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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Family,

It is such a pleasure and privilege to be able to write you again. Not only is God for us in the present, but we also believe that there are great things that are in store for us during the coming second quarter of 2025. More on that a little later.

Do you know that we are in possession of the greatest weapon on earth? The world's deadliest weapon if you will. We read in Proverbs 18 verse 21 that the power of death and of life lies in the tongue. However, this does not make it a weapon, yet.



In Hebrews 4 verse 12 we read that the word of the Lord is sharper than a two-edged sword. Why not just a sword? Why a two-edged sword? Well, the first edge is when God speaks it, it gives it power. The second edge is when we speak the word of God, making that word active on the earth.

According to 1 Corinthians 6 verse 19 we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit when we come to salvation, and He then lives within us. The power of life and death now lies in our tongue because of the Holy Spirit within us.

It is through the Holy Spirit, the voice of God, that all was created. Thus, having that creation power inside of us gives us the ability to speak things that are not, into being.

Combine your words with faith and miracles can happen! May God's Grace, Mercy, Peace, and Blessings seek you, find you, and overtake you, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

André Binneman
Senior Servant Leader

DAILY CONFESSIONS

Our daily confessions this week is all about taking possession of your promised land that God has intended for you. It is important to know that it is our responsibility to expel the giants that currently possess your land. Let us use this great weapon that God has given us and speak life into our promised land.

Holy Spirit, please help me to resist the self-centred pattern of this world. Help me be transformed by a complete renewal of my mind so that I can discern and demonstrate my destiny. Your will is ultimately for my good. It guarantees my ultimate pleasure and is a perfect fit – it is exactly what I was created for. Help me to expose and expel the ten self-centred giants that occupy my promised land today.

I expose and expel the giant of human opinion. This giant is rooted in the tree of knowledge. You call human opinion an evil report. I will believe the report of the Lord – in His word.

I expose and expel the giant of unbelief. This giant reduces Your role in my life. I refuse to have a "can't do" mentality and embrace an "I can do all things in Christ" mentality.

I expose and expel the giant of complaining. This giant steers me into desert dwelling. I align my speech to Your proceeding word which will not return to You without accomplishing its sent purpose in my life (Isaiah 55 verse 11).

I expose and expel the giant of blame-shifting. This giant confines me to a desert dwelling. If I blame, I remain; but if I own-up, I grow-up. I will be brutally honest with myself and with You.

I expose and expel the giant of self-entitlement. This giant seeks to minimise and justify my sinful thoughts and actions. I relinquish my so-called rights in pursuit of Your will for my life.

I expose and expel the giant of democracy. This giant seeks to reduce You to a silent partner in my life. I commit to seek You and Your kingdom as my first priority. I give You the highest authority, final say, and majority vote in my life.

I expose and expel the giant of fearing man. This giant seeks to trap me. I cannot fear You and man simultaneously. Therefore, I seek to respect man but fear You alone.

I expose and expel the giant of rebellion. This giant seeks to divorce my will from Yours. Expose every rebellious thought and attitude in me as I seek to honour You above all.

I expose and expel the giant of disobedience. This giant seeks to steer me away from Your good, pleasing, and perfect will. Anything conceived in disobedience cannot enter the promised land. Therefore, I commit myself to learn obedience as a lifestyle.

I expose and expel the giant of rejecting the land. This giant seeks to disqualify me from Your promises. You have promised an exceedingly good land for my ultimate enjoyment. I will embrace it and believe that all Your promises are yes and amen in Jesus.

You call us to be a promised land people. You call us to be a giant slaying generation. You call us to a "whatever-it-takes" attitude. You call us to a "can-do" mentality. You call us to dispossess these giants and possess the land of promise. You have promised it, we believe it, and that settles it. Hallelujah.

WHAT IS HAPPENING THIS WEEK – UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 10:00 – Prayer meeting, anybody is welcome. If there are any specific prayer requests, please send it through to us.

Wednesday 18:30 – Fellowship groups. We spend some time together getting to know each other while drawing nearer to God. Anybody is welcome to join us and please invite a friend.

If you have friends or family in hospital or unable to travel that require prayer and counselling, please let us know.

The first book in the **Back to First Love Basics Series**, "**Do You Know Jesus Christ?**", is now available in eBook format. Contact us for your free copy.

TAKE NOTE! We are launching our Sanctification Seminar Course in May 2025. Exact dates are still to be determined but stay on the lookout for this.

IN THE PRAYER CLOSET

A question that often gets asked is, how do I know what and for whom to pray? Here is a quick five-finger prayer to help you remember.

Your thumb. It is the closest to you. That is why you begin to pray for those the closest to you.

Your index finger. You pray for those that give you direction, those that instruct you, and those that relieve your pain and suffering. They need prayer for insight to be able to direct others in the right rection.

Your middle finger. Pray for everybody that is in a position of leadership from the head of the home the head of the state. They need God's guidance to indicate the correct way forward.

Your ring finger. This is your weakest finger. Pray for everyone that needs support.

Your pinkie. This is your smallest finger. This should be position towards God and our neighbours. It reminds us to pray for ourselves.

LIFESTYLEZ TRAINING CENTRE

This week it is important for us to remember what the very foundation of our faith is. Anything and everything we learn or that is revealed to us after we come to salvation is based of Who we believe God is. So, this week, here is our confession of faith.

I believe is God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from where He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and life everlasting.

Amen!

DAILY BREAD

Day 1 – The Turning Point

“Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God, I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.”

1 Corinthians 15:8-10 (NKJV)

When someone does a reverse turn unexpectedly, they sometimes refer to it as “a Damascus Road experience” and use the phrase in an ordinary sense – not only spiritually.

In fact, Paul had been an enemy of the infant Christian church in Jerusalem and set off for Damascus to hound out Christian disciples there. A Jew by birth and upbringing he was committed to wiping out the Christian church – until the miracle happened. Somewhere between Jerusalem and Damascus, “in the middle of nowhere”, he was confronted by the risen Christ and called by Christ to serve Him instead of persecuting the church. And Paul did a complete “about turn”, gave his life to Christ and served Him until the end of his days.

Down the years that vision sustained his sense of call and mission and the man who had been fanatically against Christ became fanatically for Him. But he never forgot his earlier life. Nor did he forget the impact on his mind and soul of the encounter with Christ that came to him "out of the blue" on that lonely road.

A senior minister once said, "I was converted as a teenager. But I have had several further conversions since then". He meant that God was not finished with him as a youth and that he had more spiritual work to do as an adult. Maybe God is wanting to do some "turn-about" in you as well?

Prayer. Lord, continue to change me as long as You need to. Amen.

Day 2 – All Of Grace

"But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me".

1 Corinthians 15:10 (NKJV)

A theologian by the name of Walter Trobisch said, "Christ accepts us as we are, but when He accepts us, we cannot remain as we are".

After the resurrection of Jesus, perhaps the greatest miracle in the New Testament is the conversion of Paul. Brought up a strict Jew and being an intense person, he set his heart on obeying the Jewish law. But the never-ending effort left him feeling defeated, guilty, frustrated, and at war within himself. Striving, struggling, and straining, he eventually admitted defeat and yielded to the arms of Jesus. His own efforts having failed, he gave in to grace and found peace with God. His guilt was purged, his sins forgiven, his personality was transformed. He became filled with the Holy Spirit and manifested those great fruits of the Spirit, love, joy, peace, and all the rest. Now he strove again – to spread the word of grace, the gospel of Jesus, the message of reconciliation with God. In place of the desire to kill, his heart developed a passion to build people up, to enrich the life and fellowship of the church

and to see that the disciples of Jesus in all the far-flung outposts of the Roman Empire he had visited were living and growing "in Christ". In fact, he was doing more than all the other apostles who had accompanied Christ through Galilee. But there was no credit to himself – what he had become was all through God's grace.

Become the product of the grace of God yourself. Witness the great miracle in your own heart and soul. Become a son or daughter of Christ and witness to His grace.

Prayer. Lord, work Your grace in and through me. Amen.

Day 3 – The Last and The Least

"For I am the least of all the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God."

1 Corinthians 15:9 (NKJV)

Mohammed Ali, the famous heavyweight boxer, became famous for his boasting, claiming, "I am the greatest". And those who excel in most fields want to be the top dog, the best, the greatest, the most admired, the most popular. Despite all the claims made for Peter's pre-eminence amongst the twelve disciples Jesus called and worked with in Galilee, Paul, after his Damascus Road conversion, rose rapidly to become the great leader of the church of Jesus Christ. He travelled further, founded more congregations, and worked out more doctrines and teaching than any other person. Proud as he was of his Jewish ancestry and upbringing, Paul had accepted the work of the Holy Spirit in his life and thinking and one of the effects of that spiritual process was to create an amazing humility. Great as he undoubtedly was in human ways of assessing people, he saw himself as being unworthy to be called an apostle because of all he had once caused the church.

Prayer. Lord, make me your humble servant. Amen.

Day 4 – A Wicked Past

“For I am the least of all the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.”

1 Corinthians 15:9 (NKJV)

John Newton grew up as a young man in England. In his late teens he ran away to sea and became a crew member on a slave ship that plied between West Africa and West Indies. Eventually he became the captain of a slave trading ship. He was an ill-behaved young man and the slave trade in which he worked was one of the worst examples of “man’s inhumanity to man”. Newton lived a degraded life of both sea and land. On one occasion a violent storm blew up and Newton felt he was in danger of losing his life. He survived, but it caused him to think long and hard about himself. He eventually gave his life to Christ, asked for forgiveness, and gave up his wicked ways. So radically did he change that he felt the call to become a minister and finished as a priest in the Anglican church. He wrote hymns including “Amazing Grace” which is a reflection of his dramatic conversion. It is utterly amazing how amazing grace can be. From an enemy of everything that was pure, and holy Newton became a saintly servant of God. Paul had done the same in his “Damascus Road” conversion.

The amazing grace of God can work miracles in people’s lives. You can, like a prodigal son, plumb the depths of spiritual and moral degradation and Christ can redeem you. But you can know Christ’s touch even if you had not had a particularly wicked past. And you need to know Christ’s touch and then his guiding hand as you grow in holiness and love.

Prayer. Lord, redeem me and make me worthy to be Your servant. Amen.

Day 5 – Effective Grace

“But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me”.

1 Corinthians 15:10 (NKJV)

In his work, "What is so Amazing about Grace?", Philip Yancey quotes a passage from David Seamands who said, "Many years ago I was driven to the conclusion that the two major causes of most emotional problems amongst Christians are these: the failure to understand, receive, and live out God's unconditional love, forgiveness, and grace to other people. We read, we hear, and we believe a good theology of grace. But grace has not penetrated the level of our emotions". We waste God's grace when we do not let His love enrich us spiritually, when we do not grow in grace or when we remain permanently as "babes in Christ".

Paul had been converted by God's grace and let the ensuing gift of receiving the Holy Spirit permeate more and more of his personality. He worked long and hard to preach further and further afield. And he thought deeply and fruitfully about the faith, in the process setting out the great truths of the gospel and laying the groundwork for declarations of the great Christian creeds that were formulated in later centuries. It was a gross understatement when he said, "His grace to me was not without effect".

How effective has the grace of God been in you? Have you grown in grace? Have you engaged in whatever kinds of ministry or service you are gifted for? How well do you witness about Jesus to other people? Do you love the fellowship of other disciples of Jesus? You should!

Prayer. Lord, make Your grace mightily effective in me. Amen.

Day 6 – The Working of Grace

"But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me".

1 Corinthians 15:10 (NKJV)

Grace, God's grace, really is amazing. John Newton declared, "It saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see". And God, in His grace, worked in the apostle Paul. It turned him from being a messenger of enmity into an apostle of love.

There was a complete anomaly in the early church. The eleven disciples who had been with Jesus were there at Pentecost and went out to be His apostles in the surrounding countries. Paul was not one of them. His conversion happened some years later. So, he was something of a “back-marker” compared with the eleven. Yet so dramatic had his turn-around been and so powerful had his ministry become that he was seen by most of the Gentile converts who had come into Christianity through his preaching, as the foremost apostle. He had a dynamic, powerful personality and a towering intellect. Within a short space of time, he became the spiritual leader of the church. But he wanted all believers in the new churches (including Corinth) to know that what had happened was not him staging a take-over but the grace of God working powerfully and effectively in him.

It is always tempting to attribute apparent “success” in the Christian community to the strength or personality of a particular leader or minister. Often, they think so too! Do not do it! Wonder and give thanks to God for His working in that leader and for the effectiveness of His grace in one human being. Be amazed at grace!

Prayer. I praise You, Lord God, for Your grace working in Your servants. Amen.

Day 7 – The Hard Core

***“Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.”
1 Corinthians 15:11 (NKJV)***

What is the essence of the Christian faith? Is it the worship life of the church? Is it the devotional life of the individual believer? Is it the work of the national bureaucracies of the various denominations? Is it the creeds? Is it the wonderful charitable organisations such as children’s homes the church has established? Or is it the impact on society of the lives of disciples of Jesus?

Paul had no doubt. Both he and the original disciples all preached the same message. And that message was the story of Jesus and His resurrection. This was the hard core of Christianity – whether it was in Jerusalem, Antioch, Ephesus, or Corinth. It did not change

when it moved from one country or culture to another. It is quite easy, in religion, to lose sight of the wood because of the trees. The message of the apostles was their life – they had staked everything they were and had on it. But their lives were their message in another sense. The effectiveness of their ministry depended on their conduct and behaviour. And what the Corinthians made of the apostles' message was their belief and that made them the disciples they had become. All the other things are consequences. The message of Jesus and the resurrection are the hard core of the Christian faith. Many of the other things are peripheral.

What are the really significant parts of the Christian faith for you? It is wise to stop now and again and examine what faith means to you, where Jesus fits in and what is merely additional baggage.

Prayer. Lord, help me to concentrate on the big things of the faith. Amen.

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“The Lord blesses you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift His countenance to you and give you peace.”

Numbers 6:24-26 (NKJV)

