five were severely rebuked by Jesus for falling away from their consecrated relationship with God. They were hardworking, sacrificial, able to test false prophets and call them out, and by all human standards were excellent, bold and committed to Jesus Christ. **However, they were not fully consecrated unto Him. Because of sins and compromises, they failed to please God and were strongly rebuked.** The church of Ephesus lost their first love; the church of Pergamos compromised by tolerating the doctrine of Balaam; the church

of Thyatira corrupted themselves by tolerating the Jezebel spirit and sexual immorality; the church of Sardis had a reputation of being alive but was dead; and the church of Laodicea was lukewarm, spiritually wretched and naked. **THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD WAS FRACTURED DUE TO THEIR LACK OF CONSECRATION.** Christ's fundamental and severe warning for them was to quickly repent and be restored into a consecrated relationship with Him, lest He should come and:

- remove the lampstand from the loveless church of Ephesus
- fight the compromising church of Pergamos with the sword of His mouth
- cast Jezebel, whom the corrupt church of Thyatira had tolerated, upon the sick bed and afflict those who committed adultery with her with great tribulation
- catch the dead church of Sardis unaware and unprepared at His coming
- vomit the lukewarm and apathetic church of Laodicea out of His mouth

These five churches—although chosen, redeemed and called by God into His kingdom as His own family—had lost their consecration and their relationship with God, and Jesus had harsh things to say against them. May we heed our Lord's warnings and hold fast and true to our consecration.

The Cost Of Our Consecration

We need to work out our consecration with fear and trembling as we work out our salvation. It is time to deny ourselves, pick up our cross and follow Jesus. What does being "*not ashamed to be consecrated*" look like in our world, especially when consecration can single us out for the world's scorn, ridicule and contempt? We have been saved, sanctified and called to be consecrated unto Jesus Christ, but the world will never understand because consecration runs contrary to their values, ways and perspectives. Therefore, consecration will always take us to a place where we stand in diametrical contradiction with the world's ways, cultures, customs and beliefs. It may even require us to stand against laws that contradict the Word of God, oppose God's statutes or dishonor Him. For example: King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon once crafted a golden image of himself and demanded that everyone bow down in worship during its dedication ceremony. This command came with a warning: those who did not comply would be thrown into a burning furnace! Despite this threat, three Jews—Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego—refused to bow down, choosing death by fire rather than disloyalty to God. They were thrown into the fire, but God saved them and turned the king's heart. Because they were willing to pay the cost of consecration, God was glorified. Satan will use anything he can to cause us to deny or lose our consecration, whether by people, culture, earthly forces, worldly powers or even government. **IF WE LOSE OUR CONSECRATION, WE LOSE THE GLORY AND THE LIGHT.**

IT IS THROUGH CONSECRATION THAT WE SHINE AND SHOW OTHERS THE WAY.

Jesus paid a heavy cost for living consecrated unto His Father. He was hated, maligned, accused, betrayed, denigrated, beaten and ultimately crucified. He never ceased to live consecrated, holy and uncompromising, yet sinners—tax collectors, thieves, adulterers, rich, poor, sick, healthy, Jews and Gentiles alike—were all irresistibly drawn to Him. He was not afraid to call out religious leaders as snakes and vipers; He was unapologetic for turning over the tables of merchants and driving them out of the temple with a whip; He was not fearful to call out sin; **YET HE DREW MANY UNTO HIMSELF BECAUSE THE PRESENCE AND THE GLORY OF THE FATHER WERE UPON HIM.** Jesus exuded the love of the Father in such a way that even a woman with a soiled reputation was unafraid to gate-crash the house of Simon the Pharisee to worship at Jesus' feet with tears. The thief on the cross next to Jesus did not feel condemned, but realized His need and cried out in faith for Jesus to save him. **Where there is consecration, the Spirit of Christ and His Word will convict people of the love of God and their need to repent from sin. Why? It is because true consecration and holiness bring the presence and the glory of God upon us.** It is the presence and glory of God that convicts the world of sin, assures the world of His redeeming love, and softens their hearts to come to Him and be saved. Like Jesus, we too can bring God's presence and glory to the world—but it will come at a price. **We must not be afraid to follow Jesus and pay the cost of consecration. As Jesus was, so we are to be.**

God's Purpose For Our Consecration

When Jesus looks at His church and all who profess His name, can He find sanctification and consecration? Are we identifiable to Him because of holiness in us? Or are we so like the world that there is not much to distinguish us from the world? Without holiness we do not have God's presence and without the living presence of God, there is nothing to distinguish us from the world—we have no testimony to share concerning Jesus Christ.

A dying and condemned world needs the testimony of God's consecrated and holy people to reveal the power of the Gospel to forgive, redeem and save. Isaiah 60 says that even as *"darkness shall cover the earth . . . the Lord will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you."* Without holiness, the presence, glory and power of God will not arise among us. **We cannot carry the Gospel effectively IF WE DO NOT HAVE A WITNESS THAT CAN DEFEAT THE ENEMY.** May we arise in earnest, desperate and relentless prayer to seek God and permit the deepest searching of our hearts. May we receive a full revelation of our heart's condition so that we may know the truth. May we acknowledge what He reveals. May we be of a contrite heart and spirit. May we willingly deal with anything that defiles us, causes us to compromise, or displeases Him. May we wholly consecrate ourselves to love, obey and serve Jesus Christ, our Bridegroom.

PRAYER FOCUS

A. Seek To Love And Fear God With All Of Your Heart, Soul And Might

B. Seek To Love Holiness, Purity And Righteousness In God

C. Seek God And Wait To Hear Him Concerning Your Consecration

1. Examine your soul, heart and conscience—have they been soiled?

2. What is God saying and what has He revealed to you?

3. What steps are you taking to be consecrated unto Him?

D. Where Are You In Your Relationship With God?

1. **Is Jesus Christ first in your life in:**

- a. **Priority: is Jesus your first choice always,** or are there other choices that have become priorities?

- b. **Passion: is Jesus your first love always,** or are there other passions that have become your first love?

- c. **Pursuit: does Jesus have your first attention and focus always,** or are there other pursuits?

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d. **Pray that intimacy with Jesus is our first priority, passion and pursuit**

2. **Pray to love Jesus more than:**

a. Your relationships and other loved ones

b. Your own life and things concerning your life

- **Personal pursuits:** job, work, money, possessions
- **Personal ways and preferences:** choosing your ways and what you prefer above Jesus; making them more important than submitting to God and obeying Him
- **Pleasures and delights:** things you choose to enjoy above Jesus Christ; activities, hobbies you pursue more than God
- **Other things you may value more than Jesus:** reputation, rights, pride, ego, choices and preferences

E. Be Not Ashamed Of Your Consecration Unto Him

1. To acknowledge and deal with sins:

2. To confess and repent of sins:

3. To identify and remove all idolatry from life:

4. To restore and rebuild the altar of worship, prayer and ministry unto Jesus Christ:

DAY 3 — TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019**PRAYER FOCUS: I AM NOT ASHAMED OF MY WEAKNESS**

2 Corinthians 13:4

For though HE (JESUS) WAS CRUCIFIED IN WEAKNESS, YET HE LIVES BY THE POWER OF GOD. For we also are weak in Him, but we shall live with Him by the power of God toward you.

Hebrews 4:14–16 (NLT)

*So then, since we have a great High Priest Who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. **This High Priest of ours UNDERSTANDS OUR WEAKNESSES, for He faced all of the same testings we do, yet He did not sin. So let us COME BOLDLY to the throne of our GRACIOUS GOD. THERE WE WILL RECEIVE HIS MERCY, AND WE WILL FIND GRACE TO HELP US WHEN WE NEED IT MOST.***

1 Corinthians 1:27

*But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and **GOD HAS CHOSEN THE WEAK THINGS of the world TO PUT TO SHAME THE THINGS WHICH ARE MIGHTY.***

Hebrews 11:11

***BY FAITH Sarah herself also RECEIVED STRENGTH TO CONCEIVE SEED,** and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful Who had promised.*

2 Corinthians 12:7–10

*And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, **“My grace is sufficient for you, FOR MY STRENGTH IS MADE PERFECT IN WEAKNESS.” Therefore most gladly I will rather BOAST IN MY INFIRMITIES, THAT THE POWER OF CHRIST MAY REST UPON ME.** Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake. **FOR WHEN I AM WEAK, THEN I AM STRONG.***

2 Corinthians 12:7–10 (NLT)

*Even though I have received such wonderful revelations from God. So to keep me from becoming proud, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger from satan to torment me and keep me from becoming proud. Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. Each time he said, **“My grace is all you need. MY POWER WORKS BEST IN WEAKNESS.” So now I AM GLAD TO***

BOAST ABOUT MY WEAKNESSES, so that the POWER OF CHRIST CAN WORK THROUGH ME. That's why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. **FOR WHEN I AM WEAK, THEN I AM STRONG.**

Isaiah 40:28–31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. **HE GIVES POWER TO THE WEAK, AND TO THOSE WHO HAVE NO MIGHT HE INCREASES STRENGTH.** Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, **BUT THOSE WHO WAIT ON THE LORD SHALL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.**

Ephesians 3:14–21

For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from Whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that **He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to BE STRENGTHENED WITH MIGHT THROUGH HIS SPIRIT in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love,** may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. **NOW TO HIM WHO IS ABLE TO DO EXCEEDINGLY ABUNDANTLY ABOVE ALL THAT WE ASK OR THINK, ACCORDING TO THE POWER THAT WORKS IN US, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.** Amen.

Psalms 73:26

My flesh and my heart fail; but GOD IS THE STRENGTH OF MY HEART and my portion forever.

EXHORTATION – I AM NOT ASHAMED OF MY WEAKNESS

What does God mean by the word “weakness” in 2 Corinthians 12:9, when He told Paul that His strength would be made perfect in Paul’s weakness? We must understand “weakness” through the Word of God, not according to our human understanding. **In this context, the Greek word for “weakness” is “astheneia,” meaning a lack, want, frailty or limitation, whether of the body or of the soul.**

- **Concerning the body** – it means a lack (*want*) of strength; weakness or infirmity. It refers to the body’s native (*natural or inherent*) weakness and frailty; it also refers to sickness or feebleness of health.

- **Concerning the soul** – it means the soul's lack (*want*) of strength and capacity to understand a thing; to do great and glorious things, to restrain corrupt desires or to bear trials and troubles.

Therefore, a weakness (*whether in body or soul*) is a lack, deficiency, frailty, vulnerability, infirmity, drawback or shortage in strength, capacity, ability, power or whatever is required to meet a need, finish a task or supply a lack. **Whenever what we have or possess in ourselves FALLS SHORT OF WHAT IS NEEDED, then that shortage is a weakness.** For example, Abraham's own strength was not sufficient to bring forth any children. David's own power was not sufficient to bring down Goliath. Moses' own wisdom was not sufficient to deliver the children of Israel. Esther's own beauty was not sufficient to gain the king's favor and save her people. In the natural what they possessed was not sufficient to do what God called them to do. **They all were weak in themselves, but they were NOT ASHAMED OF THEIR WEAKNESS; for by faith they did what they did through the grace, power and strength of God.**

Even Jesus was subject to the limitations, frailties and vulnerabilities of His humanity. Therefore, He lived by the power of God. He obeyed God, triumphed over the evil one and completed all that the Father assigned to Him in the power and grace of the Holy Spirit. His natural strength and capacity were not sufficient to take Him to the cross to save the world. He needed His Father's strength, grace and power to do the will of His Father and to finish His work; these He obtained from His Father through earnest and vehement prayers. Therefore He was never ashamed of His weakness:

- 2 Corinthians 13:4 – ***For though HE (JESUS) WAS CRUCIFIED IN WEAKNESS, YET HE LIVES BY THE POWER OF GOD.*** *For we also are weak in Him, but we shall live with Him by the power of God toward you.*
- 2 Corinthians 13:4 (MSG) – ***He was SHEER WEAKNESS and humiliation when He was killed on the cross, but oh, He's alive now—in the mighty power of God!*** *We weren't much to look at, either, when we were humiliated among you, but when we deal with you this next time, we'll be alive in Christ, strengthened by God.*
- Hebrews 5:2 – ***He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since He Himself is also SUBJECT TO WEAKNESS.***

Our weaknesses can never define who we are, what God has called us to do or what our future is; neither can they limit or condemn us. In Christ, all our weaknesses are swallowed up in His grace. Our weakness is an opportunity for God to demonstrate His strength, power and glory through us. Therefore, we are not ashamed of our weaknesses; rather, we boast in our infirmities so that Christ's glory can be manifested in us.

God does not call us according to our strengths or weaknesses; He calls us according to His will. **OUR WEAKNESS IS IRRELEVANT TO GOD, BUT OUR TRUST AND OBEDIENCE TO HIM ARE ABSOLUTELY RELEVANT.**

When God looks at us, He is not calculating and tabulating our weaknesses, but He is seeing His will, His purpose, His plan, His work and His Holy Spirit in us—**THAT WE CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS US.**

This divine transaction of exchanging our weakness for God's power and strength is provided for through the blood of the Lamb. NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE TO THOSE WHO BELIEVE! Pray for revelation and understanding that God has opened heaven's portals to us to boldly and freely ask of Him anything we need to live, walk and function in overcoming strength, power and anointing. He Who had given us Jesus Christ is withholding absolutely nothing from us. May we know and be fully persuaded that there is no call, no vision and no assignment too hard, too difficult, too unachievable or too impossible to us who believe and live by the power of God. This power and strength cannot be earned through works, nor is it received by begging; **IT COMES SIMPLY BY TRUSTING AND BELIEVING!** Weaknesses are no longer to be feared or be ashamed of; rather, they are opportunities to experience the limitlessness of God's amazing love, grace and power in our lives, walk and ministries. For in this, the glory of God's strength and power are manifested, putting to shame man's natural wisdom, achievements and successes. **OUR WEAKNESSES BECOME GOD'S OPPORTUNITIES AND INSTRUMENTS TO MANIFEST HIMSELF IN HIS GLORY, POWER AND STRENGTH THAT THE WHOLE EARTH MAY KNOW HIM.** Where there is human weakness, there is a God strength awaiting us. Where there is a human limitation, there is a God power already assigned to us. In our weaknesses, we are more than conquerors through Christ Who loves us; and even with our limitations, we can do all things through Christ Who gives us strength. Like Paul, we can boast in our infirmities and weaknesses, knowing that the power and strength of God are freely given to us to shine forth His glory. **We should no longer be terrified or intimidated by our weakness; but rather in humility and submission to God, revel and live in His power.**

Paul had a divine revelation of God's amazing response to his weakness. He understood that as long as God's power was invincible and undefeatable, so was he in every experience of infirmity, weakness or pain because God became His grace, strength and power. **Paul's limitations and weaknesses ceased to have relevancy or significance in his life except to be God's opportunities to demonstrate His power, glory and strength.** The greater Paul's weakness, the more intensely God would manifest His power and strength. Therefore, when we are most powerless in ourselves, we are made most powerful in Him; when we are most vulnerable, we are made most strong in Him; when we are most defenseless; we are made most courageous in Him. By living in His strength, we can overcome every temptation, trial, suffering, attack or device of the enemy. We must cross-reference this with Luke 10:18–20 when Jesus, in response to His disciples marveling that demons were subject to them,

said, *“I saw satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I GIVE YOU THE AUTHORITY TO TRAMPLE on serpents and scorpions, AND OVER ALL THE POWER OF THE ENEMY, AND NOTHING SHALL BY ANY MEANS HURT YOU. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.”*

THIS IS THE WONDERFUL, INCREDIBLE AND AMAZING DIVINE PARADOX: CHRIST’S STRENGTH AT WORK IN OUR WEAKNESS. It is speechlessly and breathlessly awesome. We must cry out to God to grasp this truth! What marvelous, limitless, uncontainable, undefeatable and unstoppable power, strength and victory we will live in when we know this truth. We too, like Paul, can boast in our infirmities and take pleasure in our frailties, weaknesses, reproaches, needs, persecutions and distresses; for when we are weak, then are we strong in Him! Therefore, there is now no condemnation, accusation, fear, charge or hindrance the devil can lay upon us on account of our weaknesses. **By the authority and the power Jesus Christ has given us, we trample on every serpent, scorpion and demonic power; and we crush and overcome them! AGAIN, NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE TO THEM WHO BELIEVE!** We do not have to let the adversary use our weakness to shame, lie, accuse, manipulate, intimidate or oppress us; through Christ, every weakness becomes a point of resounding breakthrough, miracle and victory to the glory of God.

One important distinction we must make is that being not ashamed of our weakness has absolutely nothing to do with being in the flesh or being brash, presumptuous, calloused, arrogant, conceited or impudent about sins, flaws, failures, or anything concerning ourselves. **Being “not ashamed” is totally in the spirit of humility and having a Christ-like attitude and mind, which are truly the result of a genuine and sincere faith in God.** We are only able to be “not ashamed” if we are walking in the Spirit (*not the flesh*) and seeing things from God’s perspective. In this, we are conscious of God, walking worthy of God, trusting God and boldly obeying God. King Saul was presumptuous, arrogant, calloused and conceited in all his ways, and therefore lost the ability to feel convicted of sin. David however, being aware of his own weakness, walked softly before God and dependent on Him. **To not be ashamed does not mean losing the ability to be convicted or to have godly sorrow, but is about being sensitive to the Holy Spirit, with a contrite and repentant brokenness before God.**

Although weakness is not a sin, satan does use it against us to accuse, discourage or cause us to sin. He will repeatedly attack us with reminders of our limitations, shortfalls and failures in order to keep us ashamed, fearful and disheartened. We must take our eyes off of our weaknesses, failures and mistakes, and look at God.

Our weaknesses are battlefields in a war; they can be opportunities for God to reveal His strength, power and glory, or they can be vulnerabilities that the devil exploits to gain victory over us. It all depends on who we yield to. The apostle Paul described his weakness as a *“thorn in his side,”* and

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satan persistently used it against him, but he turned and yielded to God, Who gave him the grace and strength to prevail. **THEREFORE, HE WAS NOT ASHAMED OF HIS WEAKNESS.**

The life of Nick Vujicic is one of the most powerful present-day testimonies of what it means to be “*not ashamed*” of our weakness. Although he was born without arms or legs, Nick is not embarrassed, apologetic or ashamed of his physical limitations. Through faith, God’s strength is made perfect in his weakness, giving him the ability to prevail and overcome all of his challenges. In fact, his natural weaknesses have become the very instruments God is using to mightily declare His Gospel and shine His glory in the different parts of the world. Like Paul in 2 Corinthians 12:9–10, Nick understands and is able to say, ***“Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake. FOR WHEN I AM WEAK, THEN I AM STRONG.”***

PRAYER FOCUS

A. Pray For Revelation And Understanding of 2 Corinthians 12:7–10

“And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”

B. Identify Areas Of Guilt, Condemnation And Shame The Enemy Has Used Against You

1. Past sins, trespasses and transgressions:

2. Past failures, mistakes and error:

3. Past faults and flaws:

4. Others:

C. Identify Your Weaknesses And Exchange Them For God's Grace, Strength And Power

1. Weaknesses in your body: physical limitations such as feebleness, frailty, sickness, infirmity, etc.
2. Weaknesses in your soul: emotional challenges such as being timid, uncertain, selfish, despairing, anxious, impatient, angry, critical, easily offended, doubtful, boastful, lacking self-control, etc.

D. Identify "Thorns" That Satan Uses To Attack You And Exchange Them For God's Grace And Strength

1. Accusations, allegations and lies:

2. Condemnation, guilt and shame:

3. Disappointment, discouragement and disillusionment:

E. Be Healed, Set Free And Empowered By God's Strength

F. Let God Be Manifested And Glorified In All Your Weaknesses

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Mark 8:34–38

When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel's will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? **For WHOEVER IS ASHAMED OF ME AND OF MY WORDS in this adulterous and sinful generation, OF HIM WILL THE SON OF MAN ALSO BE ASHAMED WHEN HE COMES IN THE GLORY OF HIS FATHER with the holy angels.**"

Matthew 10:32–39 (NLT)

EVERYONE WHO ACKNOWLEDGES ME PUBLICLY HERE ON EARTH, I WILL ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE BEFORE MY FATHER IN HEAVEN. But everyone who denies Me here on earth, I will also deny before My Father in heaven . . . If you love your father or mother more than you love Me, you are not worthy of being Mine; or if you love your son or daughter more than Me, you are not worthy of being Mine. **IF YOU REFUSE TO TAKE UP YOUR CROSS AND FOLLOW ME, YOU ARE NOT WORTHY OF BEING MINE. If you cling to your life, you will lose it; but IF YOU GIVE UP YOUR LIFE FOR ME, YOU WILL FIND IT.**

2 Timothy 1:8–12

"THEREFORE DO NOT BE ASHAMED OF THE TESTIMONY OF OUR LORD, NOR OF ME HIS PRISONER, but share with me in the sufferings for the Gospel according to the power of God, Who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began, but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, Who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel, to which I was appointed a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. FOR THIS REASON I ALSO SUFFER THESE THINGS; NEVERTHELESS I AM NOT ASHAMED, FOR I KNOW WHOM I HAVE BELIEVED AND AM PERSUADED THAT HE IS ABLE TO KEEP WHAT I HAVE COMMITTED TO HIM UNTIL THAT DAY."

1 Peter 4:16

YET IF ANYONE SUFFERS AS A CHRISTIAN, LET HIM NOT BE ASHAMED, but let him glorify God in this matter.

1 Peter 4:12–16

Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ON THEIR PART HE IS BLASPHEMED, BUT ON YOUR PART HE IS GLORIFIED. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters. **YET IF ANYONE SUFFERS AS A CHRISTIAN, LET HIM NOT BE ASHAMED, BUT LET HIM GLORIFY GOD IN THIS MATTER.**

John 15:18–27

IF THE WORLD HATES YOU, YOU KNOW THAT IT HATED ME BEFORE IT HATED YOU. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but **I CHOSE YOU OUT OF THE WORLD, THEREFORE THE WORLD HATES YOU.** Remember the Word that I said to you, **"A servant is not greater than his master."** **IF THEY PERSECUTED ME, THEY WILL ALSO PERSECUTE YOU . . .** But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him Who sent Me . . . **HE WHO HATES ME HATES MY FATHER ALSO . . .** But this happened that the Word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, **"THEY HATED ME WITHOUT A CAUSE."** But when the Helper comes, Whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth Who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. **And you also will bear witness, because YOU HAVE BEEN WITH ME FROM THE BEGINNING.**

Luke 6:22

BLESSED ARE YOU WHEN MEN HATE YOU, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, FOR THE SON OF MAN'S SAKE.

Galatians 6:17 (NLT)

From now on, don't let anyone trouble me with these things. FOR I BEAR ON MY BODY THE SCARS THAT SHOW I BELONG TO JESUS.
(NKJV – **From now on let no one trouble me, FOR I BEAR IN MY BODY THE MARKS OF THE LORD JESUS.**)

John 8:37–59

"I know that you are Abraham's descendants, but YOU SEEK TO KILL ME, BECAUSE MY WORD HAS NO PLACE IN YOU . . ." Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My Word. **YOU ARE OF YOUR FATHER THE DEVIL, AND THE DESIRES OF YOUR FATHER YOU**

WANT TO DO. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it. But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me . . . **He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God.**" Then the Jews answered and said to Him, "Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?" **Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon; but I HONOR MY FATHER, AND YOU DISHONOR ME . . ."** Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM." **Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple going through the midst of them, and so passed by.**

John 7:1–8 (NLT)

After this, Jesus traveled around Galilee. He wanted to stay out of Judea, **WHERE THE JEWISH LEADERS WERE PLOTTING HIS DEATH.** But soon it was time for the Jewish Festival of Shelters, and Jesus' brothers said to Him, "Leave here and go to Judea, where Your followers can see Your miracles! You can't become famous if You hide like this! If You can do such wonderful things, show Yourself to the world!" **FOR EVEN HIS BROTHERS DIDN'T BELIEVE IN HIM.** Jesus replied, "Now is not the right time for Me to go, but you can go anytime. **THE WORLD CAN'T HATE YOU, BUT IT DOES HATE ME BECAUSE I ACCUSE IT OF DOING EVIL.** You go on. I'm not going to this festival, because My time has not yet come."

Matthew 10:16–22 (NLT)

Look, I am sending you out as sheep among wolves. So be as shrewd as snakes and harmless as doves. But beware! **For you will be handed over to the courts and will be flogged with whips in the synagogues. You will stand trial before governors and kings because you are My followers.** But this will be your opportunity to tell the rulers and other unbelievers about Me. When you are arrested, don't worry about how to respond . . . God will give you the right words at the right time . . . **AND ALL NATIONS WILL HATE YOU BECAUSE YOU ARE MY FOLLOWERS. But everyone who endures to the end will be saved.**

EXHORTATION – I AM NOT ASHAMED IN WHOM I BELIEVE

Being "not ashamed in Whom I believe" is about IDENTIFICATION WITH THE ONE WE BELIEVE: JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD. Without shame, hesitation, compromise or fear we will confess that we have been with Jesus and we are His. It is also being identified with Him in such a manner that we publicly acknowledge, confess and honor Him always. We will give Him our undivided allegiance, commitment and devotion at any cost.

Jesus Christ, The One In Whom We Believe And Are Not Ashamed

To understand what it means to not be ashamed of Jesus Christ in Whom we believe, it will be necessary to look at what Jesus and the Bible say: In John 15:18–20 (MSG), Jesus said to His disciples, ***“IF YOU FIND THE GODLESS WORLD IS HATING YOU, REMEMBER IT GOT ITS START HATING ME. If you lived on the world’s terms, the world would love you as one of its own. BUT SINCE I PICKED YOU TO LIVE ON GOD’S TERMS AND NO LONGER ON THE WORLD’S TERMS, THE WORLD IS GOING TO HATE YOU. When that happens, remember this: Servants don’t get better treatment than their masters. If they beat on Me, they will certainly beat on you.”***

Jesus Christ has chosen us to be His own and to live on His terms, not the world’s. Like Jesus, we are in this world, but not of this world. **Therefore, as the world hated Him, SO THE WORLD WILL HATE ALL WHO ARE IDENTIFIED WITH HIM.** Just as the world had persecuted Jesus, so the world will also persecute us. Whatever the world did to Jesus, they will also do to us who believe in Him, follow Him and serve Him. Just as satan had used the world to viciously and brutally shame Jesus Christ, he also seeks to shame those who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. The world recognizes and acknowledges its own, but rejects and opposes those who belong to God.

Many of the audiences Jesus ministered to were hostile, offended, and enraged with Him, His ministry and His message. He was not always preaching to an accepting, open and receptive community or culture. If He were to seek the world’s approval and friendship, He would have done much better by being politically, socially and religiously correct—instead, His Truth antagonized the world, stirred up trouble, contradicted the culture and confronted its religious spirit. It would have served Him better to be more reserved and less vocal; to speak less, do less, preach less, heal less and save less. His enemies and their spies watched Him constantly, testing Him and attempting to trap Him in everything He said and did. **YET IN ALL THESE THINGS, JESUS WAS NOT ASHAMED OF HIS FATHER. He was bold, He was fearless, He was relentless, He was unafraid, He was unmoved and He was never dissuaded from faith in His Father and the work of His Father.** He was born, raised, did ministry and was crucified in an environment of constant demonic hostility and persecution. **Yet, He overcame and prevailed in never denying His Father, but always confessing, acknowledging and honoring His Father. HE NEVER CEASED PREACHING HIS FATHER’S MESSAGE TO A WORLD THAT HATED HIM AND HIS MESSAGE.** As He was not ashamed of His Father, we too are not ashamed of Him in Whom we believe. We must be ready to follow Him and walk as He had walked.

Jesus Himself taught:

- **Luke 9:26** – For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory.

- **John 15:18** – If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you.
- **1 Peter 2:4 (NLT)** – You are coming to Christ, Who is the living cornerstone of God’s temple. He was rejected by people, but He was chosen by God for great honor.
- **1 Peter 4:14** – If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified.
- **Luke 6:22** – Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of Man’s sake.

Why does the world hate Jesus? He loves the world, but the world hates Him. He laid down His life for the world, yet the world rejected Him. He sought the world to save, yet the world sought to kill Him. Even His own brothers did not initially believe in Him or respect Him. In John 7:7 (NLT), Jesus responded to His brothers’ sarcasm towards His ministry by saying, ***“The world can’t hate you, but it does hate Me because I accuse it of doing evil.”*** The **“WORLD”** here refers to **HUMANITY THAT IS APART FROM GOD, WITHOUT GOD’S GRACE AND UN-REGENERATED BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS.** Simply meaning, those who are yet to be saved and are still in the grip of the kingdom of darkness. These hated Him because they were in darkness and He was the Light. Jesus came to confront and convict the world of sin. He offended them with His Truth, and exposed the hidden things and intents of their hearts. The world resented Him because His Truth condemned their sin. They wanted Jesus to fall in with their ways, values, thinking, demands, desires, sins, idolatry and evil, but He did not. He confronted their unrighteous passions, philosophies, agendas and focus. **HE DID NOT BOW IN TREPIDATION TO THEIR DISSENT AND PRESSURE. HE SOUGHT NO HUMAN APPROVAL OR PERMISSION TO SPEAK, MOVE OR ACT IN OBEDIENCE TO HIS FATHER.** It infuriated the world that He was unaffected, uninfluenced and unafraid of them and their hostility. They were angry because He could not be shamed, coerced, cowed, threatened or browbeaten to succumb to them. **Therefore, the world hated Him and also all those who were with Him. Even today, this present world still hates Jesus and all those who believe in Him.**

In such a world of hostile animosity towards Christ, we who believe in Him are not to be ashamed of Him. **We are not to be ashamed of our allegiance, commitment, loyalty and devotion to Jesus Christ, His kingdom, His cause and His service, just as He was not ashamed of His Father’s.** The world insists that Jesus and His believers be sensitive to their demands, desires, ways, feelings, and worldview above all else. They become indignant with outrage that someone dares speak the truth to them in love—they call it bigotry, intolerance and hate speech. Yet, the church is called to be like Jesus in this world. When we announce that we

believe in Jesus and His Word, we are inviting the same hostility, anger and persecution that Jesus, Himself, was subject to. Many have suffered a high cost for aligning with Him—some have even been imprisoned, beaten and killed for their allegiance to Him. As Luke 6:22 says, ***“Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of Man’s sake.”*** Yet, we know He is the Son of God, the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world, the Alpha and Omega and the Savior of the whole world. **WE CANNOT AND WILL NOT DENY HIM; WE CANNOT AND WILL NOT BE ASHAMED OF HIM OR BE ALIENATED FROM HIM.** The world may turn its back on Him, but we will not, because we are His. We must be prepared and not think it strange when allegiance and alliance with Christ invite fiery trials and persecution. **It is time to arise unashamed in our belief in Him, our identification with Him and our allegiance to Him in all things.**

The Cost And The Cross Of Believing In Jesus Christ

Paul not only knew the cost of believing and following Jesus Christ, but he willingly and joyfully paid the price and bore his cross. He was not ashamed of being Christ’s follower, disciple and servant. He was vilified, beaten, stoned, imprisoned, rejected, endangered, shipwrecked and counted as a sheep to be led to the slaughter, but nothing could cause him to deny Jesus Christ, compromise the Gospel or hinder his service to the Lord and His kingdom.

All believers and followers of Jesus Christ must come to grips with the truth Jesus taught in **Matthew 10:16–39 (NLT)** concerning the cost and the cross of believing in Him:

*“Look, I am sending you out as sheep among wolves . . . But beware! For you will be handed over to the courts and will be flogged with whips in the synagogues. You will stand trial before governors and kings because you are My followers . . . **ALL NATIONS WILL HATE YOU BECAUSE YOU ARE MY FOLLOWERS. BUT EVERYONE WHO ENDURES TO THE END WILL BE SAVED** . . . Don’t be afraid of those who want to kill your body; they cannot touch your soul. Fear only God . . . “Everyone who acknowledges me publicly here on earth, I will also acknowledge before My Father in heaven. But everyone who denies Me here on earth, I will also deny before My Father in heaven . . . **IF YOU REFUSE TO TAKE UP YOUR CROSS AND FOLLOW ME, YOU ARE NOT WORTHY OF BEING MINE. IF YOU CLING TO YOUR LIFE, YOU WILL LOSE IT; BUT IF YOU GIVE UP YOUR LIFE FOR ME, YOU WILL FIND IT.”***

This is the cost of believing in Jesus, and being chosen as His to live on His terms; not the world’s. For such a time as this, no one believing in Jesus can hope to escape confrontation, spiritual warfare, opposition, hostility or persecution. **Throughout the Bible, not one TRUE BELIEVER went unchallenged; YET THEY OVERCAME AND TRIUMPHED IN THE LORD.** Jesus very clearly said that if He, the Master, was persecuted and called

the “*prince of demons*,” then we, His servants, will be persecuted and called even worse.

The Church Must Never Be Ashamed Of Jesus Christ

Is the church ready for times such as these to NOT BE ASHAMED OF JESUS CHRIST AND HIS GOSPEL? Are we ready to endure to the end in following Him? **Does the fire of FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE burn so strongly in our spirit that no hardship, suffering or persecution could put out its flame?** When we stand unashamed of Jesus Christ and publicly preach Him with boldness as the Way, the Truth and the Life, we will be painting a bulls-eye on our chest inviting an onslaught of arrows of criticism, hatred, rage, opposition and persecution. Will we be silent, cower, walk back our confession or tone down our message? Jesus was made a target of hatred, mockery and murder because of His proclamation of the truth, but He did not back down, walk back His message or hide His allegiance to God. **HE CONTINUED TO OPENLY AND PUBLICLY DECLARE AND DEMONSTRATE THAT HE WAS HIS FATHER’S SON.** He was not ashamed of His first love and passion for the Father; He was not ashamed of His calling in the Father; He was not ashamed of His purpose in the Father; and He was not ashamed of His unyielding and immovable commitment and devotion to His Father. **The whole world could curse Him, shame Him, spit on Him and denigrate Him, but He walked tall, He walked straight and He walked steadfast.**

Open Doors USA, a community of Christians who come together to support persecuted believers in more than 60 countries, **DEFINES PERSECUTION AS, “ANY HOSTILITY EXPERIENCED AS A RESULT OF IDENTIFICATION WITH CHRIST.”** It also published an article saying, “*Today, just like in the book of Acts, Christians are persecuted all over the world for following Jesus. CHRISTIANS REMAIN ONE OF THE MOST PERSECUTED RELIGIOUS GROUPS IN THE WORLD BECAUSE OF IDENTIFICATION WITH JESUS CHRIST. Christian persecution takes many forms. Christians throughout the world continue to risk imprisonment, loss of home and assets, torture, beheadings, rape and even death as a result of their faith. Every day there are new reports of Christians who face threats, unjust imprisonment, harassment, beatings and even loss of family because of their faith in Jesus.*” Every year, Open Doors publishes the World Watch List—a global indicator of countries where human and religious rights are being violated—and an annual in-depth survey to rank the 50 most difficult countries to live in as a Christian. **According to their research:**

- 215 million Christians experience high levels of persecution in the countries on the World Watch List. **This represents 1 in 12 Christians worldwide.**
- During the 2018 World Watch List reporting period: 3,066 Christians were killed; 1,252 were abducted; 1,020 were raped or sexually harassed; 793 churches were attacked

We cannot live in a bubble where we do not want to hear, see, read or know of persecution—and the testimonies of persecuted Christians—because of fear, dissociation or apathy. **BUT EVEN IF WE CHOOSE TO IGNORE THE REPORTS OF OUR PERSECUTED BROTHERS AND SISTERS, WE CANNOT IGNORE THE BIBLE.** We cannot pretend that certain passages in the Bible concerning persecution are not true, will never come to pass or are just not there. Such blindness will surely cause us to be totally unprepared to unequivocally and explicitly confess Jesus Christ, acknowledge our identification with Him, stand by our faith in Him and vow our allegiance to Him when challenged by threats of pain, loss, suffering and even death. **WHAT IS THE CURRENCY THAT WILL CAUSE US TO BE SO ASHAMED THAT WE WILL DENY JESUS, SELL HIM OUT OR BETRAY HIM?** For Judas, it only took thirty shekels of silver. What is our currency? **Is it our reputation, job, money, safety, possessions, relationships, family, loved ones or our own life?** The Bible is the unchanging and unchangeable truth of God. Whatever it says will surely come to pass—if it has not already. **No matter what the cost, be not ashamed in Whom we believe; Jesus Christ our Lord, Savior and King.**

Paul Was Not Ashamed To Bear The Marks Of Christ Upon His Body

Paul, the early church and many Christians (even those living today), were not ashamed to be SINGLED OUT for suffering and persecution because of their IDENTIFICATION WITH CHRIST and devotion to Him. Truly there is no in-between, no grey area and no compromise—either we are with Jesus or we are not; either we believe in Jesus or we do not; and if we are not with Jesus, then we are with the devil. Paul wrote in Galatians 6:17, ***“From now on let no one trouble me, FOR I BEAR IN MY BODY THE MARKS OF THE LORD JESUS.”*** The Greek word for “marks” is “stigma,” meaning *“a mark pricked in or branded upon the body. To ancient oriental usage, slaves and soldiers bore the name or the stamp of their master or commander branded or pricked (cut) into their bodies to indicate what master or general they belonged to, and there were even some devotees who stamped themselves in this way with the token of their gods.”* Lightfoot’s Commentary explains it this way: ***“Paul in Galatians 6:17 says he bears branded on his body, are the traces left there by the perils, hardships, imprisonments, scourgings, endured by him for the cause of Christ, and which MARK HIM AS CHRIST’S FAITHFUL AND APPROVED VOTARY SERVANT, SOLDIER.”*** Are we like Paul, a faithful, approved votary (meaning devoted follower, adherent, or a person vowed to dedication to service unto God), servant and soldier of Jesus Christ, bearing His marks upon us boldly and not ashamed? **ARE WE BEARING THE “STIGMA” OF CHRIST UPON OUR LIVES, OUR WALK, OUR CONFESSION AND OUR MINISTRIES?** Only those not ashamed of Jesus Christ can bear His marks unapologetically, honorably, courageously and gladly.

Do Not Be Ashamed Of Jesus Christ And His Cause

When believing in Jesus and aligning with Him will cost us dearly in this “*adulterous*” world, will we honor or deny Him? Will we identify with Him or reject Him? Will we declare Him or be ashamed of Him? **FEAR WILL CAUSE US TO BE ASHAMED TO CONFESS HIM**, ashamed to associate with Him, ashamed to share the Gospel, ashamed to pray in public, ashamed to be branded as bigots and ashamed to be set apart for Him. **Fear will cause us to hide our light, be voiceless concerning our testimony and be moderate in our devotion to Him. Because the world hates the Light, it cannot tolerate His Good News and will not suffer those who have a passion for Him.** In fear, there will be a desire to fit in with the world and be accepted to avoid being singled out for negative attention, judgment, condemnation and vilification. Fear will cause one to hide one’s faith and relationship with Jesus Christ. Peter denied Jesus because of fear—fear of being subject to the same hatred, mocking, beating, accusation and persecution that Jesus was subject to. **He denied identification with Jesus, alliance with Jesus and having been with Jesus.** Matthew 26:69–75 recorded that *“Peter sat outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came to him, saying, ‘You also were with Jesus of Galilee.’ But he denied it before them all, saying, ‘I do not know what you are saying.’ And when he had gone out to the gateway, another girl saw him and said . . . ‘THIS FELLOW ALSO WAS WITH JESUS OF NAZARETH.’ BUT AGAIN HE DENIED WITH AN OATH, ‘I DO NOT KNOW THE MAN!’ And a little later those who stood by came up and said to Peter, ‘Surely you also are one of them, for your speech betrays you.’ Then he began to curse and swear, saying, ‘I do not know the Man!’ Immediately a rooster crowed. And Peter remembered the word of Jesus who had said to him, ‘Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.’ So he went out and wept bitterly.”* As Peter was warned, so we have been warned. Do not wait to be awakened by a rooster’s crow! **IF WE LOVE JESUS CHRIST MORE THAN OUR OWN LIFE WE WILL BE FEARLESS AND NOT ASHAMED.** Therefore **be watchful, sober and prepared to proclaim Him in Whom we believe.**

Satan will always make it very unpleasant, unpopular and costly for anyone to confess Jesus Christ. He will use anything he can to humiliate, disgrace, terrorize and hurt. This warfare intensifies and escalates over time. We must have the faith, courage and conviction not to be ashamed of Jesus Christ, regardless of whatever satan throws our way. **We will believe, we will stand and we will preach Jesus Christ. WE ARE NOT AFRAID TO LET PEOPLE KNOW THAT WE HAVE BEEN WITH JESUS AND ARE WITH HIM NOW.** The world will hate us, but by God’s grace we will love, we will preach and we will lay down our lives, that the world may see Jesus in us and be saved.

PRAYER FOCUS

NOTE: Prepare our hearts to completely offer up our lives unto Jesus Christ as a living sacrifice in love, worship and service

A. Prayerfully Examine If You Have Been Ashamed Of Jesus Christ

Take time to wait on God. Be totally open to the Holy Spirit to reveal if you have been ashamed of Jesus Christ in any area of your life.

1. Personal and private life
2. Family life
3. Church life
4. Social and public life

B. Where Is Your Allegiance, Commitment And Devotion To Jesus Christ?

1. Allegiance – are you loyal to Him above all others?
2. Commitment – are you committed to Him above all others?
3. Devotion – are you devoted to Him above all others?
4. Do you choose to die to all, in order to live all for Him?

C. Identify And Overcome Obstacles In Your Relationship With Jesus Christ

1. Loving self above Jesus Christ
2. Loving family, loved ones and others above Jesus Christ
3. Loving things above Jesus Christ
4. Self-centeredness, self-preservation and self-focused in life
5. Lukewarm relationship with Jesus Christ (*lacking in depth, stagnated and not growing, apathetic, indifferent, divided, inconsistent, etc.*)
6. Idols in your life

D. Deliverance From Spirit Of Fear And Intimidation

E. Are You Fearful And Ashamed Of Jesus Christ In These Areas?

1. Identifying with Jesus Christ publicly (*reading a Bible, praying or sharing about Him*)
2. Praying by yourself or with others in public
3. Talking about Jesus in a secular setting or environment
4. Mentioning His name or giving praise to Him before others

DAY 5 — THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2019**PRAYER FOCUS: I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL**

John 3:16

For this is how God loved the world: HE GAVE HIS ONE AND ONLY SON, SO THAT EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.

1 Corinthians 1:18

For the message of THE CROSS is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved IT IS THE POWER OF GOD.

Romans 1:14–17

I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise and to unwise. So, as much as is in me, I AM READY TO PREACH THE GOSPEL to you who are in Rome also. For I am NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST, for it is THE POWER OF GOD to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

EXHORTATION – I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL**What Is The Gospel?**

Concerning the power of the Gospel, Paul said in Romans 1:16, ***"For I am NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST, for it is THE POWER OF GOD TO SALVATION for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek."***

Nothing has the power to forgive, heal, set free, redeem, save, transform, put our names in the book of life and make us sons and daughters of God, except the Gospel! The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation for all peoples throughout the ages. John Piper—a pastor, theologian and author—accurately and irrevocably declared, ***"Therefore, THE GOSPEL IS THE POWER THAT GIVES US VICTORY over temptation to despair and to pride and to greed and to lust. THE GOSPEL ALONE CAN TRIUMPH over every obstacle and bring us to eternal joy. Whatever it costs, stand in it, hold it fast, believe on it, feed on it, savor it, count it more precious than silver or gold. THE GOSPEL WILL SAVE YOU—AND IT ALONE."*** There is no power, no authority, no wisdom, no teaching, no religion or any other thing that can prevail and save except the Gospel. **The Gospel cannot and will never be overcome. It will always prevail!**

Jesus Christ, the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world to forgive, deliver and save, HE, HIMSELF, IS THE LIVING AND ETERNAL

GOSPEL. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life, by Whom we can come to God, the Father. **Therefore, the Gospel is eternally alive and almighty to save, transform and deliver! IT WILL NEVER LOSE ITS POWER AND EFFECT!**

The Gospel is everything that Jesus Christ has provided for the salvation of the world through His death and resurrection. It is the Good News because Jesus Christ is the Good News for those yet to be saved and those already saved! **IT IS THE POWER TO RESCUE AND CONVERT THE UNSAVED, AND IT IS THE SAME POWER TO KEEP THE SAVED IN VICTORY AND BLESSING, ENABLING THEM TO OVERCOME AND BE MORE THAN CONQUERORS.** The Gospel has already crushed satan, hell, sin and death. It is eternally overcoming and prevailing over the gates of hell and the powers of darkness. There is no demonic plan, false religion, satanic power or devilish strategy that can diminish or affect the Gospel's eternal power to save! Therefore, we are not ashamed of the Gospel; instead, we live, teach, preach and proclaim the Gospel. Satan will attack to prevent the Gospel from being preached. If he cannot cause believers to be ashamed of the Gospel, he will try to make them ashamed of themselves to stop them from preaching the Gospel. Nonetheless, we must remember what Paul said in Romans 1:14–17: *"I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise and to unwise. So, as much as is in me, I am ready to preach the Gospel to you who are in Rome also. **FOR I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST, FOR IT IS THE POWER OF GOD TO SALVATION FOR EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES,** for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, 'The just shall live by faith.'"*

GOD'S POWER IS IN THE GOSPEL TO SAVE; GOD'S ANOINTING IS UPON THE MESSENGER TO PREACH. Dwight L. Moody—one of the greatest evangelists of the Gospel—was never ordained as a minister and at best could be considered a lay preacher. He was an ordinary shoe salesman who was born again and filled with a passion for God and a vision for the lost. Many considered him rough and uncouth, without social grace and lacking in formal education. He was said to have *"murdered the Queen's English"* in his speaking. Someone once wrote, *"Most of his life he struggled to spell properly, use correct punctuation, and speak with proper grammar."* He was not an eloquent or fluent preacher, especially in the early years of his ministry. On one occasion *"after a midweek service at which he had tried to say a few words, someone advised him that he would serve God most effectively by keeping still."*

Though subject to much ridicule and rejection, instead of shrinking in embarrassment, Moody learned never to be ashamed of the Gospel. In 1870, while in London and preaching to a huge crowd of educated, sophisticated English people, Moody started speaking in his poor grammar, saying, **"Don't never think that God don't love you, for He do!"** Some were offended by his lack of correct grammar, eloquence and polish. After one of

these meetings, a sophisticated and dignified English woman came up to him and said, “*Mr. Moody, you ought to be ashamed of yourself!*” Moody hung his head and said, “*Ma’am, you’re right. I am ashamed of myself, **BUT I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.***” **This man shook two continents with the Gospel of salvation.** He would preach to crowds as many as ten to twenty thousand. During his four month British tour, some had estimated that he spoke to 2.5 million people. He kept his message very simple, summarizing it in three “Rs”: **RUINED BY SIN, REDEEMED BY THE BLOOD, AND REGENERATED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.** He was a below average speaker who achieved extraordinary results because God’s power accompanied him.

Why Does The Gospel Have The Power To Save?

THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL IS IN THE POWER OF THE CROSS—the finished work of Jesus Christ to redeem and save all who would believe in Him. When Jesus said with His last breath that it is “*finished,*” the message, power and efficacy of the Gospel to save were made complete and sufficient for all eternity. The power of the Gospel to save is not in words, but in the Lamb slain. **THEREFORE, WE ARE NOT ASHAMED OF THE LAMB SLAIN, WE ARE NOT ASHAMED OF THE CROSS AND WE ARE NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL!** There is no greater joy, no greater blessing and no greater honor than to be bearers of the cross and preachers of the Gospel—this Message of eternal hope, life and salvation for the whole world! We may be shunned, accused, wronged, mistreated, persecuted, imprisoned or aggrieved for the sake of the Gospel, but we will not be ashamed or embarrassed of the Gospel. We must not make decisions—to go or not to go, to preach or not to preach—according to the measure of potential costs or foreseeable risks. **We will not hide, conceal, deny or retreat from the Gospel. When pressured, hard-pressed or opposed, we will pray for more boldness to proclaim the Gospel.**

We are not ashamed of the Gospel, because in it we have our justification and righteousness by faith. Christ’s suffering was for our forgiveness, justification and salvation. As we have been justified by faith in Him, there is no more cause for shame. **Where there is faith in the Gospel and the blood of the Lamb is applied, there is no more guilt, shame or condemnation.** They have been absolutely dealt with and paid for, leaving no record and no outstanding account accrued to us who believe. **THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB REDEEMS US, COVERS US, SPEAKS FOR US AND STANDS IN OUR PLACE.** Could any tongue ever condemn, shame or find fault with the blood of the Lamb? **Absolutely not – nothing and no one indeed! This is the power of the Gospel to save!** Through the Blood of the Lamb, the church—even if subject to the severest humiliation and persecution—will never be ashamed of Jesus Christ and His Gospel! His blood-filled Gospel reached out and redeemed Saul of Tarsus (*a murderous persecutor of Christians*), the woman caught in adultery, the thief on the

cross, the lepers, the outcasts, the deficient, the poor and every sinner who had called on His name! There was no one too sinful, too vile or too evil that the blood of the Lamb could not redeem. **Therefore, every sin-filled, shame-stricken, hope-deprived, guilt-bound and condemned sinner can be redeemed, forgiven, lifted up and elevated into the grace and glory of God through His blood-filled Gospel.**

The Gospel not only has the power to save every sinner, IT HAS THE POWER TO KEEP THE SAVED, TO GIVE THEM VICTORY AND TO EMPOWER THEM TO OVERCOME AS MORE THAN CONQUERORS. Therefore, do not be ashamed of the Gospel. We choose to live in the Gospel, cleave to the Gospel, breathe the Gospel and preach the Gospel. For those who do these, the enemy will relentlessly seek to shame, humiliate and persecute. **However, at all costs and by the grace of God, LAY HOLD OF THE GOSPEL. BELIEVE IT, STAND BY IT, HOLD FAST TO IT, HANG ON TO IT, STICK TO IT AND PREACH IT EVERYWHERE, TO EVERY PERSON AND IN EVERY SITUATION!**

Withstanding Attacks Against The Gospel

Paul said that he was not ashamed of the Gospel because he knew that its preaching would come with severe costs. **There has never been another message more grievously challenged, opposed, discredited, maligned and violently attacked by the devil than the Gospel.** From time immemorial, the devil has put every resource in his evil kingdom towards trying to eradicate and shut down the Gospel by hurting, opposing and assaulting its messengers. He aims to make it drastically perilous, risky, painful, hazardous, costly and unpopular for the church to preach the Good News. For this reason, many have been brutally opposed and persecuted like the apostle Paul. In 2 Corinthians 11:23–26 (NASB), Paul described what he went through for the Gospel: *"In far more labors, in far more imprisonments, beaten times without number, often in danger of death. Five times I received from the Jews thirty-nine lashes. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, a night and a day I have spent in the deep. I have been on frequent journeys, in dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from my countrymen, dangers from the Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers on the sea, dangers among false brethren."* **Yet in all these, Paul was "more than a conqueror" and he never shrank back from bringing the Gospel to others.**

When the RMS Empress of Ireland tragically sank on May 29, 1914, among those on board were 167 members of the Canadian Salvation Army band. Only eight members survived. As these godly men and women swam through the cold water, they sought out those who were struggling to survive without life jackets. When they found someone, they would ask: *"Do you know Jesus?"* If they replied *"No,"* then in an act of unbelievable courage and sacrifice, the Salvation Army member would take off their life

jacket and give it to the other person. **They chose death so that others could live and have more opportunities to hear the Gospel and be saved.** Why would anyone do such a thing? It's only because of what Jesus had done for them through the Gospel, and their passion that everyone should hear the Gospel and be saved. They understood and lived by what Paul said, ***"For I am NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST, for it is THE POWER OF GOD TO SALVATION for everyone who believes."***

Boldly speaking about not being ashamed of the Gospel, Franklin Graham said, ***"I FEEL THAT OUR RESPONSIBILITY IS GREATER THAN EVER TO PREACH THE SAVING GOSPEL OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST . . . Paul wrote that he was not 'ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes' (Romans 1:16). Jesus, through whom '[God] made the universe' (Hebrews 1:2), died to redeem men, not animals or plants. He spilled His blood to rescue sinners from the eternal fires of hell and reconcile them to Himself. I believe that a time is fast approaching—I think it will be in my lifetime—when the preaching of the Gospel is referred to as hate speech. The public proclamation of biblical injunctions against homosexuality, abortion, and other moral issues will be banned by our politically correct cultures. Preachers of the Gospel could be imprisoned and jailed for adhering to the Bible. It is already happening in some countries. I AM NOT AFRAID OR ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL. WE WILL PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST'S SACRIFICIAL DEATH FOR SIN AND HIS TRIUMPHANT RESURRECTION AS LONG AS WE HAVE BREATH. God created us for His glory, and the Bible says that even this sin-stained planet will one day be 'liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God' (Romans 8:21 NIV)."***

We are in the end times; when the warfare is uncommon, wickedness is unbelievable and the foreseeable persecution may be humanly unbearable. Adversarial forces and powers of darkness will viciously push back, intimidate, condemn and terrorize to hinder the preaching of the Gospel to the ends of the earth. **It is only with the faith, passion and courage of Jesus and Paul that we will not be ashamed of the Gospel and never stop sharing it.** Like the church in the book of Acts, we must pray for more boldness not to be ashamed of the Gospel. Whether in times of peace or trouble, living free or shackled, having plenty or nothing and being received or rejected, we must proclaim that Jesus Christ alone forgives and saves. **We must purpose in our hearts, "I WILL PREACH THE GOSPEL WHEREVER HE SENDS ME. I WILL PREACH THE GOSPEL NO MATTER WHAT OPPOSES ME. I WILL PREACH THE GOSPEL WHATEVER IT COSTS ME. I WILL PREACH THE GOSPEL ANYWHERE, ANYTIME AND TO ANYONE."** Our hearts must declare, ***"I WILL BOAST OF HIS GOSPEL, I WILL GLORY IN HIS GOSPEL, AND I WILL LIFT UP THE GOSPEL."***

PRAYER FOCUS

A. Cry Out For A Passion for The Lord And A Vision To Reach The Lost

B. Pray For Fresh Revelation Of The Power Of The Gospel To Save

C. Repent Of Failure To Preach The Gospel

1. Apathy, lukewarmness and indifference
2. Too wrapped up with life down here on earth
3. Feeling embarrassed to preach the Gospel
4. Fear, intimidation and timidity
5. Not having the mind of Christ

D. Repent And Be Set Free From All Obstacles To The Preaching Of The Gospel

1. Self-centeredness and selfish agendas—living self; focusing on self life; all resources given over to self
2. Self-preservation, self-protection and self-conservation
3. Self-deception—feeling not called, no responsibility or accountability

E. Repent Of Losing Sight Of The Gospel And The Call Of God To Preach

F. Praises And Thanksgiving To God For The Gospel

1. Praises and thanksgiving to:
 - a. God, our Father, for giving us Jesus Christ, His Son
 - b. Jesus Christ, our Savior, for being the Lamb slain for us before the foundation of the world
 - c. Holy Spirit, our Comforter, who empowers us to preach the Gospel to the ends of the world
2. Praises and thanksgiving for the Gospel, which is the power:
 - a. to forgive and redeem
 - b. to set free and deliver
 - c. to save and transform
 - d. to make sons and daughters of God
 - e. to send to preach, baptize and teach others to be disciples

G. Pray For The Heart, Passion And Devotion To The Call To Preach The Gospel

H. Consecrate And Obey In Praying, Giving And Going To Preach The Gospel

I. FAOG Missions To The Ends Of The Earth

1. Planting 20 Churches by 2020

2. Multiplication In All Our Mission Churches To Possess Nations

- a. **Western Samoa:** Ps Mila, Rosie, James, leaders and congregation
- b. **Marshall Islands:** Bro Yaichy Hanchor and congregation
- c. **Mexico:** Ps Miriam, Bro Miguel and congregation
- d. **Brazil:** Ps Celena, Carlos, leaders and congregation
- e. **East Timor:** Bro Adao, leaders and congregation
- f. **Japan:** Mission pastors, leaders and congregation
 - **Okinawa:** Sis Kazue, Miyuki and Helen
 - **Yokohama:** Ps Koyama and Sayaka
 - **Osaka:** Ps Atsuya and Takako
 - **Kamaishi:** Ps Keizo and Mami
- g. **Philippines:** Ps Orlando, Natalie, Princess, leaders and congregation
- h. **India:** Ps Prasantha and spouse, leaders and congregation
- i. **Uganda:** Ps Elijah and Sis Ruth, Ps Moses, Ps Jonathan, and Ps Paul, their spouses, leaders and congregations
- j. **Ireland:** Ps Jamie and Lud, leaders and congregation
- k. **Hamakua:** Ps Lynne, Ps Luke, leaders and congregation
- l. **Korea:** wisdom for Ps Ko and Ps Ernie for new season
- m. **England:** Ps Mike McKeever, leaders and congregation

J. Hawaii Assemblies Of God To Arise To Bring The Gospel To The Nations Of The World

DAY 6 — FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2019**PRAYER FOCUS: I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE POWER**

1 Corinthians 4:20

For the Kingdom of God IS NOT IN WORD BUT IN POWER.

2 Corinthians 13:4

For though He was crucified in weakness, **YET HE LIVES BY THE POWER OF GOD.** For we also are weak in Him, **BUT WE SHALL LIVE WITH HIM BY THE POWER OF GOD** toward you.

Acts 10:38

God ANOINTED Jesus of Nazareth WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT and WITH POWER, Who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

Luke 4:14–21

Then Jesus returned in the **POWER OF THE SPIRIT** to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region . . . He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read . . . the book of the prophet Isaiah . . . **“THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, because HE HAS ANOINTED ME to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD.”** Then He closed the book . . . and He began to say to them, **“Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”**

Luke 6:19 and Luke 8:46

And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for **POWER WENT OUT FROM HIM AND HEALED THEM ALL. (Luke 8:46)** But Jesus said, **“Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me.”**

Luke 9:1–6

Then He called His twelve disciples together and **GAVE THEM POWER AND AUTHORITY over all demons, and to cure diseases. HE SENT THEM TO PREACH THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND TO HEAL THE SICK.** And He said to them, **“Take nothing for the journey, neither staffs nor bag nor bread nor money; and do not have two tunics apiece. “Whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart. And whoever will not receive you, when you go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet as a testimony against them.” So they departed and went through the towns, PREACHING THE GOSPEL AND HEALING EVERYWHERE.**

SOLEMN ASSEMBLY

Acts 1:4–5, 8

*And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but **YOU SHALL BE BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT** not many days from now.” . . . “**But YOU SHALL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS COME UPON YOU; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.**”*

Acts 4:31–33

*And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and **they were all FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT**, and they spake the word of God with boldness. And the multitude of them that believed . . . **AND WITH GREAT POWER GAVE THE APOSTLES WITNESS of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.***

2 Corinthians 4:7

But we have this TREASURE in earthen vessels, that THE EXCELLENCE OF THE POWER MAY BE OF GOD AND NOT OF US.

2 Thessalonians 1:11 (NLT)

*So we keep on praying for you, asking our God to enable you to live a life worthy of His call. **MAY HE GIVE YOU THE POWER TO ACCOMPLISH ALL THE GOOD THINGS** your faith prompts you to do.*

Ephesians 1:19–20 (NLT)

*I also pray that you will understand the **INCREDIBLE GREATNESS OF GOD’S POWER** for us who believe Him. This is the **SAME MIGHTY POWER** that raised Christ from the dead and seated Him in the place of honor at God’s right hand in the heavenly realms.*

Ephesians 3:20–21 (NASB)

*Now to Him who is **ABLE TO DO far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, ACCORDING TO THE POWER THAT WORKS WITHIN US**, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.*

1 Corinthians 2:24

*And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in **demonstration OF THE SPIRIT AND OF POWER.***

Romans 15:18–19

*Yet I dare not boast about anything except what Christ has done through me, bringing the Gentiles to God by my message and by the way I worked among them. **THEY WERE CONVINCED BY THE POWER OF MIRACULOUS SIGNS***

AND WONDERS AND BY THE POWER OF GOD'S SPIRIT. *In this way, I have fully presented the Good News of Christ from Jerusalem all the way to Illyricum.*

Ephesians 1:19–23 (NLT)

I also pray that you will understand the INCREDIBLE GREATNESS OF GOD'S POWER FOR US WHO BELIEVE HIM. This is the SAME MIGHTY POWER that raised Christ from the dead and seated Him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms. *Now He is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come. God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made Him head over all things for the benefit of the church. And the church is His body; it is made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things everywhere with Himself.*

EXHORTATION – I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE POWER

GOD ALWAYS MOVES AND DOES THINGS IN HIS POWER, whether it is the power of His word, the power of His presence or the power of His deeds. He does nothing without moving in power. The Bible repeatedly speaks of God's will for His church: to live, move and function in His power in order to see His will done and His kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven. We are not to be ashamed of the power of God.

Paul's Warning Against Powerlessness

In 2 Timothy 3:5, Paul warned about the danger of having a form of godliness yet being devoid of God's power at work in us: ***“having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!”*** This is not true faith in Jesus Christ, but empty religion—a meaningless confession devoid of the power, effect and fruit of the Holy Spirit. The church has been redeemed, called, promised and given the power to live, move, obey and serve God as Jesus did. **It is not sufficient for the church to confess the power of God. It is imperative that the church be filled with the power of God, live in His power and serve in His power.** We must not be hesitant, timid or tentative concerning being filled with the Holy Spirit and His power. There must be a thirst, a hunger and an urgency to ask until we receive, seek until we find and knock until the door is opened. **IF WE BELIEVE GOD IS GOING TO USE US TO DO MIGHTY THINGS, THEN WE HAVE TO BELIEVE GOD FOR HIS MIGHTY POWER TO DO THOSE THINGS.**

Jesus Was Not Ashamed Of The Power By Which He Lived, Moved And Obeyed

In 2 Corinthians 13:4, Paul said, ***“For though He (Jesus) was crucified in weakness, YET HE LIVES BY THE POWER OF GOD. For we also are weak***

in Him, BUT WE SHALL LIVE WITH HIM BY THE POWER OF GOD TOWARD YOU.” Living and moving in the power of God must be a reality, not just what we teach or preach. For Jesus to fulfill what God had sent Him to do, even He needed the power of His Father. He could not do it on His own because in His humanity, He was weak. **HE DID EVERYTHING BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: preaching, teaching, healing, delivering, working wonders, raising the dead and saving many.** Nothing was done in His own strength or power.

The Bible says that Jesus was CONCEIVED of the Holy Spirit, TAUGHT by the Holy Spirit, FILLED with the Holy Spirit, LED by the Holy Spirit and SERVED the Father in the POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. It was the same Holy Spirit Who resurrected Him, raised Him up, and seated Him at the right hand of the Father in heaven where everything was placed under His feet and dominion. While on this earth, it was in the might of the Holy Spirit that Jesus triumphed and overcame every demonic power, strategy and attack. **THE GATES OF HELL COULD NOT PREVAIL AGAINST HIM, BUT HE PREVAILED OVER ALL.** He subdued the very kingdom of darkness and rendered all demonic principalities and rulers powerless by His finished work on the cross. **He emptied the whole kingdom of darkness of all authority, rule, command, influence, effect and significance. Colossians 2:15 testifies of Him: “HAVING DISARMED PRINCIPALITIES AND POWERS, HE MADE A PUBLIC SPECTACLE OF THEM, TRIUMPHING OVER THEM IN IT.”** (NLT 14–15: “He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross. In this way, **HE DISARMED the spiritual rulers and authorities. HE SHAMED them publicly BY HIS VICTORY over them on the cross.**”) How did Jesus do it? He did it by living in the power of His Father. Just as Jesus lived in the power of God, so must the church.

As Christ Lived In The Power Of God, So Must The Church

May the church not be ignorant, indifferent, weak and feeble in the demonstration of the Holy Spirit and the power of God in our lives, walk and ministry. **We are saved, called and commissioned to do His will and finish His work in His power.** We are to wreck the kingdom of darkness and not be wrecked. We are to plunder the gates of hell and not be plundered. We are to totally defuse the effect and influence of the adversary and not be defused. This power should be flowing and moving through us consistently, not sporadically. **THIS POWER SHOULD BE INDWELLING EVERY BELIEVER AND NOT JUST A FEW.**

Concerning this power of God, where are we today? It is time we—the blood-bought, blood-redeemed, water-baptized and Spirit-filled Church—live, move and minister in the exceeding greatness of the almighty power of Jesus Christ, our Lord and King. **How else are we going to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, heal the sick, deliver the captives, preach the Gospel and make disciples in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the**

uttermost parts of the world? How else are we going to love Him first, deny ourselves, pick up the cross, count all things as loss for Him, resist temptation, defeat satan, endure hardship, forgive our enemies, turn the other cheek and give our lives for His kingdom, except by the power of the Holy Spirit? **SO WHERE IS THIS POWER IN THE CHURCH TODAY?**

We cannot just preach about healing; we must HEAL IN POWER. We cannot just believe in miracles; we must WORK MIRACLES IN POWER. We cannot just pray to overcome; we must OVERCOME IN POWER. We cannot just plan missions; we must DO MISSIONS IN POWER.

Where Is The Power In The Church Today And What Must We Do?

Throughout history, the church has not been consistent and enduring in living and moving in the fullness of the power of Christ. There were times of great outpouring and manifestations of the Holy Spirit, but there were also times of weakness, apathy and ineffectiveness. Should this power only flow through us sporadically? Should it not be consistent and normal in every believer's life? How else can we do the will of God and finish His work except in His almighty power?

Has the church been hindered, obstructed and stagnated where power is concerned? Have we believed, cared and been concerned enough to pray relentlessly until He comes and fills us with an overflow of His presence, purpose and power? Where is the power to live righteously, to preach, to pray, to give and to bless? Where is the power to overcome fear, pride and all the works of the flesh? Where is the power to serve freely, gloriously and mightily? Where is the power to save, heal, set free, cast out demons, move mountains and transform nations?

Today, we have to ask ourselves these questions:

- **Is the church FEARLESS in power?**
- **Is the church RELENTLESS in power?**
- **Is the church UNSTOPPABLE in power?**
- **Is the church PREVAILING in power?**
- **Is the church TRIUMPHANT in power?**
- **Is the church GLORIOUS in power?**
- **Is the church SHINING in power?**
- **Is the church WORSHIPPING in power?**
- **Is the church DECLARING CHRIST in power?**
- **Is the church NOT ASHAMED OF the power?**

Conversely, are we inconsistent, feeble, apathetic, apologetic, unsure, double-minded and embarrassed concerning His power at work in us and through us?

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The obstacles to a church living in power are apathy, indifference, selfishness, and failing to see the need, relevancy and urgency of having God's power in our lives. **HAS THE CHURCH SETTLED FOR FEEBLE MEASURES OF POWER because we have yet to face, taste and suffer the full brunt of the bitterness, pain and crisis of powerlessness?** How would the church stand if we had to face the same intense challenges and persecution as Jesus, the apostles and other biblical heroes of faith? **DO WE HAVE SUFFICIENT FAITH TO LIVE BY THE POWER OF GOD AND OVERCOME AS THEY DID?**

When Israel was trapped between the waters of the Red Sea and the might of Pharaoh's army, they needed a greater power to prevail for them. Israel was powerless, faithless and fearful, but Moses, through trust and obedience to God, received the power to deliver them. By His power, God opened the Red Sea and rescued them; but He drowned and destroyed Pharaoh's army. If faithless and powerless Israel were left alone, they would have suffered bitter devastation at the hands of Pharaoh's army. **For such a time as this, we are to be like Moses, who lived in the power of God and was not ashamed. THIS IS IMPERATIVE!**

What Must We Do To Not Be Ashamed Of God's Power

Jesus has shown us how to live in the power of God:

- He was filled, led and empowered by the Holy Spirit
- He had perpetual and unbroken intimacy with His Father
- He was persistent, relentless and unceasing in prayer
- He had the Word, was filled with the Word and obeyed the Word
- He did and said everything that He saw His Father do and say
- He obeyed His Father and the Holy Spirit at any cost

If we are to live in God's power and not be ashamed, we must do what Jesus did. **Let us arise in the power of Jesus Christ to crush every power of darkness, heal sicknesses, set captives free, preach the Gospel, plant churches, transform communities, and make disciples of all nations.**

NOTE: Tonight is the Holy Spirit anointing night. Come desperately hungry, thirsty and believing to be filled with the Holy Spirit and receive His power to be His witnesses to the ends of the world.

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