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Foreword – Imagine

Ephesians 3:20–21 NRSV—“Now to Him who by the power at work within us is ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH ABUNDANTLY FAR MORE THAN ALL WE CAN ASK OR IMAGINE, to Him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”

What Is Imagination?

Webster’s Dictionary defines imagination as “the act or power of forming a mental image of something not present to the senses or never before wholly perceived in reality.” When God created us in His likeness, He formed us with the power and ability to imagine. **Imagination, then, is the power and ability to conceive, envision and visualize as reality, substance or evidence the unseen things of God before He manifests them in the physical and apparent.** It is to inwardly frame into a picture or vision by faith as inspired by the Holy Spirit. **IT IS SEEING BY FAITH THE FULFILLMENT BEFORE ITS MANIFESTATION.** Our imagination is where we incubate the Word of God through meditation until it becomes a substance or evidence of things hoped for.

Mark Divine, a former Navy SEAL commander, mentioned in his blog that before we win in reality, we need to win in our minds. We should visualize winning with all the details as if it were happening for real. This is the power of imagination.

Are We Imagining?

Senior Pastor Klayton Ko of First Assembly of God in Hawaii said, **“Everyone uses their sight, but few people use their imagination—vision. BEFORE ANYTHING IS MANIFESTED INTO EXISTENCE, IT IS FIRST DREAMED AND NOURISHED IN OUR IMAGINATION.”**

Paul wrote in Ephesians 3:20NRSV, **“Now to Him who by the power at work within us is ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH ABUNDANTLY FAR MORE THAN ALL WE CAN ASK OR IMAGINE.”** This means that God can and will do superabundantly and exceedingly beyond all we can ask or imagine. What a great travesty it will be if the Church fails to imagine, especially for such a time as this. It is time to dream the inconceivable, the unbelievable, and the impossible things of the kingdom of God. **NO MATTER HOW BIG OR IMPOSSIBLE, IMAGINE—GOD WILL ALWAYS ANSWER FAR BEYOND OUR EXPECTATIONS.**

- Are we imagining? We pray, but do we imagine?
- What are we imagining? Do we imagine the beyond?

If we do not imagine, we are falling short of providing God the opportunity to do the “far more exceedingly.” Are we limiting God in what He desires to accomplish in us because we fail to dream? One of Pastor Ko’s strong exhortations is, **“If we believe God is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, WHY DO WE LIMIT OURSELVES BY NOT IMAGINING?” THE TRUTH IS THIS: THAT GOD WILL DO FAR BEYOND EVEN OUR ABILITY TO IMAGINE. SO IMAGINE!**

God Imagines

God Almighty imagines because imagination is inherent to His nature. **His imagination is where He conceives, dreams, plans, purposes, and ordains things He has set out to do or perform in the future. EVERYTHING GOD DID, HAS DONE, AND WILL EVER DO, HE FIRST IMAGINED IT.** He sees the substance of His dreams, plans, and purposes before He brings them into visible manifestation. Concerning creation, He first conceived it and then spoke the invisible into visible actuality at His appointed time. **THE POWER OF GOD’S IMAGINATION IS THAT WHATEVER HE IMAGINES, IT IS ALREADY DONE.**

In Genesis 1:26 NKJV, when God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness,” He spoke out of His imagination, His will, and His dream to bring forth humankind. He then performed it in Genesis 1:27 NKJV: “So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female.” According to His imagination, He created the visible out of the invisible. This is confirmed in Psalm 139:16 NIV, which says, “Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in Your book before one of them came to be.” God saw our unformed body because He already conceived us in His heart before we were conceived in our mother’s womb. As He has given us this ability to dream and envision, let us dream big and envisage the impossible, incredible, and unbelievable.

The Power of Imagination

Concerning the power of our imagination, Genesis 11:6 BRG says,

And the LORD said, “Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now **NOTHING WILL BE**

RESTRAINED FROM THEM, WHICH THEY HAVE IMAGINED TO DO.”

Although the human race had fallen away from God, the power of their imagination was such that God said, “nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.” What can happen then, if the redeemed imagine God’s thoughts? **Think about 1 Corinthians 2:9 NKJV: “EYE HAS NOT SEEN, NOR EAR HEARD, NOR HAVE ENTERED INTO THE HEART OF MAN THE THINGS WHICH GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM.”** Nothing can hold us back from imagining except fear and unbelief. Have we been robbed or at least hindered from receiving the measure that the Bible describes as “no eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined”? **The Church is God’s supernatural arm extended to the world to show, work, and demonstrate His love, power, and salvation. HE IS AWAKENING US TO STEP OUT OF SPIRITUAL STUPOR AND UNBELIEF AND BEGIN TO IMAGINE LIKE HE DOES.**

When God told Abram that He would make him a father of nations, God showed Abram the stars in the sky. **He was training Abram to imagine himself the father of nations.** God used a vision of the stars to put His promise into Abram’s heart. **Abram was being trained to internalize and visualize the actuality of that promise.** Genesis 15:5–6 NKJV gives an account:

Then He brought him outside and said, **“Look now towards heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them.”** And He said to him, **“So shall your descendants be.” AND HE BELIEVED IN THE LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.**

Abram was able to have such faith because the image of being the father of nations was more real to him than his and his wife’s aged bodies. He had so implanted the vision of God’s promise into his inner man that he never wavered in his faith. **HE WAS “FULLY PERSUADED THAT GOD HAD THE POWER TO DO WHAT HE PROMISED”** (Romans 4:21 NIV). This is the power of imagination: it produces a faith that pleases God and provides the opportunity for God to do the beyond, far more, exceedingly, and superabundantly. Romans 4:17–22 NIV speaks of Abraham:

As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.” He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not. **AGAINST ALL HOPE, ABRAHAM IN HOPE BELIEVED AND SO BECAME THE FATHER**

OF MANY NATIONS, JUST AS IT HAD BEEN SAID TO HIM, “So shall your offspring be.” Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah’s womb was also dead. **Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was STRENGTHENED IN HIS FAITH and gave glory to God, BEING FULLY PERSUADED THAT GOD HAD POWER TO DO WHAT HE HAD PROMISED.** This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.”

Imagining with God will produce a faith that does not waver but is fully persuaded that God is able and willing to do far beyond what we ask.

In Ezekiel 37, God showed Ezekiel the valley of dry bones and asked him if he knew that they would come alive to be a mighty army of God. **He was provoking Ezekiel to imagine that nothing was impossible for the Lord, even the resurrection of a valley of dry bones into a mighty army.** The Babylonians had totally ransacked and wasted Israel. Everything was in ruins, and the people were in abject devastation and desolation. Israel was that valley of dry bones having no life, no hope, and no power that could restore them except God’s.

Then God told Ezekiel to prophesy to show him His power to bring to life that which was dead. In the vision, Ezekiel obeyed, and he heard the rattling of the dry bones coming together to form skeletons, and he saw flesh and skin growing and covering the skeletons. God told him to prophesy again, and he did. Breath went into the bodies, and they came alive as God’s mighty army. Ezekiel’s ears heard the sound of the rattling of dry bones coming together, and his eyes saw dry bones coming alive. God caused him to hear and see in the Spirit the restoration of Israel by God’s power so that he could imagine and believe.

When Gabriel came to Mary and told her she would bring forth a child, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, by the Holy Spirit, Mary marveled, and she believed. In Luke 1:38 when she declares, **“Behold the maidservant of the Lord! LET IT BE TO ME ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD,”** Mary speaks out of her faith-filled imagination being fully convinced that nothing is impossible with God. When we receive a word of God, a promise, or a prophecy, may we allow the Holy Spirit to breathe into our imagination a vision of its fulfillment. Our part is to meditate, believe, and lay hold of the certainty of the fulfillment in our imagination; the process of fulfillment belongs to God. **OUR IMAGINATION MUST BE OF FAITH as we meditate and let our mind and heart marinate in His Word. THE WORKING OUT OF WONDERS AS PROMISED BY GOD BELONGS TO GOD.**

Satan Battles for Our Imagination

Satan battles for our imagination with the aim of taking it out of the Spirit and into the flesh. Adam was created in the likeness of God with the power and ability to imagine. His imagination was perfect—pure, brilliant, and exceeding in wisdom, understanding, and power. Therefore, God brought all His living creatures to Adam for him to name. Adam named all of them using the brilliance of his God-given imagination. Genesis 2:19–20 NKJV states,

Out of the ground, the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name. So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field.

Having understood the power of imagination, satan waged war against Adam and Eve to infiltrate, influence, and control their imagination for his evil agenda. In the Garden of Eden, he came to Eve and introduced into her imagination a seducing lie; he told her God knew that the fruit He forbade them to eat would make them wise like God—and that they would not die. Eve gave the tempter legal access to her imagination. She pondered and imagined what it would be like to be wise as like God. She was convinced by a lie to have an evil imagination, causing her to rebel, and Adam with her.

In Matthew 4, Jesus was tempted by the devil in the wilderness after forty days of fasting. The devil used the same tactics to try and gain access to Jesus's imagination through lies and evil suggestions (turning rocks into bread, falling down to worship him, and casting Himself off a high place). **JESUS SOUNDLY DEFEATED THE DEVIL BY GUARDING HIS MIND WITH THE WORD OF GOD AND USING IT AS A WEAPON AGAINST HIS ADVERSARY.** Then the devil left Him. Satan has not stopped battling for our minds and imagination. Anytime our imagination takes us outside the Word of God, that imagination is not inspired by the Holy Spirit. It is of satan.

What Do We Imagine of God?

Do we personally believe God is able and will do far beyond all we ask or imagine? The Bible says that nothing is impossible with God if we ask believing. Since all things (according to His will) are possible, then how many possible things have we failed to access because of unbelief? The human mind and imagination have been conditioned to doubt God. **Our minds**

need to be sanctified and renewed by the Holy Spirit and His Word to imagine, envision, conceive and believe that He will do exceedingly and abundantly above all that we can ask or think. The carnal mind is hostile to God and His Word. It will always resist, oppose, argue and war against God and His Word. When we walk in the flesh, we can only see things through the flesh. In that, we limit God by what we see in ourselves.

In the Book of Numbers, when the twelve spies came back to give a report about Canaan, ten were afraid because they did not believe God could give them victory over the giants in the land. They could not imagine victory over all the giants because they saw everything through who and what they were—grasshoppers in their own eyes—and not through who their God was and what He could do. **THEY JUDGED GOD BY LOOKING AT THEMSELVES INSTEAD OF GOD.** Filled with unbelief and terror, they said in Numbers 13:32–33 NKJV,

The land through which we have gone as spies is **A LAND THAT DEVOURS ITS INHABITANTS**, and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great stature. There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and **WE WERE LIKE GRASSHOPPERS IN OUR OWN SIGHT, AND SO WE WERE IN THEIR SIGHT.**

In their own eyes, they were grasshoppers and doomed to be destroyed at the hands of the giants. Only Joshua and Caleb were men of a different spirit, and they saw the challenge through God's eyes. They believed that God had already given them the land and also the complete victory. **They were unafraid as they envisioned that the giants were nothing but helpless prey for the Israelites.** In Numbers 14:9 NIV they declared to the people,

Only do not rebel against the Lord. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will devour them. Their protection is gone, but the Lord is with us. Do not be afraid of them.

We limit God by how we see ourselves in our own eyes. **GOD NEVER INTENDED FOR OUR GOD-GIVEN ABILITY TO IMAGINE TO BE TETHERED TO ANYTHING OR ANYONE EXCEPT TO HIM.** We must, by faith, use our imagination to think, dream, envision, and conceive according to who God is and what He can do. In the beginning, when God imagined and created everything, He needed no input or help from any other source. **He was more than sufficient to do all that was in His heart. He was, is, and forever will be God Almighty and Sovereign—omnipotent, omnipresent,**

and omniscient. In Genesis 1:2–3, out of nothing, God spoke into existence all creation which He had preconceived in His imagination. **God earnestly desires that by faith, we dare to believe and ask of Him to do exceedingly far beyond all that we can imagine.** We need to believe, as Paul writes in Ephesians 3:20–21 NRSV:

NOW TO HIM WHO BY THE POWER AT WORK WITHIN US IS ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH ABUNDANTLY FAR MORE THAN ALL WE CAN ASK OR IMAGINE, to Him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Through God, we can DREAM THAT EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE. Through God, we can BELIEVE THAT EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE. Through God, we can EXPECT THAT EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE.

God earnestly desires that WE DREAM AND IMAGINE BASED ON WHO HE IS AND WHAT HE CAN DO. Our imagination cannot be hinged on who we are and what we can do. **DO NOT IMAGINE EXCEPT BY FAITH AND THE INSPIRATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.** The Bible says that we have not because we ask not (James 4:2). We ask not because we do not believe that God will do it for us. **When we see the promises of God through our human frailties, it will produce fear, defeat, terror, and devastation. BY FAITH, WE MUST WALK IN A WORD-FILLED AND HOLY SPIRIT-INSPIRED IMAGINATION.** God does not need us to make all the impossibilities possible. **HE JUST NEEDS US TO BELIEVE, TRUST, AND OBEY.** The power, the work, and the fulfillment of His promises all come from Him. He just needs us to believe Him, trust Him and obey Him—to be where He tells us to be, and to do what He says to do. He brings the victory, the breakthrough, and the miracle, then all glory goes to Him. Everyone will know that He has done it.

It Is Time to Imagine

It is time we take back our God-given power and ability to imagine and to employ it in our life, our walk with God, and our ministry.

- Imagine the possibilities.
- Imagine God doing more than you ask.
- Imagine God's power working in you.
- Imagine nations transformed.
- Imagine perfect unity in the Church.
- Imagine the glory of God in the Church.

Called to Solemn Assembly: January 2022

Week 1 – Personal Preparation (December 26–January 1)

Week 2 – Corporate Prayer And Fasting (January 2–9)

Regional and Corporate Prayer Schedule (January 3–7)

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| Morning Prayer | 6:00–7:00am | Mon–Fri | Red Hill Central Oahu Metro East Honolulu Windward |
| | 6:00–7:00am | Mon, Wed, Fri | Leeward |
| Corporate Noon Prayer | 12:00–1:00pm | Mon–Fri | Red Hill |
| Corporate Evening Prayer | 6:00–8:00pm | Mon–Fri | Red Hill |
| Personal and Family Prayer | Anytime | Sat | No Corporate Assembly |
| Thanksgiving and Exhortation | 6:00–8:00pm | Sun | Red Hill |

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL CONCERNING PRAYER TIME

Please do not fellowship during times of prayer. Let us honor the presence of God and guard the spiritual sobriety and sanctity of the occasion. Be encouraged to wait on God and hear Him. Take notes of what you hear.

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| Evening Prayer Schedule: | 6:00–6:30pm | Personal Prayer |
| | 6:30–7:30pm | Corporate Prayer |
| | 7:30–8:00pm | Personal Prayer |

DAILY PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2-9, 2022

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| Day 1 (Sunday) | Ministry of the Word (AM and PM services) |
| Day 2 (Monday) | Consecrated to Imagine |
| Day 3 (Tuesday) | Imagine the Possibilities |
| Day 4 (Wednesday) | Imagine God Doing More Than You Ask |
| Day 5 (Thursday) | Imagine God's Power Working in You |
| Day 6 (Friday) | Imagine Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit |
| Day 7 (Saturday) | Personal and Family Prayer |
| Day 8 (Sunday) | Thanksgiving and Exhortation |

SOLEMN ASSEMBLY PART I: WEEK OF PERSONAL PREPARATION December 26, 2021–January 1, 2022 (Sunday to Saturday)

Six Steps To Preparation For Solemn Assembly

Sunday, December 26, 2021 to Saturday, January 1, 2022 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 Solemn Assembly in the spirit and posture of heart that is 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 corporate and personal prayer.

STEP 2: Personal preparation (Psalm 51:1-19 NKJV)

“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.”

1. Prepare your heart to come before God in humility and contrition.
2. 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, cleanse your heart, and renew a 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. 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 NKJV)

“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. Heads of families: help prepare your family and share the personal application of Solemn Assembly to every person in your household.
2. Minister unity and oneness; bring healing and reconciliation to all relationships in your family, repent of sins committed against each other, and minister love and forgiveness towards one another.
3. Married couples: read 1 Peter 3:1–7 and Colossians 3:18–19.
4. Parents and children: read Colossians 3:20–21.
5. Have a family communion time to seal the oneness of spirit, love and peace; pray Psalm 133 and Colossians 3 into your family.

STEP 4: Spiritual house-cleansing (2 Chronicles 34:3–27 NKJV)

“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 (2 Chronicles 34:1–33); if there is any item in your possession that contains spiritually defiling material and is not pleasing to God, get rid of it.
2. These things defile us and our homes, and become gateways for the enemy to infiltrate.
3. Repair your personal and family altar (daily devotions, prayer and the Word).

STEP 5: Prepare all ministries (Colossians 3:12–15 NKJV)

“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. Heads of ministries: prepare all helpers and others under your care, and ensure that everyone is informed concerning the purpose and times of prayer.
2. Exhort all to participate in the blessing of Solemn Assembly.
3. Minister unity, reconciliation and oneness; if there is any rift in ministerial relationships, prayerfully bring reconciliation and oneness.
4. Renew commitments to God and each other; pray Psalm 133 and Colossians 3 into your ministry.

STEP 6: Ask God to infuse great faith in us (Hebrews 11:6 NKJV)

“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 in 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 NKJV—“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 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 to:

- “Break up the fallow ground” of our hearts before God.
- Repent of all sins and return to God wholeheartedly.
- Totally consecrate ourselves to God as His redeemed people.
- Wait on God to hear from Him and take heed.
- Resolve to obey and please Him alone.

What Is Fasting And Prayer?

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

- Food (depending on God’s direction)
- Time (setting aside time to pray and wait on God)
- Priorities (denying personal agendas to make seeking Him our first priority)
- Pleasures (abstaining from things we enjoy to devote that time and energy to God)

How Do We Fast?

We are to fast as the Holy Spirit leads us. Let God show you what He is dealing with in your life. All fasting must be accompanied with prayer. There are three different ways we can fast:

- Partial fast—abstain from certain meals or reduce normal portion sizes (no snacking to make up for meals).
- Total fast—abstain from solid foods and consume only liquids (if you have a health condition, consult with your doctor first).
- Daniel fast—abstain from specific types of foods, beverages and/or pleasures (e.g. internet, social media, television, entertainment, sports, recreation, shopping, etc.).

Sunday, January 2: Ministry of the Word

LUKE 1:37 NKJV

FOR WITH GOD NOTHING WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE.

EPHESIANS 3:20 NRSV

NOW TO HIM WHO BY THE POWER AT WORK WITHIN US IS ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH ABUNDANTLY FAR MORE THAN ALL WE CAN ASK OR IMAGINE.

EPHESIANS 3:20-21 TPT

NEVER DOUBT GOD'S MIGHTY POWER TO WORK IN YOU AND ACCOMPLISH ALL THIS. *He will achieve infinitely more than your greatest request, your most unbelievable dream, and EXCEED YOUR WILDEST IMAGINATION!* He will outdo them all, for His miraculous power constantly energizes you. Now we offer up to God all the glorious praise that rises from every church in every generation through Jesus Christ—and all that will yet be manifest through time and eternity. Amen!

EPHESIANS 1:18-20 TPT

I pray that the light of God will illuminate the eyes of your imagination, flooding you with light, until you experience the full revelation of the hope of His calling—that is, the wealth of God's glorious inheritances that He finds in us, His holy ones! **I pray that you will CONTINUALLY EXPERIENCE THE IMMEASURABLE GREATNESS OF GOD'S POWER MADE AVAILABLE TO YOU THROUGH FAITH.** Then your lives will be an advertisement of this immense power as it works through you! **This is the mighty power that was released when God raised Christ from the dead and exalted Him to the place of highest honor and supreme authority in the heavenly realm!**

1CORINTHIANS 2:9-12 NLT

That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, **“NO EYE HAS SEEN, NO EAR HAS HEARD, AND NO MIND HAS IMAGINED WHAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM.”** But it was to us that God revealed these things by His Spirit. For His Spirit searches out everything and shows us God's deep secrets. No one can know a person's thoughts except that person's own spirit, and no one can know God's thoughts except God's own Spirit. **AND WE HAVE RECEIVED GOD'S SPIRIT (NOT THE WORLD'S SPIRIT), SO WE CAN KNOW THE WONDERFUL THINGS GOD HAS FREELY GIVEN US.**

MATTHEW 19:26 NLT

Humanly speaking, it is impossible. BUT WITH GOD EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE.

Monday, January 3: Consecrated to Imagine

..... PROVERBS 23:7 NKJV

FOR AS HE THINKS IN HIS HEART, SO IS HE.

..... DANIEL 5:11-12 NKJV

There is a man in your kingdom in whom is the Spirit of the Holy God. And in the days of your father, light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, were found in him...Inasmuch as an excellent spirit, knowledge, understanding, interpreting dreams, solving riddles, and explaining enigmas were found in this Daniel...now let Daniel be called, and he will give the interpretation.

..... DEUTERONOMY 14:2 NJKV

*For you are **A HOLY PEOPLE TO THE LORD YOUR GOD**, and the Lord has **CHOSEN YOU TO BE A PEOPLE FOR HIMSELF, A SPECIAL TREASURE ABOVE ALL THE PEOPLES** who are on the face of the earth.*

..... TITUS 2:14 TPT

HE SACRIFICED HIMSELF FOR US** that He might purchase our freedom from every lawless deed and **TO PURIFY FOR HIMSELF A PEOPLE WHO ARE HIS VERY OWN, passionate to do what is beautiful in His eyes.

..... 1 PETER 2:7-9 TPT

*As believers you know His great worth—indeed, **HIS PRECIOUSNESS IS IMPARTED TO YOU...But you are God’s CHOSEN TREASURE—PRIESTS WHO ARE KINGS, A SPIRITUAL “NATION” SET APART AS GOD’S DEVOTED ONES.** He called you out of darkness to experience His marvelous light, and now He claims you as His very own. He did this so that you would broadcast His glorious wonders throughout the world.*

..... 1 PETER 1:2 TPT

*You are not forgotten, for you have been chosen and destined by Father God. **THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS SET YOU APART TO BE GOD’S HOLY ONES, OBEDIENT FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST** who have been gloriously sprinkled with His blood. May God’s delightful grace and peace cascade over you many times over!*

..... EPHESIANS 1:17-19 TPT

*I pray that the Father of glory, the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, would impart to you the riches of the Spirit of wisdom and the Spirit of revelation to know Him through your deepening intimacy with Him. **I PRAY THAT THE LIGHT OF GOD WILL***

ILLUMINATE THE EYES OF YOUR IMAGINATION, flooding you with light, until you experience the full revelation of the hope of His calling—that is, the wealth of God’s glorious inheritances that He finds in us, His holy ones! I pray that you will continually experience the immeasurable greatness of God’s power made available to you through faith. Then your lives will be an advertisement of this immense power as it works through you!

..... ROMANS 12:1-2 NKJV

*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you **PRESENT** your bodies **A LIVING SACRIFICE, HOLY, ACCEPTABLE TO GOD**, which is your reasonable service. And **DO NOT BE CONFORMED** to this world, but **BE TRANSFORMED** by the **RENEWING OF YOUR MIND**, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

..... 2 CORINTHIANS 10:3-6 KJV

*For though we walk in the flesh, **WE DO NOT WAR AFTER THE FLESH**: For the **WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE** are not carnal, but mighty through God **TO THE PULLING DOWN OF STRONG HOLDS; CASTING DOWN IMAGINATIONS, AND EVERY HIGH THING THAT EXALTEETH ITSELF AGAINST THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD, AND BRINGING INTO CAPTIVITY EVERY THOUGHT TO THE OBEDIENCE OF CHRIST**; and having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.*

..... 2 TIMOTHY 1:6-7 NKJV

*Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. **FOR GOD HAS NOT GIVEN US A SPIRIT OF FEAR, BUT OF POWER AND OF LOVE AND OF A SOUND MIND.***

Exhortation: Consecrated to Imagine

Chosen for Consecration

To be consecrated unto God means to be set apart as holy unto God. This the Holy Spirit did from the day we were born again as God’s children. **May we KNOW our IDENTITY in Him, our RELATIONSHIP with Him, and our DESTINY in Him.** May the Holy Spirit help us to know God, and to know who He has made us to be in Him. 1 Peter 1:2 TPT says,

You are not forgotten, for you have been chosen and destined by Father God. **THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS SET YOU APART TO BE GOD’S HOLY ONES, OBEDIENT FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST who have been gloriously**

sprinkled with His blood. May God's delightful grace and peace cascade over you many times over!

God lamented in Hosea 4:6 NLT, saying, **"MY PEOPLE ARE BEING DESTROYED BECAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW ME."** God's deep anguish was that Israel, His people, lacked knowledge of Him because they had rejected Him and had fallen into idolatry. Being ignorant of God and their identity in Him, they failed to discern God's love and the life, power, and blessing of being a people belonging to Him. **They could not grasp the privilege of being chosen and called to be wholly consecrated unto God as His beloved treasure.** They failed to appreciate the worthiness of God Almighty. Consequentially, they were unable to know their identity and worth in Him. To them, consecration unto God had become inessential, irrelevant, and inconsequential. Such lack of knowledge of God had destroyed them. **TRULY, CONSECRATION IS ABOUT BEING UNITED AS ONE WITH HIM IN AN ETERNAL RELATIONSHIP OF LOVE.** He is our Prize and we are His priceless ones.

In contrast, Daniel 11:32 NKJV says, **"...THE PEOPLE WHO KNOW THEIR GOD SHALL BE STRONG, AND CARRY OUT GREAT EXPLOITS."** It is not about knowledge of God, but it is about knowing God. When we know God, we will rightly perceive the uniqueness and preciousness of being set apart for God. We will comprehend God's unfathomable love that has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light and made us His very own through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. We will long to be set apart as holy unto Him. **WE HAVE WORTH BECAUSE HE WHO CALLS US HIS OWN IS WORTHY.** I Peter 2:7-9 TPT declares,

AS BELIEVERS YOU KNOW HIS GREAT WORTH—INDEED, HIS PRECIOUSNESS IS IMPARTED TO YOU...but you are GOD'S CHOSEN TREASURE—priests who are kings, a spiritual "nation" set apart as God's devoted ones. He called you out of darkness to experience His marvelous light, and now He claims you as His very own. He did this so that you would broadcast His glorious wonders throughout the world.

THIS IS OUR BORN-AGAIN IDENTITY IN CHRIST JESUS. We are no longer sinners, but saints. We are no longer slaves, but free. We are no longer orphans, but children of God. Truly, God has redeemed us into a very special and eternal relationship with Him, that we call Him "Abba—Father." **He has given us everything, especially Jesus Christ, the Greatest and Eternal Gift of Life, to make this relationship possible and our consecration**

essential. Now we know there is nothing impossible with Him who loves us with such love. In this love, we are fully persuaded that He will always do far beyond all that we can ask or imagine. **It is time for the Church to arise and imagine as His chosen and called out treasure, imagine as His priests and kings, and imagine as a people belonging to Him.**

The Necessity, Power and Blessing of Consecration

We need to understand the blessing of consecration unto God. Hebrews 12:14 TPT says, “In every relationship be swift to choose peace over competition, and run swiftly towards holiness, **FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOT HOLY WILL NOT SEE THE LORD.**” **Without consecration, we cannot be holy, and without holiness, we cannot see God. It is in holy consecration that we relate with God.** Everything about our new, born-again identity in Christ Jesus—His chosen treasure, priests, and spiritual “nation” devoted to Him—is about our relationship with Him.

Consecration protects our holy relationship with God so that our intimacy with Him can grow stronger and stronger. In that intimacy, He relates, speaks, and discloses Himself, His heart, and His secrets to us as He allows us to see Him. We can enter and remain in that secret place with Him where nothing defiles, nothing is hidden, and nothing disrupts that relationship. In that consecrated and holy intimacy, we cannot be separated or ripped from His presence by any intrusion of the defiling, profane, deceiving, or offensive. **This is the relationship where our heart finds rest and trust in living encounters with Him every day.**

In this consecrated intimacy, we do not stray from His side, for we are so in love with Him. We will taste the sweetness of His love, feast on the goodness of His kindness, and experience the glory of His presence. Our hearts will learn of Him in such closeness and intimate revelation, which the Bible describes as a “face-to-face” encounter (Moses—Exodus 33:11).

In the place of holy consecration, WE EXPERIENCE THE CERTAINTY OF HIS AFFECTION, FAITHFULNESS, GRACE, LONGSUFFERING, AND THE BLESSED ASSURANCE that we are His, and He is ours. In this consecrated and holy love, there is no desire for the pleasures or things of the world. Our hearts are soft and tender towards Him, wanting only to know, love, and please Him. When we experience His love and encounter His presence in a face-to-face relationship, there is such a willing, eager, and constant yielding and submitting to Him that we give the devil no room to intrude. The passion for Him withers all fleshly desires, gives no room to worldly passions, and eradicates all fleshly ambitions.

IT IS IN THIS HOLY CONSECRATION THAT OUR MINDS ARE RENEWED, AND OUR IMAGINATION SANCTIFIED TO PERCEIVE THE HOLY ONE. Our understanding is filled with light and can comprehend the richness of His love and grace towards us. We are free from fear and terror, for we have tasted, seen, and known that His perfect love casts out all fear. The power of His intimate presence cleanses, delivers, sets free, repairs, renews, restores, and wholly heals our minds and imaginations. **IT IS IN THIS CONSECRATED INTIMACY WITH GOD THAT WE CAN SEE, KNOW, AND COMPREHEND THAT ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE WITH GOD!** In fact, He can do far more, and beyond all that we can ask, think, or imagine according to His power working in us. **THIS IS THE NECESSITY, POWER, AND BLESSING OF OUR CONSECRATION UNTO GOD AS HIS REDEEMED!**

Consecrated to Imagine

Proverbs 23:7 NKJV says, **“For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.”** The way our minds think directs what and how we imagine, decide, act, and live. **What fills our minds will fill our imaginations, and what fills our imaginations will bear fruit, overtaking our life in due course.** Our minds are the gateways of entrance into our lives. **WHATEVER GAINS A Foothold in our minds will eventually occupy, influence, and control our thinking, imagining, deciding, and living.** **How our minds think will either conform us to the world or transform us to be like Christ.** It all depends on whether our minds have been sanctified and renewed in Him. Therefore, have the mind of Christ to think and imagine by faith. **A sanctified, freed, and renewed mind is able to imagine by faith that THERE ARE NO LIMITS OR BOUNDARIES TO WHAT GOD WILL DO FOR THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN HIM in accordance to His will.**

- A virgin through the Holy Spirit brought forth the Son of God.
- A runaway Hebrew became Israel’s deliverer from 400 years of slavery.
- A valley of dry bones came alive through a prophet’s decrees.
- Five thousand men were fed by five loaves and two fish with twelve basketfuls of leftovers.

It is time for us to break the chains that have shackled our minds to unbelief and spiritual blindness, which have held us prisoners to lack, mediocrity, apathy, and ineffectiveness. We must not forfeit the impossible, incredible, and the unimaginable because of a lack of faith

in an unconsecrated mind. **IMAGINE WHAT A MIGHTY WEAPON THE CONSECRATED CHURCH WILL BE IN THE HANDS OF GOD!** Nothing can withstand the Church from advancing the kingdom of God forcefully. Hell shakes before the Church because it shakes before God!

Satan has relentlessly battled for the minds and imaginations of human beings since the beginning of creation (Genesis 3). **His objective is that we will think his thoughts, imagine his agenda, and become his weapons of warfare against God.** Jesus Christ came to redeem, rescue, save and give us abundant life, so have the mind of Christ, think and imagine as Christ does. **Let our mind be sanctified by the WORD OF GOD, anointed, filled with the HOLY SPIRIT, and driven by FAITH TO IMAGINE.**

Renewing of the Mind to Imagine

After being saved by faith, our minds need to be **SANCTIFIED, DECLUTTERED, AND CHANGED according to the NEW LIFE AT WORK IN US AS OPPOSED TO THE FORMER CORRUPT STATE.** The baggage from our past life's experiences has been checked into the mind, cluttering and choking it with negative, broken, toxic, and carnal thinking and imagination. Having been shaped to conform to past baggage, this former mindset becomes the point of reference for understanding, the gauge for what is possible, and the guide on how to respond in any situation. Such an unsanctified mind is incapable of imagining that God will do far beyond what we ask. Our minds are not to be conformed to past experiences, the ideologies of the world, or the culture of the age. **WE ARE TO BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF OUR MINDS TO KNOW GOD, TO THINK HIS THOUGHTS AND TO BELIEVE HIS WORD.** Guard our minds! Put on the helmet of our salvation! Set our minds on things above!

Unless our minds are renewed, we cannot rise above our thinking. We cannot believe beyond what we imagine. **We may confess God as our Father but relate to Him as an orphan or slave under the former system.** Although redeemed, we cannot live the abundant life or experience joy unspeakable and full of glory. We cannot walk in the full richness of God's promises. **We cannot believe in the fulfillment of the call of God because A MIND IN CAPTIVITY CANNOT BELIEVE, IMAGINE, AND EXPECT THAT ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE WITH GOD.**

Paul wrote concerning consecration and renewing of the mind in Romans 12:1-2 NKJV:

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, **that YOU**

PRESENT YOUR BODIES A LIVING SACRIFICE, HOLY, ACCEPTABLE TO GOD, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

A transformed life begins with a consecrated and renewed mind. Paul said that for us to be transformed and not conformed to the world, our minds have to be renewed. The word *renewing*, *anakainōsis* in Greek means a renewal, renovation, or a complete change for the better. This word *anakainōsis* comes from the root word *anakainōō*, which means **TO BE CHANGED INTO A NEW KIND OF LIFE AS OPPOSED TO THE FORMER CORRUPT STATE.** For us to be transformed, this is the type of renewing of the mind that we need. There must be an exchange of the former mind for the better mind—new and sanctified. When there is a complete change for the better and a change from the former corrupt state into the new kind of life, transformation will occur. **An unrenewed mind will confess the new but operate in the old and imagine according to the old.**

It is with the renewed mind, we can imagine every promise of God coming to pass, every word of God fulfilled, and every spiritual blessing a reality in our lives. The renewed mind is able to have Holy Spirit-inspired imaginations that are without limits, for there is nothing impossible with God. **A renewed mind brings transformation that nothing can stop, and breakthroughs that nothing can contain. A renewed mind brings glory to God.** Such a renewed and anointed imagination transforms us, our lives, and ministries to untold measures. As Paul described it, “no eye has seen, no ear has heard nor has it entered the heart of man what God has in store for those who love Him.”

Finally, we must have the same mind as our Lord Christ Jesus! Paul in Philippians 4:6–9 TPT wrote,

Don't be pulled in different directions or worried about a thing. Be saturated in prayer throughout each day, offering your faith-filled requests before God with overflowing gratitude. Tell Him every detail of your life, then God's incredible peace that transcends human understanding, will guard your heart and mind through Jesus Christ. **Keep your thoughts continually fixed on all that is authentic and real, honorable and admirable, beautiful and respectful, pure and holy, merciful and kind. And fasten your thoughts on every glorious work of God, praising Him always. Put into practice the example of all that you have heard from me or**

seen in my life and the God of peace will be with you in all things.

Therefore, let us have a sound mind redeemed by the blood of the Lamb, washed by the Word of God, and renewed by the eternal life of Christ dwelling in us and wholly consecrated to God. **IT IS A MIND FILLED WITH FAITH, HOPE, and LOVE** that is empowered to believe and imagine that God can do far beyond all we can think or imagine. **A MIND INSPIRED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT DARES TO THINK, DREAM, AND EXPECT THE INCREDIBLE, THE IMPROBABLE, AND THE IMPOSSIBLE.**

- Paul was able to do all that he did because he was unafraid and knew that nothing could separate him from the love of God.
- Abraham was able to offer up Isaac for sacrifice because he knew that God was able to raise him up.
- Mary submitted to God's word to bring forth the Son of God because she believed that the impossible was possible by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Enlightened and Free to Imagine

We need to renew our minds and repossess our imagination. Paul writes in Ephesians 1:18-19 TPT,

I pray that the light of GOD WILL ILLUMINATE THE EYES OF YOUR IMAGINATION, flooding you with light, until you experience the full revelation of the hope of His calling—that is, the wealth of God's glorious inheritances that He finds in us, His holy ones! I pray that you will continually experience the immeasurable greatness of God's power made available to you through faith. Then your lives will be an advertisement of this immense power as it works through you!

Paul understood the necessity of having a sanctified and renewed mind. Before his conversion to follow Jesus Christ, he was a learned, zealous, and blinded Pharisee schooled under the strict pharisaical religious system and mentored by the Jewish law teacher, Gamaliel. In his unsanctified mind, he imagined all those who followed Jesus were to be captured, jailed, persecuted, and even stoned to death. After he became a follower of Jesus, he taught that the carnal and unsanctified mind is hostile and opposed to God, and to be carnally minded is death. In Romans 8:5-8 NKJV Paul teaches us,

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. **FOR TO BE CARNALLY MINDED IS DEATH, BUT TO BE SPIRITUALLY MINDED IS LIFE AND PEACE. Because THE CARNAL MIND IS ENMITY AGAINST GOD;** for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

As aforementioned in Romans 12, Paul strongly urged for consecration to God and renewal of the mind. **If the mind is UNSANCTIFIED, it will be fleshly and CONFORMED TO THE WORLD. If the mind is SANCTIFIED AND RENEWED by the Holy Spirit, it will be TRANSFORMED and able to discern God's will.**

Imagine as Children of God, Not as Orphans Or Slaves

We cannot imagine beyond our mindset. It determines what and how we believe, think, and imagine; it establishes what we expect of God. Two types of mindsets prevent believers from imagining the extraordinary and the incredible—that of a spiritual orphan and a spiritual slave. If we have the spirit of an orphan or slave, we will think and imagine as one. **We are to imagine as the redeemed of the Lord—chosen, favored, and blessed.** We are to imagine as children loved by the Heavenly Father with His unconditional, everlasting, and extravagant love that He withholds nothing from us. **If we can see the UNLIMITED GREATNESS of God's power, love, and mercy towards us, WE CAN IMAGINE BEYOND ALL LIMITS.**

Before Adam sinned, he was the epitome of imagining without limits as a child of God. He was created in the likeness of God and in absolute perfection. His mind was pure and filled with the knowledge of God, and his imagination knew no limits. Nothing was impossible for Adam as long as God had said it. **This is the power of imagining as children of God. WE CAN IMAGINE GOD-SIZE DREAMS!** When Adam sinned, he lost his created perfection. He was no longer free but bound, no longer accepted but rejected, and no longer blessed. From that special relationship of love and favor with God, he was driven from God's presence. Thereafter, all his descendants came into this world separated from God as spiritual orphans and slaves. Although we have been redeemed, our minds are not automatically sanctified. They must be set free, renewed by the Truth.

The ORPHAN MINDSET deals with rejection, abandonment, and fatherlessness. It is an independent spirit that strives to survive, causing a person to believe that no one is there for him or her—not even God.

There is no trust in the love, goodness, and authority of God because of authority's past failures. An orphan spirit fears intimacy and struggles to receive kindness and love. We need to be set free from this spirit to grasp that we are God's children and able to imagine as God's sons and daughters.

The SLAVE MINDSET deals with being owned and the thinking that you must earn everything by laboring. Approval and well-being depend on what one does for others and how well it is done. One's value depends on one's performance to the taskmaster's satisfaction. Therefore, a spiritual slave has no understanding of his or her personal worth in the eyes of God. A slave also fears imperfection and failures because of potential punishment and harshness. A slave is driven to perform and to be perfect—with no room for mistakes or failures. Perfectionism is the spirit of a slave and performance the cursed burden of a slave.

Israel was freed from slavery in Egypt, but their minds were not renewed to think and imagine as children of God. As they could not trust their taskmasters, neither could they trust God. God lavishly loved, protected, provided, guided, and blessed them. He called them His own and was jealous for them. Yet, they could not perceive, see, or understand because of their unrenewed mindset. **Deep in their soul was the spirit of slavery from which they needed deliverance.** In their slave mentality, they could not know God and His ways.

In fact, Israel imagined and professed that it would have been better to return to slavery in Egypt than follow God to the land flowing with milk and honey. In that moment, **they preferred the familiar chains of slavery over the unfamiliar freedom of living as God's treasured people.** They were more accustomed to serving as slaves than being freedom fighters in God's army, and having slave portions rather than inheriting the land of plenty. They would rather be subjected to oppression than live as overcoming warriors winning battles God had set up for them. They would rather labor in captivity over enjoying prosperity as the mighty chosen people of God. They were always in fear of lack, warfare, giants, failures, and death because their slave mentality blocked them from perceiving and trusting God.

The SONSHIP MINDSET knows our identity in God the Father. While Jesus was here on earth, He lived and moved in the supernatural and the exceedingly abundant because He knew and related to His Father as a Son. He thought, imagined, and moved as the beloved Son of God in whom the Father was well-pleased. His heart knew the Father and His unchanging, unbreakable, and enduring love. He was completely secure in intimacy with His Father and was fully persuaded of His Father's steadfast love, kindness, and commitment. He had faith and was able to dream and imagine that

nothing was impossible. We who are children of God can be set free and live in fullness as God's children. Imagine! Imagine as Jesus imagined. **WHEN OUR MINDS AND IMAGINATIONS LINE UP WITH GOD'S, THEN ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE, AS GOD WILL BRING INTO FULFILLMENT THAT WHICH WE HAVE IMAGINED.**

Prayer Focus

- A. Pray to know God and know who you are in Him.**
- B. Be wholly consecrated to God in the intimacy of love.**
 - 1. Offer your whole being up to God as a living sacrifice.
 - 2. Pray for your mind to be sanctified and renewed.
- C. Pray for healing and deliverance from past experiences to which your mind has become conformed.**
- D. Pray for deliverance from the spirit and mindset of an orphan or slave.**
- E. Be enlightened by the Holy Spirit so you can know who you are in Christ.**
- F. Be enlightened by the Holy Spirit to imagine yourself as a child of God.**
- G. Imagine and expect God to do far beyond what you ask.**

Notes:

Tuesday, January 4: Imagine the Possibilities

1 TIMOTHY 6:15-16 TPT

*Yes, God will make His appearing in His own divine timing, for **HE IS THE EXALTED GOD, THE ONLY POWERFUL ONE, THE KING OVER EVERY KING, AND THE LORD OF POWER!** He alone is the immortal God, living in the unapproachable light of divine glory! No one has ever seen His fullness, nor can they, for **ALL THE GLORY AND ENDLESS AUTHORITY OF THE UNIVERSE BELONGS TO HIM, FOREVER AND EVER. Amen!***

EPHESIANS 3:20 ESV

*Now to Him who is **ABLE TO DO FAR MORE ABUNDANTLY THAN ALL THAT WE ASK OR THINK**, according to the power at work within us.*

JEREMIAH 32:27 NKJV

*Behold, I am the **LORD, the God of all flesh. IS THERE ANYTHING TOO HARD FOR ME?***

GENESIS 18:14 ESV

***IS ANYTHING TOO HARD FOR THE LORD?** At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.*

JOB 42:2 ESV

*I know that **YOU CAN DO ALL THINGS, and that NO PURPOSE OF YOURS CAN BE THWARTED.***

MATTHEW 19:26 NLT

*Humanly speaking, it is impossible. **BUT WITH GOD EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE.***

MARK 9:23 NKJV

*Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, **ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE TO HIM WHO BELIEVES.**"*

MATTHEW 17:20 NKJV

I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, "Move from here to there," and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.

EPHESIANS 1:3 TPT

EVERY SPIRITUAL BLESSING** in the heavenly realm has **ALREADY BEEN LAVISHED

UPON US as a love gift from our **WONDERFUL HEAVENLY FATHER**, the Father of our Lord Jesus—all because He sees us wrapped into Christ. This is why we celebrate Him with all our hearts!

..... **ROMANS 8:31-32 NKJV**

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? **He who did not spare His own Son, but DELIVERED HIM UP FOR US ALL, HOW SHALL HE NOT WITH HIM ALSO FREELY GIVE US ALL THINGS?**

..... **JOHN 3:35 TPT**

The Father loves His Son so much that HE HAS GIVEN ALL THINGS INTO HIS HANDS.

..... **EPHESIANS 2:6 TPT**

HE RAISED US UP with Christ the exalted One, and WE ASCENDED WITH HIM into the glorious perfection and authority of the heavenly realm, for WE ARE NOW CO-SEATED AS ONE WITH CHRIST!

..... **HEBREWS 1:2-4 NIV**

But in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, **WHOM HE APPOINTED HEIR OF ALL THINGS, and through whom also He made the universe.** The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by His powerful Word. After He had provided purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. **So He became as much superior to the angels as THE NAME HE HAS INHERITED IS SUPERIOR TO THEIRS.**

..... **ROMANS 8:14-17 NIV**

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. **The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, THE SPIRIT YOU RECEIVED BROUGHT ABOUT YOUR ADOPTION TO SONSHIP. AND BY HIM WE CRY, "ABBA, FATHER."** The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then **WE ARE HEIRS—HEIRS OF GOD AND CO-HEIRS WITH CHRIST**, if indeed we share in His sufferings in order that we may also share in His glory.

..... **ISAIAH 43:18-21 TPT**

STOP DWELLING ON THE PAST. Don't even remember these former things. I AM DOING SOMETHING BRAND NEW, SOMETHING UNHEARD OF. Even now it sprouts and grows and matures. Don't you perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and open up flowing streams in the desert. Wild beasts, jackals, and owls will glorify me. For I supply streams of water in the desert and rivers in the wilderness to satisfy

the thirst of my people, My chosen ones, so that you, whom I have shaped and formed for Myself, will proclaim My praise.

..... ALSO READ HEBREWS 4:15-16 NKJV

Exhortation: Imagine the Possibilities

All Things Are Possible with God

God says in Jeremiah 32:27 NKJV, **“Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh. IS THERE ANYTHING TOO HARD FOR ME?”** Indeed, the Bible repeatedly declares this Truth that **NOTHING IS TOO HARD FOR GOD. Our faith and assurance that all things are possible with God are based on who God is and what He can do.** Nothing else is relevant or needed for the Church to see the impossible become possible. When God says He will do something, we can immediately rest in the assurance that He ensures it is already done, sealed, and delivered.

Everything is created by God, and nothing exists without His permission. He can do whatever He wills to do. God exists outside and above the realm of any power, authority, and jurisdiction because He is the sovereign God. There is none above Him and none beside Him, nor any equal to Him. 1 Timothy 6:15-16 TPT says,

Yes, God will make His appearing in His own divine timing, for **HE IS THE EXALTED GOD, THE ONLY POWERFUL ONE, THE KING OVER EVERY KING, AND THE LORD OF POWER!** He alone is the immortal God, living in the unapproachable light of divine glory! No one has ever seen His fullness, nor can they, for **ALL THE GLORY AND ENDLESS AUTHORITY OF THE UNIVERSE BELONGS TO HIM, forever and ever. Amen!**

When God speaks, everything lines up in submission to Him, and when He decrees something, it is done. He cannot be hindered, restrained, denied, or stopped. He is God and has endless authority over everything. Therefore, all things are possible with Him.

When the disciples asked Jesus who could be saved, Jesus answered in Matthew 19:26 NKJV, **“WITH MEN THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE, BUT WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE.”** One of the most impossible things for people to do is to save themselves from sin. Many things are humanly possible, but saving ourselves from sin, death and hell will never be one of them. This, which is so impossible, is possible with God. The power and ability of

God are eternal and never changing. We can depend completely on Him. He cannot fail.

- “You who have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm! **NOTHING IS TOO HARD FOR YOU.**” Jeremiah 32:17 ESV
- “**Is anything too hard for the LORD?** At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.” Genesis 18:14 ESV
- “**I know that YOU CAN DO ALL THINGS, and that NO PURPOSE OF YOURS CAN BE THWARTED.**” Job 42:2 ESV
- “**If you can believe, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE TO HIM WHO BELIEVES.**” Mark 9:23 ESV
- “Therefore I tell you, **whatever you ask in prayer, BELIEVE THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED IT, AND IT WILL BE YOURS.**” Mark 11:24 ESV

Let Nothing Hinder Us to Imagine by Faith

Oftentimes when we have received a word, a promise, or a prophecy from God, we feel comforted and encouraged, but do we move forward in faith to see it fulfilled? We have received consolation, but do we expect the performance of that word? Mary was blessed by the word, but she also anticipated fulfillment as she says, “Let it be to me according to Your word” Luke 1:38 NKJV. Many stop short after being consoled by a word, promise, or prophecy, but never progress to imagine its fulfillment.

The unrenewed mind, because of doubt, in a warped way of thinking, tries to make things easier and more achievable for God causing us to dare not dream too big, dare not imagine too much, and dare not believe for limitless possibilities. Fear also arises over concern that God will not come through the way we hope producing the pain of disappointment. But hold fast to what is written in Jeremiah 32:27 ESV: “Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh. **IS ANYTHING TOO HARD FOR ME?**”

Imagine as Heirs of God and Joint Heirs with Jesus Christ

The Bible says God is our Heavenly Father, and we are His heirs and joint heirs with Jesus Christ. Is there anything too hard for God? Is there anything too impossible for us if we believe? As an heir of God and joint heir with Jesus Christ, God has freely and lavishly given us all things, and He withholds nothing from us. All of who He is and all that He can do, He gives to us. The Bible says,

- **“EVERY SPIRITUAL BLESSING in the heavenly realm has ALREADY BEEN LAVISHED UPON US AS A LOVE GIFT from our wonderful Heavenly Father, the Father of our Lord Jesus—all because He sees us wrapped into Christ. This is why we celebrate Him with all our hearts.”** Ephesians 1:3 TPT
- **“If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but DELIVERED HIM UP FOR US ALL, HOW SHALL HE NOT WITH HIM ALSO FREELY GIVE US ALL THINGS?”** Romans 8:31–32 NKJV

All our inheritance comes from God our Father. How rich is God? How powerful is God? What can God do? What does God possess? What is His inheritance for us, His sons and daughters? Is there any limit? **AS HEIRS OF GOD, ALL OF GOD'S IS OURS—ALL OF HEAVEN'S POWER, PROVISIONS, AND RESOURCES.** How can we not imagine the possibilities? We cannot be joint heirs with Jesus Christ and imagine as one still lost or a spiritual pauper. As heirs of God, we should not normalize lack, fear, powerlessness, condemnation, and limitations in our lives. God's heirs are wealthy because their Father is rich. **Heirs are powerful because their Father is Almighty. Heirs cannot be denied because their Father is for them.**

We are joint heirs with Jesus Christ. Ephesians 2:6 TPT says, **“He raised us up with Christ the exalted One, and we ascended with Him into the glorious perfection and authority of the heavenly realm, for we are now co-seated as one with Christ!”** What did Jesus inherit from His Father? The Bible says that the Father has given all things into the Son's hands.

- **“The Father loves His Son so much that HE HAS GIVEN ALL THINGS INTO HIS HANDS.”** John 3:35 TPT
- **“In these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, WHOM HE APPOINTED HEIR OF ALL THINGS, and through whom also He made the universe...He became as much superior to the angels as THE NAME HE HAS INHERITED IS SUPERIOR TO THEIRS.”** Hebrews 1:2–4 NIV

Think, imagine and expect the possibilities of God the way Jesus did with His Father. Jesus knew He was an heir to His Father, and He believed, lived, moved, and expected as an heir. Therefore, nothing was impossible for Jesus! Romans 8 says that we are joint heirs with Jesus because we are God's children. We have received the Spirit of adoption, not of fear or bondage, so think, imagine and believe like Jesus. **God will do far beyond all we**

can imagine because He is our Father who loves us. As He has given us Jesus Christ, will He not also freely, lavishly, and eagerly give us all things? Romans 8:14-17 NKJV says,

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.” **The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and IF CHILDREN, THEN HEIRS—HEIRS OF GOD AND JOINT HEIRS WITH CHRIST,** if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

All that Jesus has inherited from His Father, let us imagine and expect the same as joint heirs.

We must have the “joint heirs with Christ” mindset. **WE ARE NOT LIMITED BY WHO WE ARE BUT BY HOW WE THINK.** An heir’s mindset has been renewed and set free to think and imagine as an heir. The mind is no longer conformed to the spirit of bondage to fear or to past pain, failure, unworthiness, and everything negative. A mind conformed to the spirit of bondage will only imagine fear no matter what the Word of God says. A joint heir mindset—being renewed by God’s Word and the Holy Spirit’s work—can imagine all the possibilities in God. We need to think and imagine as a new creation in God, for we have been redeemed, healed, and set free. How often we are trapped in our former mindset even though we are born-again as children of God. **FAITH operates through the renewed mind to SEE AND GRASP the substance and evidence of all the possibilities in God.**

The biggest obstacle to deliverance from the former mindset is the spirit of fear—fear that comes from unbelief. WHEN ONE DOES NOT BELIEVE, ONE FEARS. The mind cannot be renewed if fear controls the thinking. Fear to believe, trust, and expect comes from the of fear of being disappointed that God might not come through. **We put former experiences in higher authority than the Word of God. We put more faith in past experiences to predict the future than the promises of God.** We must demolish that structure and way of thinking of the former and unrenewed mindset and replace it with the mind of Christ as an heir of God and joint heir with Jesus Christ.

Is Christ Lying When He Says, “Greater Works You Will Do?”

We are God’s covenant people through the blood Jesus offered up for us before the Father. Luke 22:20 NKJV says, “Likewise He also took the cup

after supper, saying, **‘THIS CUP IS THE NEW COVENANT IN MY BLOOD, WHICH IS SHED FOR YOU.’** Hebrews 6:13–20 speaks of God’s covenant with Abraham where God swore by Himself to make Abraham a father of nations. God made an oath with Himself (there being no higher authority than His) to perform it. **EVERY PROMISE GOD GIVES TO HIS COVENANT PEOPLE IS A COVENANT PROMISE.** Therefore, when God promises us to do far beyond what we can ask or think (Ephesians 3:20), He has taken an oath in Himself to fulfill it. **He does not need an oath, but it is for us to know the unchanging nature of His promise and purpose.** As God’s covenant children, what God promises, He confirms with an oath to perform. It is sealed by the blood of the Lamb. **GOD WILL NEVER AND CAN NEVER RENEGE HIS COVENANT WORD. HE ALSO CAN NEVER LIE.** How then can we not believe that every promise and every word of God, which He has sworn by Himself to fulfill, will not be done far beyond what we can think or imagine? **IF WE BELIEVE THAT GOD WILL KEEP HIS COVENANT WITH US, WE CAN EXPECT THE INCONCEIVABLE, THE UNIMAGINABLE, AND THE IMPOSSIBLE.** How many possibilities have we failed to access because of unbelief?

One of the most amazing possibilities Jesus Christ promises His followers is in John 14:10–14 NKJV:

The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves. “Most assuredly, I say to you, **he who BELIEVES IN ME, the works that I do he will do also; and GREATER WORKS than these he will do, because I go to My Father. And whatever you ASK IN MY NAME, THAT I WILL DO, that the FATHER MAY BE GLORIFIED IN THE SON. If you ask anything in My name, I WILL DO IT.**

Do we believe? Can we imagine? Are we stirred up with faith? Or are we doubtful and unbelieving? If we do not think as God’s covenant people, our unrenewed minds will never accept this truth, but in fact, will inwardly deem it as almost sacrilegious. **WAS JESUS LYING? Was He hypothesizing? Was it a figure of speech? When Jesus declared this, HE WAS SPEAKING OUT OF HIS FATHER’S AUTHORITY. There is no higher authority than the Father’s, so why do we not believe?** Jesus was not speaking of His call as the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world to save the world, but about His works on earth as a Servant of God. There is only one Lamb of God who can save—Jesus—but there are many servants of God redeemed

to do the works of God. Jesus says that indeed greater works we shall do if we believe (John 14:12). **Do we believe? Can we imagine doing greater works than Jesus?** Jesus fed the 5000 men; Convoy of Hope has fed millions of people around the world. Indeed, greater things we shall do if we believe. **How can we preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth if we do not believe? How can we make disciples of all nations if we do not believe? How shall the knowledge of God cover the earth as waters cover the sea if we do not believe?**

As God's covenant people, and joint heirs with Jesus Christ, we will think, imagine and believe God-sized dreams, visions, and call. We are not intimidated by God's promises just because they are humanly impossible. We will believe as Abraham did. **OUR MINDS HAVE BEEN DELIVERED FROM THINKING SMALL, BELIEVING LITTLE, AND EXPECTING THE MINIMAL.** Our minds have been set free, healed, and made whole in Christ Jesus: **we have His mind, we think His thoughts, and we imagine His possibilities.** Let us not be intimidated but obey as covenant sons and daughters of our Heavenly Father.

Be Done with Settling and Being Stuck in the Former

To experience God doing far beyond what we can imagine, we must not settle or get stuck in the former things. **Where we are settled in or stuck, that is all we can see. It is to be spiritually trapped, immobilized, terrorized, limited, and enslaved. BE DONE WITH IT!** Pray that the Holy Spirit will earnestly provoke His Church with a holy, impassioned, and uncomfortable hunger for the new things of God. May our spirit and soul be greatly discomfited to come out of our stupor and be unstuck. **MAY THE MISERY OF BEING STUCK IN THE FORMER SURPASS THE DISCOMFIT OF MOVING INTO THE NEW SO THAT WE BREAK FREE IN FAITH.**

If Peter had remained stuck and settled in the pain of his denial of Jesus Christ, he could never have moved forward to see God fulfilling all the possibilities in his life and ministry. If we settle in or stay stuck, we do not simply remain at the status quo—we regress in faith, hope, and love. After he denied Jesus, Peter had regressed in all that God had called him to do. He went back to fishing. The Lord Jesus was about to do a new thing beyond all that His disciples could think, ask or imagine. He had to jolt Peter out of where he had settled and get him unstuck.

Jesus had to renew Peter's mind by re-focusing his sight, not on himself but on his Savior, Jesus Christ. He had to correct Peter, teaching him not to make himself the end-all and be-all of everything in his life and ministry.

He had to make Christ the center of all things. Jesus asked Peter the same question He is asking us today, “Do you love Me?” Peter answered, “Yes, Lord.” **Jesus then commanded him to feed His sheep and tend His lambs.** The Lord was charging Peter to arise, stop settling into self-pity, and stop being stuck in the past. **Jesus was ready TO DO A NEW THING by the impending outpouring of His Holy Spirit upon the apostles. Peter was stuck, but JESUS DELIVERED HIM.** The new things God would be doing—the way of feeding the sheep, tending the flock, preaching the Gospel, and doing the ministry—would be under the unction of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. **The apostles would be filled with the Holy Spirit’s power to do the amazing and the impossible.** What the Holy Spirit did through His Church in the Book of Acts were the new things of God for them.

In the same manner, GOD IS DEALING WITH US TODAY NOT TO BE STUCK IN A SPIRITUAL QUICKSAND OF SETTLING IN THE PAST. HE IS DOING A NEW THING NOW! We thank God for all the former revivals, the Reformation, and outpourings of the Holy Spirit, but **He is about to do a new thing that no eye has seen, no ear has heard, nor has it entered the imagination of anyone** (1 Corinthians 2:9). This new thing remains measureless and beyond. **There is a revival coming that we have neither seen nor heard. Nations will come into the kingdom of God in ways that we have never thought imaginable.** People will get saved who we never thought possible. They will serve as apostles, teachers, pastors, evangelists, and prophets. God is not asking whether we are perfect, have never failed, have never felt discouraged, or have never made a mistake. **He seeks a faith, trust, and expectation that is in Him alone.** He knows He formed us from dust, and that we are frail, but Christ in us remains strong. His strength is more than sufficient to make us more than conquerors. His Holy Spirit will anoint us to do all things through His power.

This is how we deal with the past so we do not settle. Isaiah 43:18 TPT says, **“STOP DWELLING ON THE PAST.** Don’t even remember these former things.” The MSG says, “Forget about what’s happened; **DON’T KEEP GOING OVER OLD HISTORY.**” This means do not remind yourself, do not recall, do not rehearse, do not make a memorial, and do not keep the former things in remembrance. **BE ABSOLUTELY DONE WITH IT!** God is right now doing a new thing that has not been done before. Whatever has been done before is a repeat, and not new. God says in Isaiah 43:19 TPT, **“I AM DOING SOMETHING BRAND NEW, SOMETHING UNHEARD OF.** Even now it sprouts and grows and matures. **Don’t you perceive it?” WHEN GOD SAYS BRAND NEW, IT MEANS BRAND NEW.** That means that no eye has seen it, no ear has heard about it, nor has any mind imagined it. It exists far beyond what

we have ever experienced or thought possible; beyond what we can envisage. **THE NEW THAT GOD IS DOING IS AN IMPOSSIBLE WONDER AND AN UNIMAGINABLE MARVEL THAT WE HAVE NEVER EXPERIENCED BEFORE.** Imagine brand new miracles, breakthroughs, growth, victories, blessings, favor, and fruitfulness. Imagine nations coming into the kingdom of God in such a manner as never seen before. Such things will feel unfamiliar, and though unaccustomed to them, we will marvel, rejoice and give thanks to God, Most High! **LET OUR MINDS BE RENEWED TO BELIEVE, SEE AND EXPECT THE NEW THINGS OF GOD.**

Make a Decision of Faith to Pivot into the New

It is time we make the decision that we are finished with impossibilities; we are done with unbelief and we are done with settling for less than all that God can do and will do. We are also done with fear and doubt. Let us be done with settling for the familiar, the convenient, and the comfortable. Blind Bartimaeus was done with blindness, and although no one would help him, he cried out to Jesus, expecting Him to do far more than what he asked. The Syrophenician mother was done with seeing her daughter demon-possessed, and she relentlessly troubled Jesus until the seemingly impossible breakthrough came. The woman with the issue of blood was done with her incurable ailment. She pressed through the crowd to touch the hem of Jesus's garment and was healed. Are we done with mediocrity, apathy, doubt, and most of all for settling in the realm far below what has been promised in His Word?

IF WE DO NOT PIVOT, WE ARE SETTLING, AND WE ARE STUCK! Settling is convenient, but it is not faith. It is being overcome by unbelief and doubt. Settling is defeat because we accept the incomplete, the partial, and any promise of God not yet fulfilled. It is captivity. It is like being saved and delivered into the Promised Land of God but still living as a slave in the land of bondage. Settling is not the will of God, and it does not please Him. Those who settled and were stuck: Hezekiah, Lot, and Eli. Those who were awakened and did not settle were not stuck: Abraham, Moses, Hannah, Gideon, and Esther.

Live in the Realm of the Limitless Possibilities of God Almighty.

We will no longer be limited in obtaining or being robbed of the possibilities God has promised. It is time to take back everything the enemy has stolen from us to possess all that God has promised us. It is time to arise

and be blessed beyond measure. It is time to live as an overcomer, to war as more than a conqueror, and to prosper as a child of God. We are no longer immobilized or terrorized by anything.

Pray and meditate on God's Word and Truth until the power of His Word breaks and demolishes all the lies of the enemy that inhabit the former mindset. Persist in prayer and meditation until GOD'S WORD BECOMES THE REALITY, SUBSTANCE, AND EVIDENCE that our spiritual eyes can see and our ears can hear. We are no longer blind. Now we see. God is doing a new thing, and we believe. The Holy Spirit has spoken, and we obey. **WE ARE LIVING IN THE REALM OF THE POSSIBILITIES OF THE ALMIGHTY GOD!**

Steps of Faith to Obtain the Possibilities of God.

Write down the possibilities the Holy Spirit shows you, then believe, obey and expect without wavering:

- All things are possible with God, and nothing is too hard for Him
–Matthew 19:26; Genesis:18:14.

- Expect possibilities beyond even your ability to imagine
–1 Corinthians 2:9.

- Speak to the impossibilities to be possible–Matthew 21:21–22.

- Make tomorrow's hope today's reality–Hebrews 11:1.

- Obey the path of greatness God appointed for you—Genesis 12:1-3.

- Do not allow fear to keep you from doing great things—Genesis 15:1.

- Embrace God's future and plan for you—Jeremiah 29:11-14.

Prayer Focus

A. Breakthrough faith to believe that nothing is too hard for the Lord.

B. Identify, demolish and be delivered from all unbelief, doubt, and fear.

C. Arise in faith to the new things God is doing.

1. Repentance for settling and deliverance from being stuck.
2. Forget the former things and focus on the new things God is doing.
3. Spiritually pivot from the former to the new, and obey the path of greatness.
4. Embrace the new things of God and your future and hope in God.

D. Imagine as heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ.

E. Imagine and expect all possibilities in your:

1. Personal life, faith, call, and ministry.
2. Family—marriage, spouse, children, parents, and siblings.
3. Church—vision, mission, and ministry.
4. Nation—for repentance, salvation, and revival.

Wednesday, January 5: Imagine God Doing More Than You Ask

EPHESIANS 3:20-21 ESV

Now to Him who is ABLE TO DO FAR MORE ABUNDANTLY THAN ALL THAT WE ASK OR THINK, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever.

JEREMIAH 32:27 NKJV

Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh. IS THERE ANYTHING TOO HARD FOR ME?

GENESIS 18:14 ESV

IS ANYTHING TOO HARD FOR THE LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.

JOB 42:2 ESV

I know that YOU CAN DO ALL THINGS, and that NO PURPOSE OF YOURS CAN BE THWARTED.

MATTHEW 19:26 NLT

Humanly speaking, it is impossible. BUT WITH GOD EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE.

MARK 9:23 NKJV

Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE TO HIM WHO BELIEVES."

MATTHEW 17:20 NKJV

I say to you, IF YOU HAVE FAITH as a mustard seed, YOU WILL SAY to this mountain, "Move from here to there," and IT WILL MOVE; AND NOTHING WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU.

Exhortation: Imagine God Doing More Than What You Ask How Big Is God? Can He Do More Than You Ask?

God measures all things, yet He cannot be measured by anything—past, present, or future. He stands alone, all-sovereign, almighty, all-knowing, and all-powerful. We must remember that everything is created by Him,

and nothing exists without His permission. What then can restrain, limit, obstruct, or overrule Him? He is the sovereign and ultimate authority from everlasting to everlasting. He spoke, and the universe was created, and He hung it upon nothing. All the stars obey His Word and keep their places without any other power to watch, manage, control, or organize. Hebrews 1:3 TPT declares, “The Son is the dazzling radiance of God’s splendor, the exact expression of God’s true nature—His mirror image! He holds the universe together and expands it by the mighty power of His spoken Word.”

No one knows how big the universe is because it is impossible to know. No human mind or science can imagine or comprehend its unfathomable vastness. Astronomers have studied and tried to measure the observable universe. From their studies, the observable universe is about 93 billion light-years in diameter. In one year, light travels about 9 trillion kilometers. If we multiply 9 trillion kilometers with 93 billion, that is the estimated size of the observable universe. The observable universe is also estimated to have 2 trillion galaxies, one of which is the Milky Way. In the Milky Way, NASA estimates that there are at least 100 billion planets. This is why trying to understand the size of the universe is an impossible task—it is too vast. The universe may be infinite; no technology has been able to see its edge or limits—if there are any. **Yet this universe God effortlessly created with His spoken Word and He measures the distance by the span of His hand** (Isaiah 40:12). **HOW BIG IS OUR GOD? CAN HE DO MORE THAN WE ASK?** Jeremiah 32:17 ESV says, “Ah, Lord GOD! It is You who have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm! **NOTHING IS TOO HARD FOR YOU.**”

Is there anything that will overwhelm God or be impossible for Him to do? In view of the miracle of the creation of the universe, were any of these miracles challenging to God?

- Creation of the world
- The Red Sea opened
- Manna rained from heaven
- Water flowed out of rocks
- The dead were raised, the blind saw, and the lame walked
- Feeding the 5000 with five loaves and two fish
- The Gospel preached without limits
- Generations saved, disciplined, and sent
- The hungry fed, the sick healed, and the bound set free
- Nations transformed

Yet, one miracle remains far greater than the creation of the universe: the salvation of humankind from sin and eternal death. No one and nothing could save us, except Jesus. God, His Father, did not spare His only begotten Son, but freely gave Him to us as a sacrificial Lamb, slain from the foundation of the world to save us. **Will He withhold anything from us no matter how improbable or inconceivable, if He did not withhold His Son? HE GAVE US HIS SON WITHOUT OUR ASKING, AS WE WERE STILL LOST IN SIN. WILL HE NOT DO FAR MORE THAN WHAT WE CAN IMAGINE IF WE JUST ASK AND BELIEVE?** How big, how able, and how mighty is our God? Can He do far beyond all we ask or imagine?

God's Will Is to Do More Than We Ask

Jesus exhorts in Mark 11:24 TPT, **“THIS IS THE REASON I URGE YOU TO BOLDLY BELIEVE FOR WHATEVER YOU ASK FOR IN PRAYER—BE CONVINCED THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED IT AND IT WILL BE YOURS.”** It is God's will, purpose, and pleasure to do more than we can ask or imagine. He exhorts us to ask and believe, and says we shall receive. God eagerly waits for us to ask in faith so He can move on our behalf and for His glory. Everything God wills to do in this world will be done through His Church. Therefore, He is zealous that we boldly believe and ask Him to make the impossible possible. **Bold faith delights and thrills the heart of God. IT IS THE BELIEVING, NOT THE BEGGING, THAT MOVES GOD TO DO MORE. Believing is uniting in agreement with Him for His will to be fulfilled.** Read Mark 11:22–24 TPT.

Jesus replied, **“LET THE FAITH OF GOD BE IN YOU! LISTEN TO THE TRUTH I SPEAK TO YOU:** Whoever says to this mountain with great faith and does not doubt, ‘Mountain, be lifted up and thrown into the midst of the sea,’ and believes that what he says will happen, it will be done. **THIS IS THE REASON I URGE YOU TO BOLDLY BELIEVE FOR WHATEVER YOU ASK FOR IN PRAYER—BE CONVINCED THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED IT AND IT WILL BE YOURS.”**

Whatever God wills to do is already settled and done in the spiritual realm before He manifests it in the visible. He prepared Jesus Christ to be the Lamb slain for our salvation before He created the world. As He purposed then, it was done and later manifested in this world. In the same way, every word and promise of God in the Bible is already done when He first conceived it. As we ask accordingly, He brings it into visible manifestation. **Seeing**

God doing far beyond our imagination means that what we imagine is already settled and done according to His will. All we need to do is ask and believe. Job 42:2 ESV declares, **“I know that YOU CAN DO ALL THINGS, and that NO PURPOSE OF YOURS CAN BE THWARTED.”**

By Faith Imagine

We must by faith imagine and give no place for unbelief to exist. Nothing can stop God from doing all He wants to do, but **UNBELIEF WILL BLOCK US FROM ACCESSING ALL THAT GOD CAN DO**. Unbelief is satan’s weapon to block the Church from accessing all that God has for us and to spiritually incapacitate us. **As much as faith opens up the limitless, boundless, and endless access to God—all He is and all He can do—unbelief effectively blocks the believer from accessing. We are not to give unbelief a place in our relationship with God.** Jesus says in Mark 9:23 NKJV, **“If you can believe, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE TO HIM WHO BELIEVES.”** In contrast to this, Mark 6:5-6 TPT says that Jesus could not do any great miracle in Nazareth because of the unbelief of the people:

He was unable to do any great miracle in Nazareth, except to heal a few sick people by laying His hands upon them. **He was amazed at the depth of their unbelief!** Then Jesus went out into the different villages and taught the people.

We must hate unbelief with a passion and have no tolerance for it because it is the enemy that steals, kills, and destroys. Faith pleases God, and unbelief grieves and vexes Him. Jesus often marveled at faith but rebuked the faithless. **It is by faith that we imagine that God can do and will do more than we ask.** Concerning the Almighty One, the Bible repeatedly declares this Truth:

- **“BEHOLD, I AM THE LORD, the God of all flesh. IS THERE ANYTHING TOO HARD FOR ME?”** Jeremiah 32:27 NKJV
- **“IS ANYTHING TOO HARD FOR THE LORD?** At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.” Genesis 18:14 ESV
- **“I know that YOU CAN DO ALL THINGS, and that NO PURPOSE OF YOURS CAN BE THWARTED.”** Job 42:2 ESV
- **“Humanly speaking, it is impossible. BUT WITH GOD EVERYTHING**

IS POSSIBLE.” Matthew 19:26 NLT

- **“Now to Him who is ABLE TO DO FAR MORE ABUNDANTLY THAN ALL THAT WE ASK OR THINK, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever.”**
Ephesians 3:20–21 ESV

THE PROBLEM IS NOT WITH GOD’S ABILITY OR WILLINGNESS; IT IS WITH PEOPLE HAVING NO FAITH IN HIM.

God Stands by His Word to Fulfill It

As God stands forever unchanging, so does His Word, be it a statute, law, or promise. He stands by His Word to fulfill. 2 Corinthians 1:20 TPT attests, **“FOR ALL OF GOD’S PROMISES FIND THEIR “YES” OF FULFILLMENT IN HIM.** And as His “yes” and our “amen” ascend to God, we bring Him glory!” We do not need any other evidence or assurance to believe because God has spoken. **THEREFORE, IMAGINE GOD DOING MORE THAN WE ASK BECAUSE HE HAS SPOKEN.**

- **“For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.”** Matthew 5:18 NKJV
- **“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My Words will by no means pass away.”** Matthew 24:35 NKJV
- **“Your Word, LORD, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.”**
Psalm 119:89 NIV
- **“Forever O Lord, Your Word is settled in heaven.”**
Psalm 119:89 NKJV
- **“But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of His heart through all generations.”** Psalm 33:11 NIV
- **“Your Word and Truth are dependable as ever; that’s what You ordered—You set the earth going.”** Psalm 119:91 MSG

Now Ask, Believe and Imagine Without Limits

James 4:2–3 NKJV chastises believers for not asking or for asking amiss: **“Yet you do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.”** Therefore, we need to ask and believe. Matthew 7:7–8 NLT says,

Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

When we ask according to God's Word, we are asking according to His will. Boldly ask for all the promises in His Word to be done in our lives and expect their fulfillment. Boldly imagine that He will do more than we ask. We must dare to have huge faith in order to ask for what is far beyond our imagination. Christ's Word to us today in Mark 11:23–24 NKJV is,

Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, "Be removed and be cast into the sea," and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. **THEREFORE I SAY TO YOU, WHATEVER THINGS YOU ASK WHEN YOU PRAY, BELIEVE THAT YOU RECEIVE THEM, AND YOU WILL HAVE THEM.**

Imagine and Receive the More That God Is Doing

We must not only ask, but by faith, imagine and receive. Be done with faithlessness, unbelief, and doubt. Also be done with spiritual apathy and hardness of heart. **GOD HAS SPOKEN, AND WE BELIEVE, OBEY AND STAND BY HIS WORD.** We are finished with carnal thinking, fleshly goals, and expectations. We are done with small thinking, small goals, and little dreams. We are living by faith with God-size goals, dreams, and imaginations. Therefore, we now live and walk by faith in these.

- **EXPECTING God to always do more**

Matthew 7:11 NLT—"So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more will YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER GIVE GOOD GIFTS TO THOSE WHO ASK HIM.**"

God is our heavenly Father, and He loves us, His children. If imperfect earthly fathers give good gifts to their children when they ask, how much more will God, our Heavenly Father, give good gifts to us, His heirs and joint heirs with Jesus Christ? Because of His goodness and love, we can always expect Him to do more.

- **IMAGINING beyond our ability**

Numbers 14:9 NKJV—“Only do not rebel against the LORD, nor fear the people of the land, for **THEY ARE OUR BREAD; their protection has departed from them, and the Lord is with us. DO NOT FEAR THEM.**”

The children of Israel knew that in themselves, they did not have the ability to defeat the giants in the Promised Land and possess it. They imagined a massacre by the giants because they imagined it according to their human capacity. They were terrified. However, **in faith Joshua and Caleb imagined beyond what Israel could do, and THEY SAW WHAT GOD HAD ALREADY DONE. They saw that God** had already given the enemies as bread or helpless prey for Israel to devour. If we want to see God doing the impossible, the improbable and the inconceivable, then we must imagine beyond our ability with our renewed mind.

- **DARING to dream big dreams**

Esther 4:15-16 NLT—“Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: ‘Go and gather together all the Jews of Susa and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will do the same. **And then, though it is against the law, I WILL GO IN TO SEE THE KING. If I must die, I must die.**’”

Esther called for fasting because her faith was in God to deliver the Jews from death. She knew where she came from and knew that although now a queen, she could not go into the king’s presence without being summoned. She dared to believe that God would use her, an orphaned Hebrew girl, to be the deliverer for all the Jews from death. Unattainable big dreams are always humanly impossible, but with God, nothing is impossible. We must have the faith and courage to always dream big, and God will fulfill them.

- **BELIEVING that God is able to perform what He promises**

Romans 4:18 TPT—“Against all odds, when it looked hopeless, **Abraham BELIEVED the promise and EXPECTED God to fulfill it. HE TOOK GOD AT HIS WORD, AND AS A RESULT, HE BECAME THE FATHER OF MANY NATIONS.** God’s declaration over him came to

pass: ‘Your descendants will be so many that they will be impossible to count!’”

When God says it, it is done. No matter how we are being tested in that word, do not waver in faith. Believe in God and expect Him to make the impossible possible.

● **REMOVING the limits off God**

Mark 9:21-24 NLT—“‘How long has this been happening?’ Jesus asked the boy’s father. He replied, ‘Since he was a little boy. The spirit often throws him into the fire or into water, trying to kill him. Have mercy on us and help us, if you can.’ **‘WHAT DO YOU MEAN, “IF I CAN”?’ Jesus asked. ‘ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE IF A PERSON BELIEVES.’ The father instantly cried out, ‘I DO BELIEVE, BUT HELP ME OVERCOME MY UNBELIEF!’**”

Nothing can limit God working in our lives except our unbelief and doubt. To remove the limits off God to freely work beyond what we can imagine, we must have faith. By faith, strip every limit we have placed on God because of unbelief, doubt, and fear. **LET GO AND LET GOD TAKE OVER, AND SEE GOD MOVE IN SUCH A WAY THAT WE WILL MARVEL AND WONDER.**

Prayer Focus

A. Allow the ministry of the Holy Spirit to make you whole.

1. Make whole your broken faith.
2. Heal your wounded faith.
3. Strengthen your weak faith.
4. Increase your little faith.

B. Faith to believe that God will do more than you ask.

C. By faith, ask for the impossible and inconceivable in your:

1. Personal dreams

2. Family dreams

3. Ministry dreams

D. Ask for the nations for our inheritance (missions).

Note: **Pray for all mission pastors, leaders, and churches.**

1. **Samoa**—Ps. Mila and Sis. Rosie, Bro. James, Bro. Sola and Sis. Peta,
2. **Mexico**—Ps. Miriam, Ps. Quechol, Sis. Mimi, Sis. Hudid, Bro. Miguel, Bro. Fabia
3. **Brazil**—Ps. Celena
4. **East Timor**—Bro. Adao
5. **Japan**
 - **Okinawa**—Sis. Miyuki
 - **Yokohama**—Ps. Koyama and Sis. Sayaka
 - **Osaka**—Ps. Atsuya and Sis. Takako
 - **Kamaishi** — Ps. Keizo and Sis. Mami
6. **Philippines** — Ps. Orlando, Sis. Natalie and Sis. Princess
7. **India**—Ps. Mohmad Arshad and Sis. Mariyam and Ps. Prasanthi
8. **Uganda**—Ps. Elijah and Sis. Ruth, Ps. Moses, Ps. Jonathan and Ps. Paul
9. **Ireland**—Ps. Jamie and Sis. Lud
10. **Hamakua**—Ps. Lynne and Ps. Luke
11. **Korea (North & South)**—wisdom for Ps. Ko and Ps. Ernie to raise mission teams
12. **England**—Ps. Mike McKeever
13. **Marshall Islands**—Bro. Yaichy Hancher
14. **Marshallese churches on Mainland**—Ps. Ebot and Sis. Sherlina

Thursday, January 6: Imagine God's Power Working in You

1 CORINTHIANS 4:20 NKJV

FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS NOT IN WORD BUT IN POWER.

1 CORINTHIANS 4:20 NLT

For the Kingdom of God is not just a lot of talk; IT IS LIVING BY GOD'S POWER.

1 PETER 5:11 VOICE

FOR ALL POWER BELONGS TO GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.

JEREMIAH 10:6-7 NLT

Lord, there is no one like You! For You are great, and YOUR NAME IS FULL OF POWER. Who would not fear you, O King of nations? That title belongs to You alone! Among all the wise people of the earth and in all the kingdoms of the world, there is no one like You.

JEREMIAH 32:17 NLT

O Sovereign LORD! You made the heavens and earth by Your strong hand and powerful arm. NOTHING IS TOO HARD FOR YOU!

JOB 36:22-23 CEV

GOD'S POWER IS UNLIMITED. HE NEEDS NO TEACHERS TO GUIDE OR CORRECT HIM.

EPHESIANS 3:20 NLT

NOW ALL GLORY TO GOD, WHO IS ABLE, THROUGH HIS MIGHTY POWER AT WORK WITHIN US, TO ACCOMPLISH INFINITELY MORE THAN WE MIGHT ASK OR THINK.

LUKE 9:1-2 NIV

When Jesus had called the Twelve together, HE GAVE THEM POWER AND AUTHORITY to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, and HE SENT THEM OUT TO PROCLAIM THE KINGDOM OF GOD and to heal the sick.

LUKE 10:18-19 NIV

He replied, "I saw satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you."

EPHESIANS 3:20 TPT

NEVER DOUBT GOD'S MIGHTY POWER TO WORK IN YOU AND ACCOMPLISH ALL THIS. *He will achieve infinitely more than your greatest request, your most unbelievable dream, and exceed your wildest imagination! He will outdo them all, for His miraculous power constantly energizes you.*

2 CORINTHIANS 4:6-10 NIV

*For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ. **BUT WE HAVE THIS TREASURE IN JARS OF CLAY TO SHOW THAT THIS ALL-SURPASSING POWER IS FROM GOD AND NOT FROM US.** We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair, persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.*

EPHESIANS 1:19 TPT

*I pray that you will **CONTINUALLY EXPERIENCE THE IMMEASURABLE GREATNESS OF GOD'S POWER MADE AVAILABLE TO YOU THROUGH FAITH.** Then your lives will be an advertisement of this immense power as it works through you!*

ACTS 10:38 NKJV

HOW 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.*

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.*

2 PETER 1:3 NLT

By His DIVINE POWER, GOD HAS GIVEN US EVERYTHING WE NEED FOR LIVING A GODLY LIFE. *We have received all of this by coming to know Him, the One who called us to Himself by means of His marvelous glory and excellence.*

1 CORINTHIANS 2:4-5 TPT

*The message I preached and how I preached it was not an attempt to sway you with persuasive arguments but to prove to you the almighty power of God's Holy Spirit. **FOR GOD INTENDED THAT YOUR FAITH NOT BE ESTABLISHED ON MAN'S WISDOM BUT BY TRUSTING IN HIS ALMIGHTY POWER.***

..... 2 CORINTHIANS 13:3-4 TPT

Christ is not weak or feeble in His dealings with you but mighty and powerful within you. For although He was crucified as a “weakling,” now He lives robed with God’s power. AND WE ALSO ARE “WEAK ONES” IN OUR CO-CRUCIFIXION WITH HIM, BUT NOW WE LIVE IN GOD’S TRIUMPHANT POWER TOGETHER WITH HIM, which is demonstrated on your behalf.

..... ACTS 4:33 NKJV

And with GREAT POWER the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.

..... 1 CHRONICLES 29:11-12 NIV

Yours, LORD, is the GREATNESS and the POWER and the GLORY and the MAJESTY and the SPLENDOR, for everything in heaven and earth is Yours. Yours, LORD, is the kingdom; You are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from You; YOU ARE THE RULER OF ALL THINGS. IN YOUR HANDS ARE STRENGTH AND POWER TO EXALT AND GIVE STRENGTH TO ALL.

..... READ ALSO MARK 14:62 NKJV, EPHESIANS 3:7 NLT,

I CORINTHIANS 1:18, ROMANS 15: 18-19 NLT, COLOSSIANS 1:9-14

Exhortation: Imagine His Power Working in You God’s Infinity and His Power

God is infinite, and all His attributes, ability, and power are infinite. God’s infinitude is inexplicable to the natural mind and beyond our capacity to understand. We can grasp some comprehension of His power from the Bible, but we will not fully comprehend its infinity. *Webster’s Dictionary* defines *infinite* as:

- Endless—having no limits.
- Inexhaustible—extending indefinitely, immeasurably or inconceivably great or extensive.
- Subject to no limitation or external determination.
- Extending beyond, lying beyond, or being greater than any preassigned finite value, however large.

This means God’s power is eternally endless, inexhaustible, limitless, and boundless. Its scope and immensity are unfathomable. Jeremiah 32:17 NLT

declares, **“O Sovereign Lord! You made the heavens and earth by Your strong hand and powerful arm. NOTHING IS TOO HARD FOR YOU!”** God’s power is such that nothing is too hard for Him. There are no impossibilities. Everything is possible with God. He alone is power, and He can do the improbable, inconceivable, and unimaginable.

Beyond the miracle of creating the universe by His power is the greater miracle of conceiving Jesus Christ in Mary’s womb as the Messiah to save us—and the miracle of His resurrection from the dead and being seated at the right hand of God. **This resurrection power that raised Christ from the dead is the same power that is at work in us (Romans 8:11). Our human mind could not come within a millionth of a millimeter to comprehend all this.** This we must embrace by faith. Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 2:5 TPT, **“FOR GOD INTENDED THAT YOUR FAITH NOT BE ESTABLISHED ON MAN’S WISDOM BUT BY TRUSTING IN HIS ALMIGHTY POWER.”**

We must trust God’s Almighty power, which works and abides in us through His Holy Spirit. We can have an unshakeable confidence that God’s power still works in us even in our weakest moments, our deepest discouragements, and our most profound struggles. When we do not understand, when our hope is deferred, and when our hearts are sick, God’s power still works in us. When we pray, and the answer is yet to come, God’s power still works in us. When we cry out for God to remove a thorn in our side, yet it remains, God’s power still works in us. In 2 Corinthians 12:9–10 TPT, Paul pleaded with God to remove a painful thorn from his side, and God answered him, saying,

“My grace is always more than enough for you, and My power finds its full expression through your weakness.” **SO I WILL CELEBRATE MY WEAKNESSES, FOR WHEN I’M WEAK I SENSE MORE DEEPLY THE MIGHTY POWER OF CHRIST LIVING IN ME.** So I’m not defeated by my weakness, but delighted! For when I feel my weakness and endure mistreatment—when I’m surrounded with troubles on every side and face persecution because of my love for Christ—I am made yet stronger. **FOR MY WEAKNESS BECOMES A PORTAL TO GOD’S POWER.**

Just as Paul’s weakness became a portal (gateway or entryway) to God’s power, so it is with us. God’s power works most evidently and effectively in our weakness. The infinite power of God works in us in any situation and at any time because His power is ultimate and sovereign. It directs all things and nothing affects it.

God's Kingdom People Live by His Kingdom Power

Power is the kingdom's eternal reality and truth. It is God's will that His people live by His power. 1 Corinthians 4:20 NKJV clearly states, "**FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS NOT IN WORD BUT IN POWER.**" The NLT version says, "For the Kingdom of God is not just a lot of talk; **IT IS LIVING BY GOD'S POWER.**" Being God's kingdom people, we are to live, serve, and move by His kingdom power, not just in word or deed. Jesus, while on earth, lived and moved in this reality and truth. Acts 10:38 NKJV testifies, "**HOW 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.**"

We have this assurance that we can access God's immeasurable power by faith. It is God's will that we move in His power, and He freely gives us His power.

- "I pray that you will **CONTINUALLY EXPERIENCE THE IMMEASURABLE GREATNESS OF GOD'S POWER** made available to you through faith. Then your lives will be an advertisement of this immense power as it works through you!" Ephesians 1:19 TPT
- "**NEVER DOUBT GOD'S MIGHTY POWER TO WORK IN YOU AND ACCOMPLISH ALL THIS.** He will achieve infinitely more than your greatest request, your most unbelievable dream, and exceed your wildest imagination." Ephesians 3:20 TPT
- "But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that **THIS ALL-SURPASSING POWER IS FROM GOD AND NOT FROM US.**" 2 Corinthians 4:7 NIV
- "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.**" 2 Thessalonians 1:11 NLT

The apostles and the Early Church lived by the power of God working in them. Acts 4:33 NKJV says, "And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all." Acts 6:8 NKJV says, "And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and signs among the people."

The Purpose of God's Power Working in Us

God's power is never about something that natural ability can do. It is always beyond the human capacity and beyond the norm. It is always miraculous and supernatural according to His will and purpose. God's power will always magnify Him, make Him known, manifest His glory, and advance His kingdom. His power is for the workings of the miraculous, the supernatural, and the impossible. We do not need His power to work in us those things we already can do. When His power works in us, it always deals with what we humans cannot do.

- Noah built an ark that saved his family and animals during the flood (Genesis 6–7).
- Moses and the ten plagues overcame Egypt and all the demon gods (Exodus 7–11).
- Israel marched around Jericho for seven days, and the walls came down, defeating the city (Joshua 6).
- The widow had an unceasing supply of oil and flour at Elijah's word during the famine (1 Kings 17:7–16).
- Joshua by faith held back the sun for one day to defeat the enemy (Joshua 10).
- Jesus turned water into wine, walked on water, and raised the dead (John 2, Matthew 14, John 11).
- Paul exorcised a slave girl who was possessed of a divining spirit (Acts 16:16–18).
- Philip was snatched by the Spirit after witnessing to the eunuch (Acts 8:39).
- Peter's shadow healed many in the streets (Acts 5:15).

WE CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST, WHO STRENGTHENS US BY HIS POWER! It is time to do away with small thinking and little expectations. The Church must have faith to dare to dream, ask, and imagine the extraordinary, the limitless, and the measureless—especially in these last days. As evil and darkness increase, the Church must arise to shine the glory of God with great power and might to crush the works of evil. By God's power, we will preach where the Gospel is forbidden. By God's power, we will work miracles in impossible situations. By God's power, we will not fear death but triumph over all. By God's power we will see the last days' harvest of souls coming into the kingdom of God. By God's power we will make disciples of all nations.

It Is Time to Imagine God's Power Working in Us

It is time for the Church to awake and arise, to shake off the dust of apathy, unconcern, and unbelief, and imagine God's power working in us. It is time for the Church to stir up ourselves, take a stand, and be on fire for God and His kingdom's purpose. It is time to ruthlessly deal with everything that we have permitted in our lives that is hindering the power of God from moving freely in us. Take heed to the prophetic word in Isaiah 52:1–2 TPT:

WAKE UP! OPEN YOUR EYES! Beautiful Zion, put on your majestic strength! Jerusalem, the sacred city, put on your glory garments! Never again will the unclean enter your gates! **ARISE AND SHAKE OFF YOUR DUST! SIT ENTHRONED, JERUSALEM! BREAK OFF YOUR SHACKLES OF BONDAGE FROM YOUR NECK,** you captive daughter of Zion!

No longer will we settle in the dust or permit shackles of bondage on our necks. By God's power we can break every yoke of bondage, shake off every bit of dust that has settled, put on the garments of righteousness, and sit enthroned in Christ's authority and power. We are imagining His power working in us and doing far beyond what we can fathom.

The Bible says that the glory of the latter temple will be greater than the former. Haggai 2:6–9 NLT says,

For this is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies says: In just a little while **I will again shake the heavens and the earth, the oceans and the dry land. I will shake all the nations,** and the treasures of all the nations will be brought to this Temple. **I will fill this place with glory, says the LORD of Heaven's Armies.** The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the LORD of Heaven's Armies. **THE FUTURE GLORY OF THIS TEMPLE WILL BE GREATER THAN ITS PAST GLORY, SAYS THE LORD OF HEAVEN'S ARMIES.** And in this place I will bring peace. I, the LORD of Heaven's Armies, have spoken!

God says He will shake everything—heavens and earth, oceans and dry land, and all nations. He will cause the universe, every natural element, and all nations to quake and tremble. Amid all this cosmic shaking, God promises that He will cause the glory of His latter temple to be greater than the former. This is parallel to Isaiah 60, where the prophet says that although gross darkness has covered the earth, the people of God are to rise and shine for His glory has risen upon us, and His light has come. **IN**

THE SHAKING, GOD HAS GIVEN US THE POWER TO RISE AND SHINE—TO MANIFEST HIS GLORY EVEN GREATER, STRONGER, AND FURTHER. We may be outwardly shaken, but we remain inwardly strong in His mighty power to show forth His glory. God's infinite power works in us by the indwelling of His Holy Spirit.

The emerging Church in the Book of Acts was powerful, glorious, fearless, and undefeatable because of the power of God working in them. In these last days, the Church must prepare for far more than the days of the Early Church. We must expect that He will do exceedingly and abundantly beyond all that we can ask or imagine. His matchless power is at work in us. His power yields to no pressure and concedes to no other power, for He is God Almighty. Church, imagine that His power is at work in us.

Imagine God's Power at Work in Us Enabling Us to Do All Things

- **Pray according to God's power at work in us as in Colossians 1:9-14**

His power enables us to pray faith-filled and effective prayers that avail much. We will pray Spirit-led prayers according to the heart of God. His power helps us to pray unceasingly until we see the manifestation of answered prayers. Strong, powerful, and faith-filled prayers can shift mountains that stand in the way of God. It will be prayers that demolish strongholds to free the prisoners and invade the kingdom of darkness to bring in the light of Jesus Christ. These prayers will usher in salvation for the lost and cause nations to be born-again and be made disciples.

- **Power to Know God's Will**

Colossians 1:9 NLT—“So we have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. **We ask God to give you complete knowledge of His will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding.**”

Philippians 2:13 NLT—“For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases Him.”

God has given us the power to know, do and accomplish His will. We must know the will of God so we can walk with Him in thankful obedience. We are His servants through whom He wants to see His

will accomplished. He knows all things, including the future and the plan He has for us. We need not be perplexed, frustrated, distracted, or misled if we take heed to Him and trust in Him. He has given us spiritual wisdom, understanding, and the ability to perceive, discern and comprehend His will so we may complete all that He calls us to do.

- **Power to Show How to Live for Him**

Colossians 1:10 NLT—“Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord.”

This is the desire of God's heart, that by His power we live for Him. 2 Peter 1:3 NLT assures us, “**By His divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life.**” We are overcomers and more than conquerors in living for Him by His power. We are unstoppable in proclaiming Him and showing forth His praises and glory.

- **Power to Grow and be Fruitful**

Colossians 1:10 NLT—“Your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better.”

Our growth and fruitfulness are not dependent on anything but the power of God. He has given us the power to supernaturally grow, extend, expand and multiply (Isaiah 54). The power to grow and be fruitful can never be stifled or prevented—unless we allow that to happen. It is time we believe and walk in amazing growth and fruitfulness far beyond what we ask or think.

- **Power to Endure Hardship**

Colossians 1:11 NLT—“We also pray that **you will be strengthened with all His glorious power** so you will have all the endurance and patience you need.”

1 John 4:4 NKJV—“You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because **HE WHO IS IN YOU IS GREATER THAN HE WHO IS IN THE WORLD.**”

God has given the Church His resurrection power to be strong, courageous, faith-filled, and able to endure and advance even the fiery furnace. The end times are hard times, and He calls us to thrive in these times. By His power we stand, withstand, obey, and triumph overall. Hardship cannot snuff out our passion, fire, and fearless obedience to God's call, because greater is the Holy Spirit who is living in us than he who is in the world.

- **Power to Always be Thankful**

Colossians 1:11-12 NLT—“May you be filled with joy, [or all the patience and endurance you need with joy] **always thanking the Father.**”

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 TPT—“Let joy be your continual feast. [Be joyous in every season], Make your life a prayer. **And in the midst of everything be always giving thanks, for this is God's perfect plan for you in Christ Jesus.**”

It is God's will that we are always thankful in everything. His power enables us to do so.

- **Power to Share in the Inheritance that Belongs to Us**

Colossians 1:12 NLT—“Always thanking the Father. **He has ENABLED YOU TO SHARE in the inheritance that belongs to His people, who live in the light.**”

1 Peter 1:4-5 NLT—“We have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. And through your faith, God is protecting you by His power until you receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see.”

God's power has made us worthy, has rendered us fit, and has qualified us to share in the inheritance that belongs to His people. He has given us the power to be His heirs and joint heirs with Jesus Christ.

- **Power to be Transformed into the Image of Christ**

Romans 8:29 NKJV—“For those whom He foreknew, He also

predestined to **become conformed to the image of His Son**, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren.”

2 Corinthians 3:18 TPT—“We can all draw close to Him with the veil removed from our faces. And with no veil we all become like mirrors who brightly reflect the glory of the Lord Jesus. **We are being transfigured into His very image as we move from one brighter level of glory to another.** And this glorious transfiguration comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.”

We must conform to the image of Jesus Christ. *Conform* (Greek, *sym-morphos*) means having the same form as another and similar in form or type. God has destined us to share in the likeness of His Son, Jesus Christ. By His power at work in us, we are being changed from glory to glory into the same image as Jesus Christ.

Prayer Focus

A. Arise in faith to believe and see the fullness of God's power working in us.

B. Expect the limitless possibilities of God in all areas of life and ministry.

1. Passion for the Lord and vision to reach the lost.
2. Faith and courage to advance into the new things of God.
3. Expect impossible breakthroughs, victories and miracles.
4. Expect limitless growth, multiplication, and fruitfulness.

C. Imagine God's power working in us to go beyond what we ask:

1. Pray according to God's power in us.
2. Pray for power to show how to live for Him.
3. Pray for power to grow and be fruitful.
4. Pray for power to endure hardship.
5. Pray for power to always be thankful.
6. Pray for power to share in the inheritance that belongs to us.
7. Pray for power to be transformed into the image of Christ.

Friday, January 7: Imagine Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit

EPHESIANS 1:18-20 TPT

I pray that the light of God will illuminate the eyes of your imagination, flooding you with light, UNTIL YOU EXPERIENCE the full revelation of the hope of His calling—that is, the wealth of God’s glorious inheritances that He finds in us, His holy ones! I pray that YOU WILL CONTINUALLY EXPERIENCE THE IMMEASURABLE GREATNESS OF GOD’S POWER MADE AVAILABLE TO YOU THROUGH FAITH. Then your lives will be an advertisement of this immense power as it works through you! This is the MIGHTY POWER THAT WAS RELEASED WHEN GOD RAISED CHRIST FROM THE DEAD and exalted Him to the place of highest honor and supreme authority in the heavenly realm!

ZECHARIAH 4:6-7 NLT

Then He said to me, “This is what the LORD says to Zerubbabel: IT IS NOT BY FORCE NOR BY STRENGTH, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAYS THE LORD OF HEAVEN’S ARMIES. NOTHING, NOT EVEN A MIGHTY MOUNTAIN, WILL STAND IN ZERUBBABEL’S WAY; IT WILL BECOME A LEVEL PLAIN BEFORE HIM! And when Zerubbabel sets the final stone of the Temple in place, the people will shout: ‘May God bless it! May God bless it!’”

HEBREWS 2:4 TPT

Then God added His witness to theirs. He validated their ministry with signs, astonishing wonders, all kinds of powerful miracles, and by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which He distributed as He desired.

ROMANS 15:18-19 TPT

And I will not be presumptuous to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me. For many non-Jewish people are coming into faith’s obedience by the power of the Spirit of God, which is displayed through mighty signs and amazing wonders, both in word and deed. Starting from Jerusalem I went from place to place as far as the distant Roman province of Illyricum, fully preaching the wonderful message of Christ.

Exhortation: Imagine Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit

Nothing is Impossible with the Holy Spirit

There is only one Person we cannot live without: the Holy Spirit. He is our all in all. He is our Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. Without the Holy Spirit we exist, but we do not truly live as God intends. He is the Giver and Sustainer of life. With the Holy Spirit, nothing is impossible to us who believe. In Luke 1:35-37 NKJV, the Angel Gabriel said to Mary, **“THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL COME UPON YOU, AND THE POWER OF THE HIGHEST WILL OVERSHADOW YOU;** therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God...**FOR WITH GOD NOTHING WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE.”** Do we believe that nothing is impossible with the Holy Spirit? Whatever the Holy Spirit purposes to do in us and through us by His power, can we say as Mary did in Luke 1:38 NKJV, **“Behold the maidservant of the Lord! LET IT BE TO ME ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD.”**

Everything the Bible says that we as believers are in God, we are by the power of the Holy Spirit; sons and daughters of God, heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ, a royal and holy priesthood, more than conquerors, and overcomers.

Who is the Holy Spirit? HE IS GOD ALMIGHTY, and He is exactly the same in person, being, attributes, and nature as God, the Father, and Jesus Christ, the Son. **Together They are the Holy Trinity. They are one God. They are perfect in unity, in will, purpose, plan, and work.** When we know Jesus Christ, we will know God the Father, and we will also know God the Holy Spirit. Everything the Father and the Son is, so is the Holy Spirit. He is Lord God Almighty.

Enlightened to Know the Power of the Holy Spirit

We cannot live in the power of the Holy Spirit without first living in Him. In abiding in the Holy Spirit, we are able to partake of His attributes, be it love, strength, power, grace, or anointing. It is by faith that we believe and praise God as Paul exhorts in Ephesians 3:20 NLT: **“Now all glory to God, who is able, through HIS MIGHTY POWER AT WORK WITHIN US, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.”**

To imagine living in the power of the Holy Spirit, we need our minds renewed and our spiritual understanding illuminated by the Holy Spirit to know, see, perceive, understand and be fully convicted. Our renewed minds will be able to imagine the limitless, boundless, and inexhaustible

possibilities God has prepared for us through the power of His Holy Spirit. This is living in the beyond and measureless realm of His Spirit where no eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love Him (1 Corinthians 2:9 NLT). The Church must pray and experience what Paul says in Ephesians 1:18–20 TPT:

I pray that the light of God will illuminate the eyes of your imagination, flooding you with light, **UNTIL YOU EXPERIENCE** the full revelation of the hope of His calling—that is, the wealth of God’s glorious inheritances that He finds in us, His holy ones! I pray that **YOU WILL CONTINUALLY EXPERIENCE THE IMMEASURABLE GREATNESS OF GOD’S POWER MADE AVAILABLE TO YOU THROUGH FAITH**. Then your lives will be an advertisement of this immense power as it works through you! This is the **MIGHTY POWER THAT WAS RELEASED WHEN GOD RAISED CHRIST FROM THE DEAD** and exalted Him to the place of highest honor and supreme authority in the heavenly realm!

Imagine Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit

- His Power as Comforter, Helper, and Advocate

John 14:16–17 LB—“If you love me, obey me; and I will ask the Father and He will give you another **COMFORTER**, and He will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, the Spirit who leads into all Truth. The world at large cannot receive Him, for it isn’t looking for Him and doesn’t recognize Him. But you do, for He lives with you now and someday shall be in you.”

John 14:16–17 NLT—“And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another **ADVOCATE**, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive Him, because it isn’t looking for Him and doesn’t recognize Him. But you know Him, because He lives with you now and later will be in you.”

John 15:26–27 NKJV—“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.”

- **His Power to Make Us Sons and Daughters of God**

Romans 8:14 NASB—“For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons and daughters of God.”

- **His Life-Giving Power—Both Spiritual and Natural**

John 3:5-6 NKJV—“Jesus answered, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. **That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.**”

Job 33:4 NKJV—“**THE SPIRIT OF GOD HAS MADE ME, AND THE BREATH OF THE ALMIGHTY GIVES ME LIFE.**”

John 6:63 NKJV—“**IT IS THE SPIRIT WHO GIVES LIFE;** the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.”

Ezekiel 37:14 NKJV—“**‘I WILL PUT MY SPIRIT IN YOU, AND YOU SHALL LIVE,** and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken it and performed it,’ says the LORD.”

- **His Power to Regenerate and Renew**

Titus 3:4-8 TPT—“When the extraordinary compassion of God, our Savior, and His overpowering love suddenly appeared in person, as the brightness of a dawning day, He came to save us. Not because of any virtuous deed that we have done but only because of His extravagant mercy. **HE SAVED US, RESURRECTING US THROUGH THE WASHING OF REBIRTH. We are made completely new by the Holy Spirit, whom He splashed over us richly by Jesus, the Messiah, our Life Giver.** So as a gift of His love, and since we are faultless—innocent before His face—we can now become heirs of all things, all because of an overflowing hope of eternal life. How true and faithful is this message!”

- **His Power to Create and Make Fruitful**

Psalm 104:30 NKJV—“**YOU SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT, THEY ARE CREATED;** and You renew the face of the earth.”

Isaiah 32:15 TPT—“**THE DESOLATION WILL NOT END UNTIL THE SPIRIT IS Poured OUT UPON US FROM HEAVEN! Then the wilderness will blossom into a fruitful orchard and the trees of the orchard will grow into a forest!**”

- **His Power to Resurrect and Bring Back to Life**

Ezekiel 37:4-10 NLT—“Then He said to me, ‘Speak a prophetic message to these bones and say, “Dry bones, listen to the word of the LORD! This is what the Sovereign LORD says: **LOOK! I AM GOING TO PUT BREATH INTO YOU AND MAKE YOU LIVE AGAIN! I WILL PUT FLESH AND MUSCLES ON YOU AND COVER YOU WITH SKIN. I WILL PUT BREATH INTO YOU, AND YOU WILL COME TO LIFE. THEN YOU WILL KNOW THAT I AM THE LORD.**”’ So I spoke this message, just as He told me. Suddenly as I spoke, there was a rattling noise all across the valley. The bones of each body came together and attached themselves as complete skeletons. Then as I watched, muscles and flesh formed over the bones. Then skin formed to cover their bodies, but they still had no breath in them. Then He said to me, ‘Speak a prophetic message to the winds, son of man. Speak a prophetic message and say, “This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come, O breath, from the four winds! Breathe into these dead bodies so they may live again.”’ **SO I SPOKE THE MESSAGE AS HE COMMANDED ME, AND BREATH CAME INTO THEIR BODIES. THEY ALL CAME TO LIFE AND STOOD UP ON THEIR FEET—A GREAT ARMY.**”

- **He is the Indwelling Power Who Overcomes the World**

1 John 4:4 TPT—“Little children, you can be certain that you belong to God and have conquered them, for **THE ONE WHO IS LIVING IN YOU IS FAR GREATER THAN THE ONE WHO IS IN THE WORLD.**”

- **His Miracle-Working Power to Save, Rebuild, Repair and Transform**

Isaiah 61:1-3 NLT—“**The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is upon me, for the LORD has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted and to proclaim that captives will be released and prisoners will be freed. He has sent me to tell those who mourn that the time of the LORD’s favor has come,**

and with it, the day of God's anger against their enemies. To all who mourn in Israel, He will give a crown of beauty for ashes, a joyous blessing instead of mourning, festive praise instead of despair. In their righteousness, they will be like great oaks that the LORD has planted for His own glory."

- **His Power to Sanctify, Cause Life to Begin and to Multiply**

Ezekiel 47:6-12 NIV—"Then he led me back to the bank of the river. When I arrived there, I saw a great number of trees on each side of the river. He said to me, 'This water flows towards the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, where it enters the Dead Sea. When it empties into the sea, the salty water there becomes fresh. **SWARMS OF LIVING CREATURES WILL LIVE WHEREVER THE RIVER FLOWS. THERE WILL BE LARGE NUMBERS OF FISH, BECAUSE THIS WATER FLOWS THERE AND MAKES THE SALT WATER FRESH; SO WHERE THE RIVER FLOWS EVERYTHING WILL LIVE.** Fishermen will stand along the shore; from En Gedi to En Eglaim there will be places for spreading nets. The fish will be of many kinds—like the fish of the Mediterranean Sea. But the swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they will be left for salt. **FRUIT TREES OF ALL KINDS WILL GROW ON BOTH BANKS OF THE RIVER. THEIR LEAVES WILL NOT WITHER, NOR WILL THEIR FRUIT FAIL. EVERY MONTH THEY WILL BEAR FRUIT, BECAUSE THE WATER FROM THE SANCTUARY FLOWS TO THEM. THEIR FRUIT WILL SERVE FOR FOOD AND THEIR LEAVES FOR HEALING.**"

- **His All-Conquering and Victorious Power Over All Enemies**

Isaiah 59:19 NKJV—"So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun; **WHEN THE ENEMY COMES IN LIKE A FLOOD, THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD WILL LIFT UP A STANDARD AGAINST HIM.**"

- **His Power to Teach All Things and Reveal the Truth**

John 14:26 ESV—"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, **HE WILL TEACH YOU ALL THINGS and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.**"

John 16:13 ESV—"WHEN THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH COMES, HE WILL

GUIDE YOU INTO ALL THE TRUTH, for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come.”

- **His Power to Reveal Jesus Christ and Bear Witness About Him**

John 15:26 ESV—“But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of Truth, who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness about Me.”

- **His Power to Profoundly Intercede for Us According to God’s Will**

Romans 8:26-28 TPT—“And in a similar way, the Holy Spirit takes hold of us in our human frailty to empower us in our weakness. For example, at times we don’t even know how to pray, or know the best things to ask for. **But the Holy Spirit rises up within us to super-intercede on our behalf, pleading to God with emotional sighs too deep for words.** God, the searcher of the heart, knows fully our longings, yet He also understands the desires of the Spirit, because **the Holy Spirit passionately pleads before God for us, His holy ones, in perfect harmony with God’s plan and our destiny.** So we are convinced that every detail of our lives is continually woven together for good, for we are His lovers who have been called to fulfill His designed purpose.”

- **His Power to Sanctify, Cleanse and Exchange a Heart of Stone for One of Flesh to Walk in God’s Statutes**

Ezekiel 36:25-27 NASB95—“Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. **I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.”**

- **His Power to Convict**

John 16:5-11 NKJV—“But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’...Nevertheless I tell you

the truth: **IT IS TO YOUR ADVANTAGE THAT I GO AWAY; FOR IF I DO NOT GO AWAY, THE HELPER WILL NOT COME TO YOU; BUT IF I DEPART, I WILL SEND HIM TO YOU.** And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

- **His Power to Anoint with Supernatural Strength to Do the Inconceivable**

Judges 14:6 NKJV—“And the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and he tore the lion apart as one would have torn apart a young goat, though he had nothing in his hand. But he did not tell his father or his mother what he had done.”

Judges 15:14 NKJV—“When he came to Lehi, the Philistines came shouting against him. Then the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him; and the ropes that [were] on his arms became like flax that is burned with fire, and his bonds broke loose from his hands.”

- **His Power to Bring Joy, Delight and Unshakeable Security**

Psalms 46:4-5 TPT—“**GOD HAS A CONSTANTLY FLOWING RIVER WHOSE SPARKLING STREAMS BRING JOY AND DELIGHT TO HIS PEOPLE.** His river flows right through the city of God Most High, into His holy dwelling places. God is in the midst of His city, secure and never shaken. At daybreak His help will be seen with the appearing of the dawn.”

- **His Baptism Endues Us with the Power to be His Witnesses**

Acts 1:4-8 NKJV—“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...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.**”

How to Live in the Power of the Holy Spirit

Jesus Christ is our perfect example of how to live in the power of the Holy Spirit. **He was Spirit-conceived, Spirit-filled, Spirit-empowered, and Spirit-led. HE LIVED IN SUBMISSION TO THE FATHER AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT.** He knew, loved, honored, and obeyed Them with His whole heart and being. He showed us how to know, relate, and live in the Holy Spirit's power.

We must remember that the Holy Spirit is Lord God Almighty. He is to be loved, honored, feared and obeyed as we do God, the Father, and Jesus Christ, the Son. As we hunger and thirst to know Jesus Christ, we must hunger and thirst to know the Holy Spirit. We need to know Him intimately, love Him intimately, trust Him intimately and walk with Him intimately. One of the flaws of the Church is being ignorant of Him or lacking a deep relationship with Him. We need to live, remembering that we are His temples, and He lives in us. Therefore, be careful to keep our temples sanctified and holy.

None of us can fully understand the relationship within the Holy Trinity. However, we do know that Jesus Christ warns that all sins can be forgiven except blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. Isaiah 63:10 NIV says, "Yet they rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit. So He turned and became their enemy, and He Himself fought against them." The children of Israel had experienced God's love, kindness, and faithfulness, yet they were rebellious. In their contentious stubbornness and disobedience, they grieved the Holy Spirit, and God turned against them and fought them as their enemy. Take to heart how the Holy Trinity relates to each other, especially concerning the Holy Spirit. We must hold the Holy Spirit with holy regard and great reverence and walk with Him with great care that we do not transgress against Him or grieve Him.

Seek the Holy Spirit with our whole heart and be filled with Him always. Trust Him, submit to Him, and obey Him. The possibilities are limitless and inexhaustible if we live in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer Focus

A. Pray to know, love, trust, and obey the Holy Spirit.

B. Pray to be filled with the Holy Spirit always.

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