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Matthew 7:11

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WORKING IN YOU

Ephesians 3:20

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Revelation 14:6-7

SEP-OCT IMAGINE PERFECT UNITY

IN THE CHURCH

John 17:20-23

NOV-DEC IMAGINE THE GLORY OF GOD

IN THE CHURCH

Ephesians 3:21

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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.

God Imagines

God Almighty imagines because imagination is inherent to His nature. It is in His imagination that He conceives, dreams, plans, purposes, and ordains things He has set out to do or perform in the future. According to His imagination He created the visible out of the invisible. He sees the substance and reality of His dreams before He brings them into physical manifestation. EVERYTHING GOD DID, HAS DONE, AND WILL DO; HE HAS FIRST IMAGINED IT. THE POWER OF GOD'S IMAGINATION IS THAT WHATEVER HE IMAGINES, IT IS ALREADY DONE.

Concerning creation, He first imagined it and then spoke the invisible into visible actuality at His appointed time. In Genesis 1:26 NKJV, when God says, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness," He speaks out of His imagination, His will and plan to bring forth humankind. Then He performs 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." 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 had already conceived us in His heart by His imagination before we were conceived in our mother's womb.

When He created us in His likeness, HE FORMED US WITH THE POWER AND ABILITY TO IMAGINE, DREAM AND ENVISION ACCORDING TO ALL HIS WORD SO THAT HE CAN BRING WHATEVER HE PURPOSES TO PAST. Mike Okonkwo, the Presiding Bishop of the Redeemed Evangelical Mission, said, "Your imagination is a gift given to you by God, to help you achieve results. This is why: EVERY ACCOMPLISHMENT STARTS FROM THE PLACE OF IMAGINATION. ONCE IT IS ESTABLISHED IN YOUR IMAGINATION, THEN THERE WILL BE A MANIFESTATION." Therefore, let us imagine and dream big, and envision the impossible, unbelievable, and incredible by the power of His Holy Spirit. Let us see God, by His power at work in us, accomplish abundantly all we can ask or imagine. LET GOD BE MAGNIFIED AND GLORIFIED!

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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." IMAGINATION, then, is the POWER AND ABILITY TO CONCEIVE AND VISUALIZE AS REALITY THE UNSEEN THINGS OF GOD before He manifests them in the physical and apparent. Imagination is faith inspired by the Holy Spirit to visualize the fulfillment of the Word of God. Our imagination, being enlightened by the Holy Spirit, is able to clearly see what God is about to do. In our imagination, we incubate the Word of God through meditation until it becomes a substance or evidence of things hoped for. This is when our spirit sees the Word of God in an image form. Pastor Andrew Wommack, in his book The Power of Imagination: Unlocking Your Ability to Receive from God, wrote, "while God certainly works miracles, miracles don't come from the outside in. They come from the inside out. GOD CREATED US TO CONCEIVE MIRACLES IN OUR IMAGINATIONS."

You Cannot Achieve What You Cannot Imagine

Senior Pastor Klayton Ko of First Assembly of God in Hawaii said,

YOU CANNOT ACHIEVE WHAT YOU CANNOT IMAGINE. BEFORE ANYTHING IS MANIFESTED INTO EXISTENCE, IT IS FIRST DREAMED AND NOURISHED IN OUR IMAGINATION. Imagination is like a muscle; if it is not used, exercised, and toned, it will atrophy. It cannot be activated just upon demand. It needs to be constantly employed, flexed, and challenged; then it will be there when it is needed. Many misunderstand setbacks to be failures of planning, strategy, money, or time, but they are really failures of imagination. It is a failure to imagine outside of the box for new opportunities, to innovate, or pivot to new possibilities. Everyone uses their sight, but few people use their imagination—vision. IF WE BELIEVE, GOD IS ABLE TO DO IMMEASURABLY MORE THAN ALL WE ASK OR IMAGINE, WHY DO WE LIMIT OURSELVES BY NOT IMAGINING?

God is eagerly waiting for His Church to believe and imagine, giving Him the opportunity to do far beyond what the Church asks or thinks. 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. HE WILL ALWAYS ANSWER FAR BEYOND OUR EXPECTATIONS. Paul says in 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.

If we believe, then we will speak, act, move and pivot according to His Word in full expectation of the manifestation. By faith, the following people saw in their imagination what God intended to do and they spoke and moved accordingly before the manifestation:

- Elijah—At God's Word, he saw the torrential rains coming before there was even a cloud in the sky. Elijah told Ahab in 1 Kings 18:41 NLT, "Go get something to eat and drink, for I hear a mighty rainstorm coming!"
- Elisha—When the Syrian army of horses and chariots surrounded the city, Elisha's servant, Gehazi, cried out in fear, but Elisha already saw that the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire of the Lord Almighty. He prayed for the Lord to open Gehazi's eyes so that he too could see (2 Kings 6:15–19).
- Jesus—He saw the resurrection of Lazarus even before he died.
 When told that Lazarus was deathly sick, Jesus waited for two more days before going to Lazarus because He knew there would be a resurrection (John 11).

The Power of Imagination

Concerning the power of human imagination, Albert Einstein, a theoretical physicist, widely acknowledged to be one of the greatest and most influential physicists of all time said, "Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world." In Genesis 11:6 BRG, the Lord says, "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 Church will 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." What will happen when the Church, by bold faith, begins to do these things:

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

Will this not bring transformation that impacts the whole world? Will not revival break out in every nation? Will there not be singing and dancing in the streets of the righteousness and glory of God? Can anything or anyone hold us back from imagining? Nothing, except fear and unbelief. 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 AS HE DOES.

To Live and Function in God's Likeness, We Must Imagine Like Him

When God spoke to Abram that He was going to make him a father of nations, God was speaking out of His imagination where He had already conceived His will for Abram before the foundation of the world (Ephesians 1, Psalm 139). As He spoke and showed Abram the stars in the sky, God was imparting what He had imagined into Abram's heart. God was also training Abram to use his imagination to internalize and visualize the actuality of that promise in his spirit. Genesis 15:5–6 NKJV gives an account:

Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward 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 internal image of being the father of nations was more real and of greater substance to him than the fact that he and his wife were beyond child-bearing age. He had so implanted the vision of God's promise in his spirit that he never wavered in his faith in God, although he did make mistakes. HE WAS "FULLY PERSUADED THAT GOD HAD THE POWER TO DO WHAT HE PROMISED" (Romans 4:21 NIV). Today, Abraham's spiritual descendants are like the stars in the sky and they are still multiplying. Nations have been blessed because of him. THIS IS THE POWER OF A GOD-DRIVEN IMAGINATION—it produces a FAITH THAT PLEASES GOD and PROVIDES THE OPPORTUNITY FOR HIM TO DO exceedingly and super-abundantly beyond what we ask or think. 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.

When the Angel Gabriel came to Mary and told her she would bring forth a child, the Son of God, by the Holy Spirit, Mary marveled and believed. When she declared in Luke 1:39 NKJV, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! LET IT BE TO ME ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD," Mary spoke 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 be marinated in His Word. The working out of wonders as promised by God belongs to God.

GOD NEVER INTENDED FOR OUR GOD-GIVEN ABILITY TO IMAGINE TO BE TETHERED TO ANYTHING OR ANYONE EXCEPT TO HIM. He was, is,

and forever will be God Almighty and Sovereign—omnipotent, omnipresent, and omniscient. **GOD HAS NO IMPOSSIBILITY OR CHALLENGE.** 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.

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 our help to make all the impossibilities possible. HE JUST NEEDS US TO BELIEVE, TRUST, AND OBEY HIM—to be where He tells us to be, and to do what He says to do. The power, the work, and the fulfillment of His promise all belong to Him. He brings the victory, the breakthrough, and the miracle. Therefore, 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. Through God, we can do the following:

- IMAGINE that all things are possible.
- BELIEVE that all things are possible.
- EXPECT that all things are possible.

What is it going to be like when God's kingdom invades and fully occupies a person, community, city, or nation, and His will is done? Can the Church imagine and have an image in our spirit of a community, city, state, or nation that is fully occupied by God's kingdom, and His will being done everywhere? If we can imagine, then we must act, move and pivot by faith to do all that He says He will do.

Called to Solemn Assembly: June 2022

Week 1—Personal Preparation (May 29-June 4)
Week 2—Corporate Prayer And Fasting (June 5-12)

Regional and Corporate Prayer Schedule (June 6-12)

Morning Prayer	6:00-7:00am 6:00-7:00am	Mon-Fri Mon, Wed, Fri	Red Hill Central Oahu Metro East Honolulu Windward 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.

Evening Prayer Schedule:	6:00-6:30pm	Personal Prayer
	6:30-7:30pm	Corporate Prayer
	7:30-8:00pm	Personal Praver

DAILY PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 5-12, 2022

Day 1 (Sunday) Ministry of the Word (AM and PM services)

Day 2 (Monday) Consecrated to Imagine

Day 3 (Tuesday) Imagine Perfect Unity in the Church

Day 4 (Wednesday) Imagine Nations Transformed

Day 5 (Thursday) Imagine the Glory of God in the Church

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 May 29-June 4, 2022 (Sunday to Saturday)

Six Steps To Preparation For Solemn Assembly

Sunday, May 29 to Saturday, June 4, 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."

- 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."

- 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."

- 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.
- 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.).

How Do We Wait On God?

- Plan and set aside a specific time and place to wait on God each day of the Solemn Assembly (remove all distractions).
- Waiting is an act of submission that crucifies the flesh and lets God be God.
- Allow Him to thoroughly search you, so that nothing is hidden.
- Consciously tune your heart and spirit to hear Him and be sensitive to His voice.
- God will draw near and reveal Himself to you.
- Praying brings revelation of things that we need to address, and allows the Holy Spirit to illuminate our hearts.
- Remember to take notes of all that God speaks to you.

Notes:		

Sunday, June 5: 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 ALI
THIS. He will achieve infinitely more than your greatest request, your mos
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 Hin
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. Fo
His Spirit searches out everything and shows us God's deep secrets. No one car
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 GOL
HAS FREELY GIVEN US.
Humanly speaking, it is impossible. BUT WITH GOD EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE.

Monday, June 6: Consecrated to Imagine 1 CORINTHIANS 6:19-20 NKJV Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and YOU ARE NOT YOUR OWN? FOR YOU WERE BOUGHT AT A PRICE; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's. 1 PETER 1:15-20 NLT But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. For the Scriptures say, "YOU MUST BE HOLY BECAUSE I AM HOLY." And remember that the heavenly Father to whom you pray has no favorites. He will judge or reward you according to what you do. So you must live in reverent fear of Him during your time here as "temporary residents." For you know that GOD PAID A RANSOM TO SAVE YOU from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And it was not paid with mere gold or silver, which lose their value. IT WAS THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST, THE SINLESS, **SPOTLESS LAMB OF GOD.** God chose Him as your ransom long before the world began, but now in these last days He has been revealed for your sake. 1 PETER 2:9-12 NKJV But you are a CHOSEN GENERATION, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, HIS

But you are a CHOSEN GENERATION, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, HIS OWN SPECIAL PEOPLE, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who CALLED YOU OUT OF DARKNESS INTO HIS MARVELOUS LIGHT; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy. Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, GLORIFY GOD in the day of visitation.

2 PETER 1:3-7 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. And because of His glory and excellence, He has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to SHARE HIS DIVINE NATURE and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires. In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone.

Exhortation: Consecrated to Imagine Consecration is the Privilege of the Redeemed

CONSECRATION IS A PRIVILEGE OF THE REDEEMED OF THE LORD. God honors those who are His by calling them into holy consecration unto Him. We are His and not our own, His own special people (1 Peter 2:9 NKJV). Therefore, we have been wholly set apart for Him. There is no intimate relationship with God or revelation from Him without our consecration. TO CONSECRATE MEANS TO SET APART AS HOLY AND SACRED UNTO GOD. When consecrated, one is wholly dedicated and devoted to Him. It is absolute and never partial. It is based on a covenantal relationship between God and those He has redeemed to Himself through the blood

It is absolute and never partial. It is based on a covenantal relationship between God and those He has redeemed to Himself through the blood of Jesus Christ. Therefore, it is only in total consecration that God is honored as Lord in our lives. There is no partial, compromised, shallow, or short-lived consecration. He is not our Lord until we are fully consecrated to Him. Consecration is not a mere confession. In true consecration God is always our first devotion and passion. His will is our will, His life is our life, and His work is our work.

Consecrated Because We Are a People Belonging to God Through the Lamb's Blood

As believers in Jesus Christ, we are not our own; we are God's. He has purchased our redemption from an empty life and a condemned eternal future, making us His very own sons and daughters (I Peter 1). The price God paid for us was not mere corruptible gold or silver. He has purchased us with the incorruptible, incomparable, and eternal blood of His Son, Jesus Christ, the sinless and spotless Lamb. It was an incalculable price. There is no earthly way for us to put a value on the price God paid because nothing exists to adequately or equitably measure the value of Christ's blood. His blood is eternal, immortal, incorruptible, incomparable, and holy. WE ARE NOT OUR OWN; WE ARE GOD'S BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN BLOOD-BOUGHT, BLOOD-WASHED, BLOOD-REDEEMED, AND BLOOD-SEALED THROUGH THE LAMB. Christ's blood has eternally cleansed every part of us—our spirit, soul, and body—making us His very own. Therefore, consecration is a rightful privilege for all who have been bought as belonging to God through Christ's blood. He acknowledges and honors those who are His by calling all into consecration and holiness as He is holy. Like all the artifacts in the tabernacle—all were cleansed by blood sprinkled on them (Hebrews 9:13-14 ESV).

CONSECRATION IS ALWAYS ABSOLUTE, COMPLETE, AND ENCOMPASSING, JUST AS SALVATION IS. As there is no partial salvation, there is no partial consecration. When we are consecrated to Him, we are wholly His. He owns our everything—our whole life, being, and everything concerning us. It is like citizenship. One is either a citizen of a country, or one is not. There is no partial citizenship. We who are redeemed are citizens of the kingdom of God. All our affection, attention, faithfulness, devotion, and loyalty belong to Him alone. Nothing except being wholly consecrated to Him is right, legitimate, or fitting. Any other way will be a misappropriation of a redeemed life, and a miscarriage of rightfulness. Because we are His, we have no other masters, lords or kings. There is only one God, one Lord and one Master—Jesus Christ and Jesus alone.

No passion, devotion, loyalty, or commitment even unto death is too radical in our holy consecration unto God. Anything less is unbefitting, unacceptable in our relationship with the Lamb who gave His all for us. He has been wholly devoted and committed to us, even to His death on the cross. The only consecrated love that befits Him is first love. The only consecrated passion that befits Him is a wholehearted and an all-consuming zeal for Him. There is no place for compromise.

When we live a consecrated life, it is a life totally consumed with Him and for Him. In that sense, we do not have what secularism advocates as a balanced life—balancing everything to make sure self, pleasure, or personal priority gets an equal share of all that concerns us and our devotion to Jesus Christ. WITHOUT JESUS CHRIST, WE HAVE NOTHING. HIS PLACE IN OUR HEARTS CANNOT BE SHARED WITH ANYONE OR ANYTHING. There is only one throne in our lives, and He is perpetually occupying it. There is only One Person we worship, and Jesus is His name. A consecrated life is a consumed life. It is a life obsessed with Him and a life given over to be possessed by Him. We cannot live as the world lives. We cannot live according to anything but His call upon us. We are on call all the time by Him. Every time He calls, our response must always be yes—not no, I cannot, maybe, wait, or it does not feel right. A consecrated life has no such vocabulary in a relationship with God. It is a life to be lived for Him only—there is no other life.

Consecration is an Honor Belonging to the Chosen and Called-Out Ones of God

The Church is God's chosen and called-out one. God is very clear in His Word concerning this—we are not of this world, we are His. He, Himself,

has separated us from the world to make us His very own.

- 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."
- John 15:19 NLT—"The world would love you as one of its own if you belonged to it, but YOU ARE NO LONGER PART OF THE WORLD. I CHOSE YOU TO COME OUT OF THE WORLD, SO IT HATES YOU."

Consecration is a right and an honor belonging to those chosen, called out, and bought by the blood of the Lamb of God.

- Consecrated because we have been made new in Christ
 2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV—"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."
- Consecrated because He Has Separated Us from All to be His Own Leviticus 20:26 NKJV—"You shall be holy to me, for I the Lord am holy and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be Mine."
- Consecrated because we are sons and daughters of the living God John 1:12 ESV—"But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God."
- Consecrated because we have become one spirit with God
 1 Corinthians 6:17 ESV—"But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him."
- Consecrated because we are a chosen generation, royal priesthood, and His own special people
 - 1 Peter 2:9–10 NKJV—"But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy."

- Consecrated because our bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit

 1 Corinthians 6:19 ESV—"Or do you not know that your body is a
 temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God?
 You are not your own."
- Consecrated because we are God's chosen Bride for the Lamb Revelation 19:7–8 NLT—"Let us be glad and rejoice, and let us give honor to Him. For the time has come for the wedding feast of the Lamb, and His bride has prepared herself. She has been given the finest of pure white linen to wear.' For the fine linen represents the good deeds of God's holy people."
- Consecrated because Christ has chosen us out of this world to be His

John 15:19 NIV—"If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you."

- Consecrated because we are citizens of heaven, God's kingdom Philippians 3:20 NIV—"But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ."
- Consecrated because we are His workmanship created in Christ for His works

Ephesians 2:10 ESV—"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

 Consecrated because we have been crucified with Christ, and He lives in us

Galatians 2:20 NIV—"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

Consecrated because we have been raised with Christ
 Colossians 3:1-4 NIV—"Since, then, you have been raised with
 Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated
 at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on
 earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ

in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory."

THE RIGHTS OF THE CONSECRATED

God, our heavenly Father, has blessed His consecrated children with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. We are not only blessed; WE HAVE INALIENABLE RIGHTS GIVEN TO US BY GOD as those who have been set apart for Him. The following are some of the rights of His consecrated royal priesthood, His holy nation, and special treasure. You are encouraged to declare these truths over yourself.

Rights of the consecrated concerning our relationship with God

- I have the right to seek and know Him intimately.
- I have the right to love and serve Him with all of my heart.
- I have the right to worship, adore and obey Him even unto death.
- I have the right to be faithful, and never leave Him nor betray Him.

Rights of the consecrated concerning godliness and holiness

- I have the right not to sin against Him nor grieve His Holy Spirit.
- I have the right to be pure, godly, and holy as He is holy.
- I have the right to walk worthy of Him and not shame His name.
- I have the right to keep my body (the temple of the Holy Spirit) pure and holy.
- I have the right to be meek, humble, and lowly.
- I have the right to bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit.
- I have the right not to complain, murmur or gossip.
- I have the right not to sin or participate in the ungodly.

Rights of the consecrated concerning following Jesus Christ

- I have the right to live for Him and to die for Him.
- I have the right to deny myself, pick up my cross, and follow Him.
- I have the right to suffer for His namesake and be rejected by others.
- I have the right to give up my life for Him to preach the gospel.

Rights of the consecrated concerning faith

- I have the right to expect all promises of God to be fulfilled.
- I have the right to see mountains being removed.
- I have to right to see the valley of dry bones come alive.
- I have the right to be bold and courageous, for He is with me.

- I have the right to the authority and power given by Him.
- I have the right to trust Him and not fear no matter what happens.
- I have the right to be seated with Him in the heavenly places.
- I have the right not to be discouraged or disappointed concerning anything.

Rights of the consecrated concerning warfare and victory

- I have the right to victory through the Holy Spirit in every battle.
- I have the right to live in His power, that nothing shall by any means hurt me.
- I have the right to heaven's keys to bind and loose, and it shall be done.
- I have the right to tear down strongholds and take down vain imaginations.
- I have the right to bring all rebellious thoughts under Christ's authority.
- I have the right to submit to God, resist the devil, and see the devil flee.
- I have the right to overcome satan by the blood of the Lamb and the Word of my mouth as I love not my life unto death.
- I have the right to be more than a conqueror in Christ Jesus.

Rights of the consecrated concerning missions

- I have the right to give up my life for Him to preach the gospel.
- I have the right to heal the sick, and feed the hungry anywhere.
- I have the right to pray for His kingdom to come and His will be done in all nations.
- I have the right to go anywhere His Holy Spirit sends me for His mission.

Rights of the consecrated concerning persecution for His namesake

- I have the right to identify with Jesus Christ in all His suffering.
- I have the right to shout and glorify His name in the worst situations.
- I have the right to forgive those who wound, hurt, or injure me.
- I have the right to love my enemies and bless those who curse me.
- I have the right to offer the other cheek when slapped on one.
- I have the right to do good and pray for those who cause me suffering.
- $\bullet\,$ I have the right to rejoice in Him and give Him thanks for everything.

Rights of the consecrated concerning identity and blessings in Christ lesus

- I have the right to declare that I am His, and He is mine.
- I have the right to say I am His child—I belong to His family.

- I have the right to say that He chose me before the foundation of the world.
- I have the right to revival, regeneration, and renewing of the mind.
- I have the right to transformation, to be changed from glory to glory.

Rights of the consecrated Church to imagine God can do beyond all we ask or think

- We have the right to imagine the limitless possibilities of God.
- We have the right to imagine God doing more than we ask.
- We have the right to imagine God's power working in us.
- We have the right to imagine nations transformed.
- We have the right to imagine perfect unity in the Church.
- We have the right to imagine the glory of God in the Church.

The Consecrated Live Here on Earth According to the Ways of Heaven

Consecration is bringing heaven's lifestyle of holiness down here on earth. In heaven, the holy angels surround the throne of God and cry out unceasingly, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty" (Revelation 4:8 NKJV). By God's grace, live here on earth according to the ways of heaven. We are only here on earth for a short while, and then Jesus Christ will come to take us with Him to our eternal home.

Prayer Focus

- A. Hunger to Have a Passion for Jesus Christ, His Holiness, and Righteousness.
- B. Understand that as God Is Exceptional in His Holiness, so are You in Him.
- C. Understand That We Are Saved and Sanctified in Christ Jesus as His Holy Ones.
- D. Seek God in Humility, Contrition, and Repentance.
 - Humbly seek Him and let the Holy Spirit search and examine your heart.
 - 2. Repent and turn away from all that is unholy, impure and unclean.

- 3. Be sanctified and wholly set apart unto God.
 - a. in perfect holiness—according to His grace
 - b. in total surrender—withholding nothing
 - c. in total trust—completely depending on Him
 - d. in total submission—obeying Him in all things

E. Seek to Know Jesus Christ Who Paid for Your Redemption with His Incorruptible Blood.

- 1. Understand the price He paid to redeem you.
- 2. Understand that you are His, and not your own.
- 3. Live with JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR FIRST PASSION, PRIORITY AND PURSUIT.

F. Live as God's Consecrated People.

- 1. Live as God's chosen, holy children.
- 2. Live as God's chosen, holy habitation.
- 3. Live as God's chosen, holy priesthood.
- 4. Live as God's chosen, holy servant.
- Declare again The Rights of the Consecrated in the Exhortation.
 Proclaim each bullet point as a decree and prayer.

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MONDAY: CONSECRATED TO IMAGINE	
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Tuesday, June 7: Imagine Perfect Unity in the Church

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in
unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down on the beard, the
beard of Aaron, running down on the edge of his garments. It is like the dew
of Hermon, descending upon the mountains of Zion; FOR THERE THE LORD
COMMANDED THE BLESSING—LIFE FOREVERMORE.
JOHN 17:20-26 NKJV
I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through
their word; that THEY ALL MAY BE ONE , as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You;
that THEY ALSO MAY BE ONE IN US, that the world may believe that You sent
Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that THEY MAY BE
ONE JUST AS WE ARE ONE: I in them, and You in Me; that THEY MAY BE MADE
PERFECT IN ONE, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and
have loved them as You have loved Me. Father, I desire that they also whom You
gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You
have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. O righteous
Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have
known that You sent Me. And I have declared to them Your name, and will
declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in
them.
JOHN 17:21-23 TPT
I pray for them all to BE JOINED TOGETHER AS ONE even as YOU AND I, FATHER,
ARE JOINED TOGETHER AS ONE. I pray for them to BECOME ONE WITH US so
that the world will recognize that You sent Me. For the very glory You have given
to Me I have given them so that THEY WILL BE JOINED TOGETHER AS ONE AND
EXPERIENCE THE SAME UNITY THAT WE ENJOY. You live fully in Me and now I
live fully in them so that THEY WILL EXPERIENCE PERFECT UNITY , and the world
will be convinced that You have sent Me, for they will see that You love each one
of them with the same passionate love that you have for Me.
PHILIPPIANS 2:1-3 TPT
Look at how much encouragement you've found in your relationship with
the Anointed One! You are filled to overflowing with His comforting love. You
have experienced a deepening friendship with the Holy Spirit and have felt His

tender affection and mercy. So I'm asking you, my friends, that you BE JOINED

TOGETHER IN PERFECT UNITY—WITH ONE HEART, ONE PASSION, AND UNITED IN ONE LOVE. WALK TOGETHER WITH ONE HARMONIOUS PURPOSE and you will fill my heart with unbounded joy. BE FREE FROM PRIDE-FILLED OPINIONS, FOR THEY WILL ONLY HARM YOUR CHERISHED UNITY.
PHILIPPIANS 2:2 NLT
Then make me truly happy by AGREEING WHOLEHEARTEDLY WITH EACH
OTHER, LOVING ONE ANOTHER, AND WORKING TOGETHER WITH ONE MIND AND PURPOSE.
EPHESIANS 4:1-16 NKJV
I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to WALK WORTHY OF THE
CALLING with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with
longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, ENDEAVORING TO KEEP THE
UNITY OF THE SPIRIT IN THE BOND OF PEACE. There is ONE BODY and ONE
SPIRIT, just as you were CALLED IN ONE HOPE of your calling; ONE LORD, ONE
FAITH, ONE BAPTISM; ONE GOD AND FATHER OF ALL, who is above all, and
through all, and in you all. But to each one of us grace was given according to
the measure of Christ's gift And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some
$prophets, some\ evangelists, and\ some\ pastors\ and\ teachers, \textit{for\ the\ equipping\ of}$
the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till
WE ALL COME TO THE UNITY OF THE FAITH AND OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE
SON OF GOD, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of
Christ; that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about
with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of
deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into
Him who is the head—Christ— from whom the WHOLE BODY, JOINED AND
KNIT TOGETHER by what EVERY JOINT SUPPLIES, according to the EFFECTIVE
WORKING by which EVERY PART DOES ITS SHARE, causes growth of the body
for the edifying of itself in love.
MATTHEW 12:25 NKJV
But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: "Every kingdom divided
against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand."

Exhortation: Imagine Perfect Unity in the ChurchAll Things Are Possible with God

If you love Jesus, then love what He loves, and prioritize what He prioritizes. JESUS LOVES AND PRIORITIZES UNITY IN HIS CHURCH. His prayer and passion are for all those who believe in Him to be one, as His Father and He are one. If Jesus is indeed your Lord, as we often readily confess, then obey Him in being united as one. May we pursue unity and be willing to lay down all to preserve it.

Before Christ's crucifixion, the cry coming through His prayer to His Father was for all believers to be one as His Father and He were one (John 17). He did not pray for power, anointing, blessings, a great harvest of souls, or great miracles. HE PRAYED FOR UNITY. Jesus laid down His life to redeem us to be one with Him and the Father. What will we give for the Church to be in perfect unity? In John 17:20–23 TPT, He prayed in this manner.

And I ask not only for these disciples, but also for all those who will one day believe in Me through their message. I pray for them all to BE JOINED TOGETHER AS ONE even as You and I, Father, are joined together as one. I pray for them to BECOME ONE WITH US so that the world will recognize that You sent Me. For the very glory You have given to Me I have given them so that THEY WILL BE JOINED TOGETHER AS ONE AND EXPERIENCE THE SAME UNITY THAT WE ENJOY. You live fully in Me and now I live fully in them so that THEY WILL EXPERIENCE PERFECT UNITY, and the world will be convinced that You have sent Me, for they will see that You love each one of them with the same passionate love that You have for Me.

Unity According to Jesus—We Are Born-Again into Perfect Unity as His Body

Unity is not uniformity. When believers, although diverse and different in many ways, coalesce together in one accord to become one in spirit, purpose, faith, and movement in Christ, there is unity. When people in unity act, it produces a synergy that will generate an effect far greater than the collective sum of individual effects. THE POWER OF UNITY WILL PRODUCE MOVEMENTS THAT ARE UNSTOPPABLE.

We are born-again through Christ's blood into perfect unity as one body and one family, and being prepared to be His one, holy bride. Our union with Christ binds us to each other and we are one in Him. Therefore,

we must not divide, wound, or tear the body of Christ for whom He shed His blood and gave up His life. IF WE DO, WE ARE SPIRITUALLY CANNIBALIZING CHRIST'S BODY. Paul wrote this in Galatians 5:13-15 NKJV;

For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." BUT IF YOU BITE AND DEVOUR ONE ANOTHER, BEWARE LEST YOU BE CONSUMED BY ONE ANOTHER!

The Greek word <code>dakno</code>, translated as bite, means to sting, molest, vex, and injure. Devour is from the Greek <code>katesthio</code>, which means to eat up, consume, make a prey of, plunder, or injure. <code>Disunity</code> tears apart the body of <code>Christ.</code> It cuts and injures His Bride. <code>DISUNITY</code> WOUNDS THE HEART <code>OF JESUS</code> CHRIST AND GRIEVES HIS SPIRIT PROFOUNDLY. Therefore, we must pursue unity with each other so that <code>Christ</code> is pleased and glorified.

Unity is Having All Members Fitly Joined and Knitted Together to Act as One

The physical body is created with many parts and designed to be fitly joined as one in perfect unity. In that unity, the whole body is able to function at its optimum. So it is with the Church. We have been redeemed into perfect unity in Christ. As one body, we can function even beyond our limitations by the power of the Holy Spirit. Each member needs the whole body. A member's function only has meaning, effectiveness, power, and significance when fitly joined in unity to the body. THE CHURCH, IN PERFECT UNITY, IS UNSTOPPABLE. Paul explains the unity of Christ's body in Ephesians 4:16 NKJV,

From whom the whole body, JOINED AND KNIT TOGETHER by what EVERY JOINT SUPPLIES, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, CAUSES GROWTH OF THE BODY FOR THE EDIFYING OF ITSELF IN LOVE.

To be joined means to be framed together as one. The KJV uses the word compacted in place of knit together, which in Greek is symbibazō, meaning:

 To cause to coalesce—to unite, combine, cleave, blend, mingle, fuse, or meld. • To unite or knit together: in affection.

We are to spiritually coalesce with other members of the body into perfect unity because there is **only ONE BODY and ONE SPIRIT**, **and we are CALLED IN ONE HOPE of our calling**. We believe in ONE LORD, and we have ONE FAITH, ONE BAPTISM, AND ONE GOD AND FATHER OF ALL, who is above all, and through all, and in us all (Ephesians 4).

God's Way is the Way of Unity

For the Church to live, move, and function effectively and powerfully, we must do so according to God's ways. HIS WAY IS THE WAY OF PERFECT UNITY. God is no respecter of persons, establishments, abilities, or achievements. HE IS A RESPECTER OF HIS OWN WAYS AND WORD. When the Church knows the ways of God, and walks worthy of them, God will own, honor, cover, uphold, and bless. He will multiply every good thing concerning them, anointing their endeavors and works with His power. There will be an anointing for fruitfulness and multiplication, giving us a supernatural ability to accomplish beyond what we can imagine. The Church becomes unstoppable in all God has given them to do. No power on earth or hell can hold them back because God is with them. Any enemy of the Church becomes God's enemy. Romans 8:31 NKJV says, "If God is for us, who can be against us?"

There is a great and urgent need for the Church to be in perfect unity because the time is short. We must no longer waste time and resources on things that obstruct unity. In fact, we must ruthlessly be rid of them and pivot into perfect harmony. The optimal effectiveness and accomplishments of the Church are achieved as a whole body, not as individuals or divided parts. WHERE THERE IS UNITY, EVERYONE WINS. WHERE THERE IS DISUNITY, EVERYONE LOSES. The breakthrough and victory beyond what we can think or imagine comes through our unity.

The Power of Perfect Unity

Genesis 11:5-7 NLT shows the power of perfect unity:

But the LORD came down to look at the city and the tower the people were building. "Look!" He said, "The people are UNITED, and they ALL SPEAK THE SAME LANGUAGE. After this, NOTHING THEY SET OUT TO DO WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM! Come, let's go down and

confuse the people with different languages. Then they won't be able to understand each other."

Although the human race had fallen away from God, the power of their unity was such that God said, "Nothing they set out to do will be impossible for them!" These were people with differing personalities, backgrounds, and socio-economic statuses. When they united as one in purpose and vision to build a tower that would reach the sky, God said they would succeed in anything they set their minds to do. PERFECT UNITY MAKES THE UNITED UNSTOPPABLE SO THAT NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM TO ACCOMPLISH ONCE THEY SET THEIR MINDS ON IT. An Ethiopian proverb says, "When spiders unite, they can tie down a lion."

To prevent them from accomplishing the impossible, God came down and broke up their unity by giving them different languages that they could no longer understand each other. God destroyed their ability and power to do the impossible by destroying their unity.

If the Church moves in perfect unity, nothing is impossible for us. We can see revival ignited in every city and state. We can see thousands saved in one day. We can see churches sending missionaries to other parts of the world to preach the gospel. We can see our children and youth be on fire for God evangelizing others. We can see crimes be eradicated in cities. We can see nations turn to God. This can happen when we let nothing divide us. Just as disunity destroys all that is possible, unity creates the power to do what is impossible.

Perfect Unity as One New Man in Christ Has Been Accomplished Through the Cross

God desires our unity far more than our works and sacrifices. The unity of the Church is the irrefutable evidence to the world verifying two truths—that Christ is sent by God, and those who believe in Him are God's people. Our unity is the visible, touchable, and audible testimony that authenticates the gospel message to the world. Charles H. Brent, an Episcopal Church's first Missionary Bishop of the Philippine Islands, said,

The unity of Christendom is not a luxury, but a necessity. The world will go limping until Christ's prayer that all may be one is answered. WE MUST HAVE UNITY, NOT AT ALL COSTS BUT AT ALL RISKS. A unified church is the only offering we dare present to the coming Christ, for in it alone will He find room to dwell.

Paul in Ephesians 2:13–22 ESV wrote to Jewish and Gentile believers about being united through the cross to be "one new man" in Christ:

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in His flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that HE MIGHT CREATE IN HIMSELF ONE NEW MAN IN PLACE OF THE TWO, so making peace, and might RECONCILE US BOTH TO GOD IN ONE BODY THROUGH THE CROSS, thereby killing the hostility. And He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In Him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

The Jewish and the Gentile believers were alienated from each other in Paul's time. They had a history of hostility because of conflicts concerning religious laws and practices, ideologies, culture, and traditions. What one segment believed had become offensive to the other, resulting in mutual scorn, disrespect, and rejection. In pride, each group held their practices and beliefs to be superior to the other. An unseen and unyielding wall of pride separated them. In their blindness, they even held these non-essential practices and beliefs above the work of Christ on the cross. Paul had to counsel the Jewish and Gentile believers that IN CHRIST, THEY WERE ONE NEW MAN because Christ had broken all walls of hostility and brought the two together as one through His work on the cross.

In being one new man in Christ, they all have access in one Spirit to the Father. They were no longer strangers and aliens, but fellow citizens and members of the household of God. They were all built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone. They were joined and built together as a complete and whole structure—a holy temple and a dwelling place for God in perfect unity. An American Bible teacher, M.R. DeHaan, wrote this in his article *The Chemistry of the Blood*:

God cares nothing about our man-made divisions and groups and is

not interested in our self-righteous, hair-splitting, and religious, manmade formulas and organizations. **HE WANTS YOU TO RECOGNIZE THE UNITY OF THE BODY OF CHRIST.**

Never has there been a time in which it is more needful for the Church to unite and act as one undivided new man for the kingdom of God and His purpose. Disunity is detrimental to the body of Christ and a stumbling block to the world's belief in Him. While portions of the Church are busy fighting over theology, manifestations of the Holy Spirit, methods of worship, and many other issues, THE KINGDOM OF DARKNESS HAS NEVER STOPPED BEING UNITED AROUND ONE PURPOSE—TO KILL, STEAL AND DESTROY AS MANY SOULS AS POSSIBLE. When believers use public platforms to attack and condemn other believers, they are wounding and ripping apart the body of Christ. These have failed to discern the body of Christ, for whom Christ died to redeem as one through His blood. What a tragedy when Christians have more passion for disproving each other than for defeating the powers of darkness and winning souls for God. As the body of Christ squabbles over the inessential, lost souls are plunging into hell every second.

The Speed of Unity—Convoy of Hope

In his book *Speed of Unity*, Rob Ketterling explains the three speeds in which the Church can move. The highest speed is that of unity.

- The Speed of Agreement—when two can agree and WALK TOGETHER (Amos 3:3)
- The Speed of Vision—when people know the vision can RUN TOGETHER (Habakkuk 2:2)
- The Speed of Unity—when people are united around a purpose and act as one (Genesis 11—then NOTHING WILL be IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM TO DO)

The ministry of Convoy of Hope, founded by Hal Donaldson and his two brothers in 1994, is a testimony of how the speed of unity has powerfully and exponentially helped them do the humanly impossible. When Hal was twelve, his father died in a car accident, and his mother was in intensive care fighting for her life. A couple, Bill and LouVada Davis (with two children of their own) took in the four Donaldson children. They shared with them their mobile home and all that they had with God's love, until their mother

was able to take care of them. Later Hal wrote in a 2014 Thanksgiving newsletter:

The Davises were not only willing to share their home but also willing to share in our sorrow and pain. They modeled discipline and tough love at times but also true compassion which literally means to suffer with. To us, they modeled what it meant TO LIVE LIFE WITH HOPE, and that has been a core value of Convoy of Hope.

Since its founding, Convoy of Hope has provided food, clothing, and other kinds of aid to millions worldwide. Hal and his brothers could never have done this on their own, but as others united with them, nothing became impossible. This is the speed of unity at work in Convoy of Hope through the years.

- In 1969, the Davis family, united in purpose, took in Hal and his siblings to love, feed, protect and give hope.
- In 1994, Hal and his brothers united in purpose and started Convoy of Hope. They loaded their trucks with food and supplies to provide for those in need.
- In 1995, others joined them in their Care Events serving 200 to 400 people. Many caught their vision, and the partnership grew extensively, as did their impact.
- By 2014 Convoy of Hope had served 67 million people in over 100 countries.
- By 2017, in exponential growth, 1200 churches were partnering with Convoy of Hope to serve the needy worldwide.
- By 2019, they provided \$1 billion in food and other aid, helping over
 115 million people.
- In 2021 alone, they served 29 million people in 127 countries.

THIS IS THE POWER AND THE SPEED OF UNITY WHERE NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE! It all began with the Davis family in 1969. What would have happened had the Davises been in disunity regarding taking in the children? What would have happened if Hal had not united with his brothers to start Convoy of Hope because of bitterness in his heart?

When the Church fails to move in perfect unity, we will be robbed of the limitless possibilities with which God has prepared to bless us. The loss will be immeasurable. 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." Perfect unity is the catalyst that propels the Church into a supernatural dimension where God can move to produce results beyond our imagination.

Endeavor to Keep the Unity—Disunity is Profoundly Costly and Destructive

We must strive to keep unity in the body of Christ. Psalm 133 says that unity is pleasing to God, and it brings an anointing and refreshing from Him. WHERE THERE IS UNITY, GOD WILL COMMAND A BLESSING. We must put forth all efforts to move and serve as one. Disunity is profoundly costly and destructive to the Church, both individually and corporately. Sometimes we may be spiritually blind and unable to see the damages, losses, and defeats we have sustained because of disunity. The deepest cut is to miss the call of God. Anything harmful to unity is detrimental to us as individuals and as the body of Christ. Do not hold on to pride, judgment, offense, or anything that will divide.

When we choose to champion or stick to our own agendas, rights, preferences, individualism, or hurts, we become divisive tools in the hands of the enemy. We become his vessels carrying his destructive spirit and doing his work of dividing with murmuring, gossiping, and resenting. We might not openly display them, but secretly and definitely, we harbor them in our hearts. We can serve with others and yet not be in unity. May the eyes of our understanding be opened to see what God can accomplish through our unity. A spirit of divisiveness will block us from achieving those things.

Love is the Key to Perfect Unity

Love is the bridge, the adhesive, the balm of healing, the grace, the charity, and the able medicine to bring together people of diverse ethnicities, personalities, talents, and callings as one in the bond of peace. If we will walk in the love of God, there is no other Christian that we cannot be united with, no matter how much we may differ in culture, opinions, viewpoints, and preferences. Do we love God far above ourselves? If we do, we will strive to keep the unity of His Body even when it personally costs us dearly.

True spirituality is most demonstrated when we can abase ourselves to unite with others. It is the ability to lift our eyes from ourselves and see others in the body and be able to serve them. It is having a willingness in deeds and words to draw the best out of others. What does love look like?

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It seeks to do the best for others. Love covers a multitude of sins and does not look for faults in others. Love does not hold grudges. It is not puffed up and not insistent on having one's own ways (I Corinthians 13). May we love as Christ loves that we might be in perfect unity.

Prayer Focus

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A. Pray for a New Heart and Spirit Concerning Perfect Unity.

- 1. Exchange the heart of stone for a heart of flesh.
- 2. Identify and repent of areas of sins causing divisiveness and disunity.
 - a. pride and self-centeredness
 - b. grudge, resentment, offense and unforgiveness
 - c. judgmental spirit and a lack of Christ's love
 - d. failure to discern the Body of Christ as redeemed by His blood
 - e. failure to love, honor and esteem others better than self
- B. Pray for the Love of Christ to Inundate Your Heart.
- C. Pray for Oneness as Jesus Christ Prayed.
- D. Endeavor to Maintain Unity at All Costs.
- E. Pray for the Church to Move in the Power and Speed of Unity.
- F. Seek for the Church to be One New Man in Perfect Unity.

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TUESDAY: IMAGINE PERFECT UNITY IN THE CHURCH

Wednesday, June 8: Imagine Nations Transformed MATTHEW 28:18-20 NKJV And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "ALL AUTHORITY HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH. GO THEREFORE and MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL **NATIONS**, baptizing them in the name of the FATHER and of the SON and of the HOLY SPIRIT, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen. PSALM 22:27-31 NLT The whole earth will acknowledge the LORD and return to Him. ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE NATIONS WILL BOW DOWN BEFORE HIM. For royal power belongs to the **LORD. HE RULES ALL THE NATIONS.** Let the rich of the earth feast and worship. Bow before Him. all who are mortal. all whose lives will end as dust. Our children will also serve Him. Future generations will hear about the wonders of the Lord. His righteous acts will be told to those not yet born. They will hear about everything He has done. DEUTERONOMY 28:1-13 NLT If you FULLY OBEY THE LORD YOUR GOD and carefully keep all His commands that I am giving you today, the LORD your GOD WILL SET YOU HIGH ABOVE ALL THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD...Wherever you go and whatever you do, you will be blessed...The LORD will conquer your enemies when they attack you...The LORD will quarantee a blessing on everything you do...the LORD will establish you as His holy people...THEN ALL THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD WILL SEE THAT YOU ARE A PEOPLE CLAIMED BY THE LORD, and they will stand in awe of you...If you listen to these commands of the LORD...and if you carefully obey them, the LORD WILL MAKE YOU THE HEAD AND NOT THE TAIL, AND YOU WILL ALWAYS BE ON TOP AND

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

ROMANS 1:14-17 NKJV

NEVER AT THE BOTTOM.

Exhortation: Imagine Nations Transformed God Rules Over Nations

David in Psalm 22:27–31 NLT prophesies that all nations to the very ends of the earth will acknowledge and worship God, not only in his generation and in his children's, but also in all future generations. Jesus Christ came as the Lamb to be slain to provide redemption for the whole world, that all who believe in Him will be saved.

The whole earth will acknowledge the LORD and return to Him. ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE NATIONS WILL BOW DOWN BEFORE HIM. For royal power belongs to the LORD. HE RULES ALL THE NATIONS. Let the rich of the earth feast and worship. Bow before Him, all who are mortal, all whose lives will end as dust. Our children will also serve Him. Future generations will hear about the wonders of the Lord. His righteous acts will be told to those not yet born. They will hear about everything He has done.

No matter what may be going on in this world, "the families of the nations will bow before Him" according to God's will. He eternally rules over all the nations of the earth, and no power can circumvent His reign. Job 42:2 NIV says, "I KNOW THAT YOU CAN DO ALL THINGS; NO PURPOSE OF YOURS CAN BE THWARTED." God has purposed for all nations to be transformed by knowing and worshiping Him, and so it shall be. God's instrument to fulfill His Word is the redeemed, His Church.

When the Bible refers to nations, it is primarily not to geographical locations or regions, but refers to the different people or ethnic groups. God has purposed for people of every ethnicity (nation) to know Him, be saved, and be transformed. Revelation 5:9 NKJV says of Jesus Christ, "FOR YOU WERE SLAIN, AND HAVE REDEEMED US TO GOD BY YOUR BLOOD OUT OF EVERY TRIBE AND TONGUE AND PEOPLE AND NATION."

The Gospel Has the Power to Save and Transform Nations

No power can transform nations but the gospel of Jesus Christ. **The good news is able to save all who believe, and it must be preached to every nation by the Church.** Jesus has promised to fill all believers with His Holy Spirit and power that they will be His witnesses to the ends of the earth. Christ's mandate to the Church is to preach the gospel, make disciples of all nations, baptizing them, and teaching them to observe all things He

has commanded them. The Church, like Paul, must be ready to go, preach, teach and make disciples for the kingdom of God. We must not be ashamed of the gospel. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 9:19–23 NLT, that he became all things to all men to bring them to Christ.

Even though I am a free man with no master, I have become a slave to all people to bring many to Christ. When I was with the Jews, I lived like a Jew to bring the Jews to Christ. When I was with those who follow the Jewish law, I too lived under that law. Even though I am not subject to the law, I did this so I could bring to Christ those who are under the law. When I am with the Gentiles who do not follow the Jewish law, I too live apart from that law so I can bring them to Christ. But I do not ignore the law of God; I obey the law of Christ. When I am with those who are weak, I share their weakness, for I want to bring the weak to Christ. Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some. I do everything to spread the Good News and share in its blessings.

Bringing the gospel to every nation must be a priority for every believer, as it was with Paul. Jesus was sacrificed on the cross not just to bring one person or one group of people into salvation. He died for all people, that all who believe in Him shall be saved. God wants every person and every nation saved and transformed.

Christ's Mandate to His Universal Church to Reach Nations

Christ's mandate to His universal Church is to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, He who believes and is baptized will be saved" (Mark 16:15–16 NKJV). This mandate is for all believers, churches, and denominations throughout time. THERE IS NO EXCEPTION, NO EXEMPTION, AND NO EXCLUSION TO HIS CALL—SAVE THE LOST! JESUS CHRIST GAVE HIS LIFE FOR ONE REASON: THAT NONE SHOULD PERISH, BUT THAT ALL WOULD HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE.

God's mission mandate is a command, not an option. It is His fundamental and common duty for all His children. Every child of God is obligated to Jesus to be His witness in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the uttermost part of the earth. It is a holy obligation unto God. We are all missionaries. We are all born-again to reach out and save souls. A missionary simply does the Father's business of saving souls and bringing in the harvest.

If the Church is one with Christ, we must preach as Christ preached. We must seek the lost as Christ sought the lost. We must work as Christ worked. We are bound by our oneness with Christ to go into all the world to preach the gospel to every nation, baptizing them and making disciples. Christ was bound as one to His Father—He suffered, died, and rose again for the souls of every tongue, tribe, and people, that they will call upon His name and be saved. If our hearts are one with Christ, we, like Him, will lay down our lives to weep, pray, give, preach, go, and make disciples of nations. We must ensure that every person has a chance to hear, believe, receive Jesus, and be saved.

The Magnitude of the Last Day Harvest—the Tri-Fold Crisis of Missions

In Matthew 9, after Jesus had gone to all the towns and villages to teach, proclaim the good news, and heal the sick, He saw the crowds and had compassion on them. They were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. In Matthew 9:37–38 NIV, He said to His disciples, "THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL BUT THE WORKERS ARE FEW. ASK THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THEREFORE, TO SEND OUT WORKERS INTO HIS HARVEST FIELD."

Our God is not just the God who loves and blesses His Church; He is also the Lord of the harvest—all those who are yet without salvation. Tragically, a significant portion of the Church lacks knowledge and obedience to the Lord of the harvest. Jesus says that the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. The magnitude of the last day's harvest creates a tri-fold crisis.

- First, the harvest is PLENTIFUL. The crisis in the fields is the
 need to quickly and ably bring in the harvest that none perish. The
 harvest belongs to God. It is plentiful, and it is everywhere. We are
 not reaping as quickly as the harvest is growing causing a crisis.
- Second, the laborers are FEW. This is a crisis within the Church in which too few sons and daughters of God are willing to obey Him to be laborers in the fields. We have many Christians but insufficient harvesters to bring in the perishing souls.
- Third, the urgency of TIME—it is short. In John 4:34–35 NIV, Jesus tells His disciples that His food is to do the will of His Father and to finish His work. He also sharply commands them in verse 35,

"Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest." We are to harvest while it is still day. When night comes, no man can work. In John 9:4 NKJV, Jesus said, "I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work."

These crises are heightened because the thief and destroyer is busy in the fields toiling to spoil and rob the harvest. The warfare for the harvest is fierce and relentless. THE CHURCH MUST AWAKE, ARISE, AND SHINE! WE MUST SLEEP NO MORE, BUT LIFT UP OUR EYES TO SEE THAT THE HARVEST IS RIPE! Jesus had already come to give us abundant life; it is for the Church to go and share this abundant life with all nations that they too will be saved! GOD HAS ONLY ONE INSTRUMENT FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF NATIONS: HIS CHURCH.

The Church Must Arise as the "Head and Not the Tail" for Nations

God created Adam to be the head and not the tail. He was to take dominion over all the earth to tend it on behalf of God. Adam relinquished his authority to lead and take dominion because he submitted to satan's temptation to eat the fruit forbidden by God. All who believe in Jesus Christ, are redeemed and saved. **The redeemed are restored into the place of spiritual dominion in Him. Through His blood, we are the head and not the tail.** God promises in Deuteronomy 28:1–13 NLT to bless His people and make them the "head and not the tail" if they will carefully obey all His commands:

If you FULLY OBEY THE LORD YOUR GOD and carefully keep all His commands that I am giving you today, the LORD your GOD WILL SET YOU HIGH ABOVE ALL THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD...Wherever you go and whatever you do, you will be blessed. The LORD will conquer your enemies when they attack you. They will attack you from one direction, but they will scatter from you in seven. The LORD will guarantee a blessing on everything you do...the LORD will establish you as His holy people...Then all the nations of the world will see that you are a people claimed by the LORD, and they will stand in awe of you...If you listen to these commands of the LORD...and if you carefully obey them, the LORD WILL MAKE YOU THE HEAD AND NOT THE TAIL, AND YOU WILL ALWAYS BE ON TOP AND NEVER AT THE BOTTOM.

We are the head not by military power, riches of the world, or any other human ability; we are the head by the power of the Holy Spirit who lives within us. The forces of darkness fight hard to distract the Church from this truth. In knowing this truth, the Church can be set free to live and move in obedience to God to see His kingdom come and His will be done here on earth, as it is already in heaven.

In Acts 6 and 7, Stephen is an example of the redeemed being the head and not the tail. Even when he was being stoned to death for his faith by his persecutors, their hatred, violence, and rage could not douse the faith, power, love, and glory of God upon him. Stephen's declaration that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior, and his demonstration of faith, courage, and love overwhelmed all the powers of darkness unleashed against him to annihilate him. His persecutors intended to silence or kill him. He could not be silenced, so they rushed at him, gnashing their teeth and stoning him to death. They could not overcome his faith, stop his worship or silence his message. By the power of the Holy Spirit, Stephen was the "head and not the tail" unto death. He showed, told, and directed others to the truth that Jesus Christ is the Lord and Savior. Such was the power, anointing, and glory that the Lord visibly opened up heaven, and Stephen saw Jesus standing up for him.

It is time for the Church to arise, stand, and manifest the testimony of Jesus Christ to the whole world. We must have the same passion, conviction, faith, and love that Stephen did. We must be absolutely relentless and unstoppable to show, tell, and demonstrate that Jesus Christ saves. We must know God has made us the spiritual head and not the tail. **This is our identity and position in Jesus Christ, that we lead, direct, and show others that He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.** We must arise, pick up our identity, and stand in our position as the salt and light of this world, leading nations into the kingdom of God. Do not lose your identity, and do not abdicate your position as the head. By faith, imagine nations reached, saved, and transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

We Must Imagine Nations Transformed Because God Rules Over the Nations

We must believe that nothing is impossible with God. Seeing nations saved and transformed is the will of God, who has provided the way of salvation for all. He rules over all the nations of the whole earth. How can we see nations transformed?

Praying for The Nations

Psalm 2:8 NIV—"Ask Me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession."

The Church is called to pray and ask for all nations. God moves through the prayers of His Church. If we humble ourselves, turn from our wicked ways, and call upon God, He will answer and do great and mighty things. We must pray for nations to be transformed. Pray for the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into all nations.

- Pray for all strongholds over all nations to be broken and destroyed.
- Pray for the hearts and wills of the nations to be free to believe.
- Pray for the mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all nations.
- Pray for the repentance and redemption of all nations.
- Pray for the revival, reformation, and transformation of all nations.

• Going to The Nations (Mark 16:15; Matthew 4:19 & 25:35-36)

We need to go to nations with the gospel for these reasons. We are debtors of the gospel to those who are not yet born-again. We owe them the gospel that will save them. The Church has to pay this debt to the nations. We are fishers of men, following in the steps of Jesus to go, preach, save, and disciple. We are the watchmen God has set on the wall to call on Him day and night for nations to be transformed. We must go to the nations because of the mission cries of the last days. May we have ears to hear these cries.

- The Cry of Our Father—"WHO WILL GO?" He has given us His only begotten Son to save us. Will we go so that others will be saved?
- The Cry of Jesus Christ—"WHO WILL OBEY?" Jesus gave His life to obey His Father by coming to buy our redemption with His blood. Will we give our lives to follow Him and go?
- The Cry of the Lost—"WHO WILL CARE AND COME?" The cry of lost nations is, "Who will come and save us? Who will stand in the gap for us? We are thirsty; who will give us to drink? We

are hungry; who will give us to eat? We are sick; who will visit us? We are in prison; who will come to us?"

Paul writes this in Romans 10:13–15 NLT concerning going to the nations.

For "Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved." But how can they call on Him to save them unless they believe in Him? And how can they believe in Him if they have never heard about Him? And how can they hear about Him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!"

Declaring His Glory Among the Nations

1 Chronicles 16:23-24 NKJV—"Sing to the LORD, all the earth; proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples."

We declare and show the glory of God to all nations by proclaiming to them the good news of His salvation. The good news is not only preached but also demonstrated by the good deeds of God's people to a needy world, showing them tangibly the love and grace of Jesus Christ. The Church must not only speak, but also feed the hungry, heal the sick, take in the homeless, and clothe the naked. We are to be the "Christ" who sees, touches, and ministers to them in their needs, showing forth the glory of God among the nations.

The Church must bring to the nations the good news that is demonstrable of God's love, mercy and glory, so that they can hear, see and touch.

Inheriting Nations

Psalm 2:8 NKJV—"Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession."

The nations have been promised to Jesus Christ as His inheritance and possession. We too can believe for the nations to be ours because Jesus has given us the mandate to go into all the nations and make them His disciples. We are joint-heirs with Jesus Christ.

Discipling Nations

Matthew 28:18–20 NLT—Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Jesus Christ is not just wanting nations to be converted. He wants nations to be made disciples and transformed. We are to teach all who believe in Jesus Christ to obey His commands. Believing nations must learn of Him, love and obey Him, and follow Him in all His ways. Those who are disciples of Jesus are to make disciples of others who believe in Him, and see them transformed into Christ's likeness, showing forth His glory and declaring His good news of salvation.

Ruling Over Nations

Deuteronomy 15:5–6 NIV—"If only you fully obey the LORD your God and are careful to follow all these commands I am giving you today. For the LORD your God will bless you as He has promised, and you will lend to many nations, but will borrow from none. You will rule over many nations, but none will rule over you."

The people of God are to rule over nations not by any power, might, or government, but by the power of the Holy Spirit. This is not a physical rule, but a spiritual rule where we see the kingdom of God come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven. The Words of Jesus clearly state that we are to rule by His authority and power. By them we must defeat all forces of darkness over nations, releasing them to believe in Jesus Christ and be saved. We are to arise amid gross darkness covering the earth, to shine with His irresistible and undefeatable glory that sets nations free.

We rule over nations because Jesus Christ is ruling through us—then nations will come into His kingdom as sons and daughters!

Prayer Focus

- A. Cry Out to Have Christ's Love and Passion to See Nations Saved.
- B. Cry Out for Faith to Obey in Praying, Giving and Going to Nations.
- C. Ask for Nations for Your Inheritance.
 - 1. Go and preach the Good News.
 - 2. Declare to nations the glory of God.
 - 3. See them saved and disciple them.
- D. Cry Out for Willingness to Lay Down All to See Nations Transformed.
 - 1. Love as Christ loved.
 - 2. Pray as Christ prayed.
 - 3. Give as Christ gave.
 - 4. Go as Christ went.
 - 5. Preach as Christ preached.
 - 6. Heal as Christ healed.
 - 7. Disciple as Christ discipled.
- E. FAOG Missions—Imagine Nations Transformed.

Note: Pray for revival in all mission churches and nations.

- 1. Brazil—Ps. Celina Takahashi
- 2. East Timor—Bro. Adao
- 3. Hamakua—Ps. Jacob + Sis. Hoku Fesagaiga, Ps. Maize Luke
- 4. India—Ps. Prasantha + Sis. Roshika, Sis. Sonika Verma
- 5. Ireland—Ps. Jamie + Sis. Lud Corcoran
- 6. Japan
 - Kamaishi—Ps. Keizo + Sis. Mami Yoshioka
 - Okinawa—Sis. Miyuki, Sis. Fuji-san, Bro. Nakamura
 - Osaka—Ps. Atsuya + Ps. Takako Miyashita
 - Yokohama—Ps. Kyoko Koyama, Sis. Sayaka Sumitomo
- 7. **Korea (North & South)**—wisdom for Ps. Ko and Ps. Ernie to raise mission teams

- 8. Marshall Islands
 - Uliga—Bro. Aichy Hanchor
 - Delap—Bro. Mike Larron
- 9. Marshallese Churches (U.S.)—Ps. Absen + Sis. Sherlina Ebot
- 10. Mexico

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- Huamantla—Ps. Miriam, Ps. Quechol, Sis. Mimi, Sis. Hudid,
 Sis. Mimi, Bro. Francisco + Sis. Fernanda
- Ixtenco— Bro. Miguel, Sis. Fabia
- 11. **Philippines**—Ps. Orlando + Sis. Natalie Bernales, Sis. Princess Bernales
- 12. **Samoa**—Ps. Mila + Sis. Rosie Tongamoa, Bro. James, Bro. Sola + Sis. Peta
- 13. **Uganda**—Ps. Elijah + Sis. Ruth Mabala, Ps. Moses, Ps. Jonathan, Ps. Paul
- 14. United Kingdom—Ps. Mike McKeever
- F. Pray to raise and send out more Gideonite church-planting teams (Kyushu and Nagasaki).
- G. Pray for the Salvation, Revival, and Transformation of the United States of America.

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Thursday, June 9: Imagine the Glory of God in the Church

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I AM THE LORD, THAT IS MY NAME; AND MY GLORY I WILL NOT GIVE TO ANOTHER, nor My praise to carved images.
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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
EXODUS 33:18-23 NKJV
And he said, "Please, show me Your glory." Then He said, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion." But He said, "You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live." And the LORD said, "Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock. So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by. Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen."
ISAIAH 60:1-3 NKJV
Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the
people; but the LORD will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you. The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.
2 CORINTHIANS 3:17-18 TPT
Now, the "Lord" I'm referring to is the Holy Spirit, and wherever He is Lord, there

is freedom. 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.

EPHESIANS 5:25-27 NKJV

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that HE MIGHT PRESENT HER TO HIMSELF A GLORIOUS CHURCH, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

Exhortation: Imagine the Glory of God in the Church God is Glory

In Isaiah 42:8 NLT, God makes a strong statement concerning His glory: "I AM THE LORD; THAT IS MY NAME! I WILL NOT GIVE MY GLORY TO ANYONE ELSE, NOR SHARE MY PRAISE WITH CARVED IDOLS." God is an immutable and abiding defender of His glory and praise, for they belong to Him. He will not share them with any other!

God is intrinsically glorious. HIS BEING OR NATURE IS GLORY. Glory is not just an attribute or virtue of His; HE IS GLORY. His very substance and essence are glory. As light is the very essence of the sun, or heat is to fire, so is glory to God. Everything about Him is full of glory. Wherever God is, there is His glory. Whatever God does, there is His glory. Whenever God speaks, there is His glory.

The glory of God is to be personally encountered and experienced that we may know Him. His glory is not meant to be only described, defined or expounded, but to be heard, seen, touched, and tasted. The sum of all the sermons, books, videos, and all other media forms that are available in this world cannot adequately capture or describe God and His glory. How can the infinite glory of God be defined with finite words? Christ cannot be fully described from a finite, human perspective. 1 Timothy 6:15–16 TPT speaks of His endless, fearful and awesome glory:

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!

The Bible says that God lives in the unapproachable light of divine glory. No one has ever seen His fullness, nor can they. Just as the sun is

unapproachable because of its intense brilliance and heat, the brilliance and fire of God's glory exceedingly surpass that of the sun. To compare them is to compare the infinite with the finite. The sun's light is so powerful and unapproachable that no human can stare at it and not be stricken blind. The sun's heat is so intense that prolonged, unprotected exposure to it can be fatal. Yet, the light, brilliance, and heat of the sun are nothing compared to the glory of God. Therefore, no one can see the fullness of God's glory and live.

In Exodus 33:18–23, Moses entreated God, "Please, show me Your glory." The Lord responded, saying that He would let His goodness pass before Moses and proclaim His name. However, God said, "You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live." **God's face is His glory as His being is His glory.** He also told Moses that He would put him in the cleft of the rock and cover him with His hands when He passed by; then, He would remove His hand so that Moses could see His back but not His face.

When Jesus came to earth as a human, though He laid aside some of His divine prerogatives (Philippians 2:7), He never lost His glory as the God-man. He was both God and man. As a man, He was the embodiment and revelation of His Father's glory in human form. John 1:14 NASB testifies of Him, "And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us; and WE SAW HIS GLORY, GLORY AS OF THE ONLY SON FROM THE FATHER, full of grace and truth." This same glory He has given to His Church so that we can manifest Him to the whole world. Jesus prayed to His Father in John 17:22 NKJV, "And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one." The world cannot physically see God, but they can see the Church and what we say and do. We are the embodiment and revelation of the glory of Jesus Christ in this world.

For this reason, God has consecrated and set us apart for His glory. We are to be holy as He is holy, for, without holiness, the Church cannot see God. Just as Jesus was tempted at every point but remained sinless, the Church must keep holy and sinless to manifest His glory.

Let the King of Glory Enter—Psalm 24:7-10

David wrote in Psalm 24 about letting the King of glory come in when he brought the Ark of the Covenant back to Jerusalem. The Ark had been absent from Jerusalem for 20 years. In Psalm 24:7 NKJV, David wrote, "Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up you everlasting doors! And the KING OF GLORY SHALL COME IN."

The Ark of the covenant was always a testament and evidence of

God's manifest presence dwelling amid Israel, His people. The Ark was not always with them. In 1 Samuel 4, during the time of the high priest Eli, Israel and the Philistines were at war, and Israel was defeated, with 4000 men killed. The elders conferred as to why God allowed the defeat. They decided to go against the Philistines again, this time bringing with them the Ark from Shiloh into battle. Israel was presumptuous concerning God's presence and glory. Among them were Eli's backslidden sons, Hophni and Phinehas. Israel thought this would give them victory, so they brought the Ark up with great shouts and noise.

In hearing the sound, the Philistines were fearful, not of Israel, but of the God of Israel. The Philistines fought desperately and soundly defeated Israel again, killing 30,000 of their soldiers. Then they took the Ark with them. When Eli heard the news, he fell off his chair, broke his neck, and died. At that time, his daughter-in-law, Phinehas' wife, on hearing the word of the Ark being captured and her husband killed, went into labor and gave birth to a son, whom she named Ichabod, saying in 1 Samuel 4:22 NLT, "The glory has departed from Israel, for the Ark of God has been captured." She died in the childbirth.

The Philistines took the Ark to Ashdod, their capital city, and placed it in the temple of Dagon, their idol god. The following day, they found that Dagon had fallen face down before the Ark. They put Dagon back in place, and the next day they found that the idol had fallen on its face again, but this time with its head and hands broken. The LORD's heavy hand struck the people of Ashdod and the nearby villages with a plague of tumors and rats appearing in their land. Death and destruction were throughout the city. With great trepidation, the Philistines then moved the Ark from Ashdod to Gath, and the hand of God struck Gath with the plague, death, and destruction. Then they moved the Ark to Ekron, where the plague broke out again, striking the people, who begged that the Ark be returned to Israel before more destruction should befall them. The Ark was with the Philistines for seven months before being sent back to Israel on a cart with a guilt offering of five golden rats and five golden tumors.

The cows pulling the cart stopped at the border of Beth-shemesh. When the harvesters saw the Ark they were overjoyed. They broke up the wood of the cart for a fire, and killed the cows and sacrificed them to the Lord as a sacrifice. However, God struck dead 70 men who looked into the Ark. The people mourned, and in 1 Samuel 6:20 NLT, they said, "WHO IS ABLE TO STAND IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD, THIS HOLY GOD?" They cried out, "Where can we send the Ark from here?"

The Ark of God represented God's holy presence and glory. The following truths can be deduced from the Bible concerning them:

- God's glory is fearfully holy, awesome, powerful, and supreme.
- God's glory reigns and does wonders causing all to know and honor Him.
- God's glory must be treated with the holy respect and honor due to Him. No one and nothing must presume upon His glory or trifle with it.
- God's glory needs no defenders, for His glory excels above all. There
 is no comparison and no rival. All people and things will bow before
 His glory.
- God will not share His glory, nor will He allow any to treat Him as common.

So the men of Kiriath-jearim came to get the Ark of the LORD. They took it to the hillside home of Abinadab and ordained Eleazar, his son, to be in charge of it. The Ark remained in Kiriath-jearim for a long time—twenty years in all. All of Israel mourned because it seemed the LORD had abandoned them during that time.

In 2 Samuel 6, as king over Israel, David attempted to bring the Ark from Kiriath-jearim to Jerusalem but failed because he did not do it in the way prescribed by God. The Ark was left in Obed-edom's house outside of the City of David, and God prospered him and his household. Three months later, David made another attempt, but this time he was careful to diligently observe God's instructions. He successfully brought back the Ark. 2 Samuel 6:12–15 NLT describes the glorious, festive, joyous procession of the Ark being brought back to Jerusalem:

So David went there and brought the Ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the City of David with a great celebration. After the men who were carrying the Ark of the LORD had gone six steps, David sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf. AND DAVID DANCED BEFORE THE LORD WITH ALL HIS MIGHT, wearing a priestly garment. So David and all the people of Israel brought up the Ark of the LORD with shouts of joy and the blowing of rams' horns.

There was music and worship, and King David himself danced before the Lord with all his might. In this context, David wrote Psalm 24, calling for the gates and everlasting doors to be lifted up so that the King of glory could come in. These were the words of praise and worship in Psalm 24:7–10 NKJV:

Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up you everlasting doors! And the KING OF GLORY SHALL COME IN. Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? THE LORD OF HOSTS, HE IS THE KING OF GLORY. Selah

David led in preparation to usher the King of Glory back into Jerusalem. JUST AS ISRAEL WAS TO CARRY AND HOUSE THE PRESENCE AND GLORY OF GOD, SO IS THE REDEEMED CHURCH. Similarly, if the Church walks in the path of Eli and his sons, with disregard and disrespect for God's presence and glory, will not the glory also depart from the Church? Is the Church now fully dressed in God's glory? Do we see the manifestation of the fearful and tremendous power of God's glory flowing through the Church? The Philistines feared the God of Glory. They did not fear Israel but the God of Israel. Does the Church have the same reverence for God's glory? Do we hunger for the fullness of His glory to dwell with us as did David? Without God's glory, we are impotent in our efforts to impact the world. We need to cry aloud as David did for the gates and doors to be lifted up in such a manner that the King of Glory can come in.

The Last Days Glorious Church—Ephesians 5:27

The early Church gave us an example of being filled with God's presence and glory and moving in power and might when doing His work. They could not be intimidated, silenced, or stopped despite facing fiery persecutions and trials. The more they were persecuted, the more they prayed for greater power and boldness to do God's work. Without God's glory, the Church is powerless and ineffective.

The last days' Church must be spiritually aligned such that God's holy presence and glory can be poured upon us in more extraordinary and unprecedented measures. We must be prepared to lift up the gates and open the doors for the King of Glory to come in. Are we prayerfully examining ourselves to see if we are on fire for Him like David, or have we slid into lukewarmness like Eli and his sons? God defends His own presence and glory against disrespect and dishonor. We must return to the fear of the Lord and His glory. The world will see and know God through God's glory

dwelling in the Church. Like the Philistines, THE WORLD DOES NOT CARE ABOUT US, BUT THEY WILL CARE AND RESPECT THE GOD WE SERVE IF THEY SEE HIS GLORY UPON US. Then, they too will believe.

The glory of God was manifested in the early Church as they preached the gospel without fear but with power and anointing. Thousands came to believe in Jesus Christ. Cities were transformed, and churches were planted in all different parts of the world. The early Church preached, loved others, shared what they had, healed the sick, raised the dead, and took care of widows and the poor. Besides the power and anointing, their good deeds, compassion, and kindness showed the world the glory of God. THEY SHOWED THE WORLD JESUS CHRIST!

The last days' outpouring of God's presence and glory will far surpass that of the early Church. God is waiting for His Church to be ready and not asleep, distracted, or self-absorbed. He is looking for the Davids in whose earthen vessels He can deposit His treasures.

Arise and Shine His Glory—Isaiah 60:1-2

The call of the Holy Spirit to the Church is to arise and shine even as gross darkness covers the earth. God has already willed and purposed to pour out His glory upon us. We are to arise and shine so that the world will see the light upon us and come to Jesus Christ. We are to draw all nations unto God. God intends His glory to fill the earth so that all nations will see and come to Him, as Isaiah 60:3–4 NLT says:

All nations will come to your light; mighty kings will come to see your radiance. "Look and see, for everyone is coming home! Your sons are coming from distant lands; your little daughters will be carried home."

God is seeking sons and daughters from every tongue and tribe. He is seeking for nations to come to Him and worship Him.

Transformed from Glory to Glory—2 Corinthians 3:18

In 2 Corinthians 3:18 TPT, Paul wrote:

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. Jesus Christ has already torn the veil that separated us from God through His work on the cross. As we have turned to Him, Jesus has removed the veil that blinded us and joined us to Him. We now see and know Him in His glory. We can draw near Him and carry His glory, reflecting Him to the whole world. As we abide in Him, we are being transformed more and more into His likeness as we grow from glory to greater glory.

The world is hungry and ready for God's glory to be revealed through His Church. Just as Jesus has no taste for a lukewarm Church, neither does the world. They find a lukewarm church very distasteful because we claim to be different, but we live no different from them. Some may even call us hypocrites, and rightly so if we remain lukewarm. When the Church is on fire for God and filled with His glory, the world is drawn, convicted, and will know that indeed Jesus is Lord. Some may fear, and others may even hate, BUT ALL WILL KNOW WHO THE TRUE GOD IS.

Indeed, we need to let God be Lord over us. We need to love Jesus with first love, obey Him with first commitment and serve Him with first devotion. Let us arise and shine in the fullness of His glory.

Prayer Focus

A. Hunger to Know God and His Glory

- 1. To see Him face to face
- 2. To encounter Him in His glory
- 3. To be a vessel of His glory

B. Prepare Your Heart for the King of Glory to Come In

- 1. Be of a contrite heart and broken spirit in seeking Him.
- 2. Pray and let the Holy Spirit reveal all that is not pleasing to Him.
- 3. Acknowledge and repent of sins and transgressions before Him:
 - a. apathy, callousness, casualness—not treating Him and His glory with honor
 - b. presumptuous sins—treating His presence and glory as common; failing to regard Him as holy
- 4. Seek His forgiveness and cleansing of heart.
- 5. Prepare your heart as a sanctuary for His dwelling to house His glory.

C. Behold Him in Holiness and Reverential Fear

- 1. Be fully surrendered and consecrated to Him for His glory.
- 2. Acknowledge that He is the Lord God Almighty.
- 3. Bow in worship of Him in holiness and reverential fear.
- 4. Walk softly and gently before Him.

D. Invite the King of Glory to Come and Fill Us to Overflowing

- 1. Personal lives and ministries must manifest His glory.
- 2. Churches and communities must manifest His glory.
- 3. Nations must manifest His glory.

E. Pray for the Universal Church to be Filled with God's Glory

- 1. Be filled with God's glory in our life, walk and character.
- 2. Be filled with God's glory in our worship, prayer and ministry.
- 3. Be filled with God's glory in our services of love, kindness and mercy to the world.
- 4. Be filled with God's glory in our reaching out to the lost.

F. Pray for the Universal Church to Arise and Shine in the Glory of God

G. Pray for the Universal Church to be Transformed from Glory to Glory by His Power

Notes:			

THURSDAY: IMAGINE THE GLORY OF GOD IN THE CHURCH

Friday, June 10: Imagine Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit

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.
ACTS 1:8 NKJV
BUT YOU SHALL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS COME UPON YOU;
and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.
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?
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.
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.
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 IARS OF CLAY TO SHOW THAT THIS ALL - SURPASSING

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.
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!
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.
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!'"
Exhortation: Imagine Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit The Church is to Live in the Power of the Holy Spirit
1 Corinthians 4:20 NKJV says, "FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS NOT IN

just a lot of talk; **IT IS LIVING BY GOD'S POWER.**" God's kingdom people are to live in God's kingdom power, having no limits. As God is infinite, so is His power. *Webster's Dictionary* defines infinite as:

- Endless—extending indefinitely.
- Inexhaustible—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.

God's will is for His Church to live in the endless, inexhaustible and limitless power of His Holy Spirit—then nothing will be impossible for the Church to accomplish by faith. Paul said 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."

- "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

Nothing is Impossible in the Power of the Holy Spirit

The person of the Holy Spirit is power. As He is eternally endless, inexhaustible, limitless, and boundless, so is His power. 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."

We must trust God in His almighty power. His infinite power is working in us and abiding in us through His Holy Spirit. We can have this unshakable confidence that in our weakest moments, God's power is still at work in us. In our lowest discouragement, God's power is still at work in us. In our deepest struggle, God's power is still at work in us. When we do not understand, God's power is still at work in us. When our hope is deferred, and our heart is sick, God's power is still at work in us. When we pray, and the answer is yet to come, God's power is still at work in us. When we cry out for a thorn in our side to be removed, yet it remains, God's power is still at work in us. In Zechariah 4:6–7 NLT, the Lord declared 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!"

Everything the Bible says that we are as Christ's followers is by the power of the Holy Spirit. Everything God says that we can do is by the power of His Holy Spirit. 2 Timothy 1:7 NKJV says, "FOR GOD HAS NOT GIVEN US A SPIRIT OF FEAR, BUT OF POWER AND OF LOVE AND OF A SOUND MIND."

Since the Holy Spirit is all-powerful, all-knowing, and all-present, there is no limitation or impossibility when we live in the fullness of His power. May the Holy Spirit enlighten the mind of our spirit as we meditate, internalize, and imagine living in the fullness of His power according to these scriptures:

• Holy Spirit 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."

• Holy Spirit 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."

• Holy Spirit 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."

Holy Spirit 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!"

• Holy Spirit 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!"

• Holy Spirit 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."

• The Holy Spirit 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."

 Holy Spirit 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."

• Holy Spirit 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 toward 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."

• Holy Spirit 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."

Holy Spirit 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."

 Holy Spirit 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."

 Holy Spirit 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."

• Holy Spirit 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."

• Holy Spirit Power to Convict

John 16:5–11 ESV—"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 go, I will send him to you. And when He comes, HE WILL CONVICT THE WORLD CONCERNING SIN AND OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND OF JUDGMENT: concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you see Me no more longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged."

Holy Spirit 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."

• Holy Spirit Power to Bring Joy, Delight and Unshakable Security

Psalm 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."

• Holy Spirit 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."

1 Peter 1:12 NLT—"And now this Good News has been announced to you by those who PREACHED IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY Spirit sent from heaven. It is all so wonderful that even the angels are eagerly watching these things happen.

How to Live in the Power of the Holy Spirit

We must remember that the Holy Spirit is Lord God Almighty. He is to be loved, honored, feared and obeyed just 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, and walk with Him intimately. Seek the Holy Spirit with our whole heart and be filled with Him always.

- Abide in His presence always.
- Trust Him, submit to Him, and obey Him.
- Hold Him with holy regard and great reverence.
- Walk with Him with great care that we please Him, not grieve Him.
- Expect Him to do far beyond what we ask or think.

Prayer Focus

- A. Pray to Know, Love, Trust, and Obey the Holy Spirit.
- B. Pray to be Filled With the Holy Spirit Always.

C. Pray to be Illuminated:

- 1. To know the immeasurable greatness of His power made available to us by faith.
- 2. To continually experience the immeasurable greatness of His power made available to us by faith.
- 3. To imagine the limitless possibilities of living in the power of His Holy Spirit.

D. Imagine Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit.

- 1. Live, walk and fulfill your destiny in the Holy Spirit's power.
- 2. Live in the Holy Spirit's power as more than a conqueror.
- 3. Live strengthened by the Holy Spirit's power to be able to do all things.
- 4. Live in the Holy Spirit's power to know, love, serve, and please God.

Notes:		

SATURDAY / SUNDAY
Saturday, June 11: Personal and Family Prayer
Sunday, June 12: Thanksgiving and Exhortation
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PRAY FOR OUR PASTORS & CHURCH PLANTS

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Klayton + Sharon Ko

Christalyn + Emmanuel Orupabo, Joshua + Kimberly Ko, Jason Ko

STAFF PASTORS & SPOUSES -

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Horace + Talei Chee-Manuia

Ernie + Siew Peng Chow

Sam + Lorna Cockett

Mel + Jennifer Corpuz

Absen + Sherlina **Ebot**

Jacob + Hoku **Fesagaiga** Frederick + Sandra **Harris**

Chad + Angela **Germany**

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Joshua + Kimberly Ko

Janet + Stan Kusuhara

Trenton + Courtney Oshiro

Chizuko + Tyrone Peeples

Raymond + Eva So

Scott + Debbie Sonoda

Frank + Tomiyo Toole

Atama + Melanie Vakalalabure

Andrew + Karen Yasuhara

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East Timor Assembly Bro. Adao

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First Gomti Nagar Fellowship AOG

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Okinawa City Church

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Ps. Atsuya + Ps. Takako Miyashita

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London Family Center

Ps. Mike Mckeever

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. GLORY
TO HIM IN THE CHURCH AND
IN CHRIST JESUS THROUGH
ALL GENERATIONS FOREVER
AND EVER! AMEN.

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