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Foreword

Daily Manna is a “Heart Felt - Spirit Led” Devotional that is considered easy to read and designed to encourage, uplift and challenge the reader.

You will be refreshed with the Lord’s strength and renewed with joy as you learn how to enjoy a life with God through these daily prayers and apply them to your daily lives.

These Compilations of Daily Manna Devotions will inspire you with hope and gratitude as you lay down your cross and listen to God's still small voice while falling in love with Him all over again.

I have known Pastor Duane for years. He is gifted to teach a simple, balanced, uncompromised, Word of God in a manner that all can grasp easily and this would also make this a perfect gift to the loved ones in your life.

Bob Farmer

TODAY'S MANNA

Chapter 1: Whose hands hold your life?

Jesus said, "I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

John 10:28-30 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Remember this little ditty?

"He's got the whole world in His hand."

He's got the whole world in his hands he's got the
whole wide world in his hands

He's got the whole wide world in his hands he's got the
whole world in his hands

He's got the little bitty baby in his hands he's got the

little bitty baby in his hands

He's got the little bitty baby in his hands he's got the whole world in his hands

He's got the whole world in his hands...

He's got you and me brother in his hands he's got you and me sister in his hands

He's got you and me brother in his hands he's got the whole world in his hands

He's got the whole world in his hands...

He's got everybody here in his hands he's got everybody here in his hands

He's got everybody here in his hands he's got the whole world in his hands

He's got the whole world in his hands...


He's got you and me brother...

He's got the whole world in his hands...

God holds His children of faith in His hands. As long as they place their lives and their trust in Him, no one or

nothing can steal them away. You have a choice, it's up to you! You can put your life in His hands through Jesus or you can remain of and with the world and perish with it as it perishes, the choice is yours entirely. But God tells you in His Word to choose Life!

MY PRAYER...

 Oh Lord, thank You for Your steadfast and secure love. Thank You for the assurance that my future rests in Your hands. Thank You for holding me in Your protective grace. May I live today with confidence and joy knowing that no matter where I find myself, You are there to uphold and sustain me. For I have been given eternal life, sin no longer has dominion over me because I am no longer under the law, but now I am under Your grace. For those who are led by Your Spirit are not under the law, but under grace. For this grace, I thank You in Jesus' name.

Amen

Chapter 2: Is your faith as strong as Abraham's?

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called," concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.

Hebrews 11:17-19 King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Talk about faith! When God asked Abraham to give his only son, the one in whom he had been told He would use to make Abraham the father of many nations, Abraham didn't hesitate.

He believed in faith that God was able to raise him back up from the dead if need be. Abraham's faith and obedience was all God wanted, so God provided Abraham with a ram to complete the sacrifice. But it was Abraham's undoubting faith and obedience that moved God. It also opened the door for God Himself to them offer His only Son as a sacrifice for mankind. Abraham's faith made a way for God to use His only Son as a sacrifice for us, for all of humanity. Are you full of

that kind of faith and would you be as obedient as Abraham was?

MY PRAYER...

Father God, thank You for not asking us to do that which we cannot in our own strength do, but for only asking that we have faith in You.


You didn't ask Abraham to do anything that You weren't willing to do Yourself. Thank You, that You did in fact give Your only Son that I (and the rest of the world) might be saved. That through His blood and our faith in Him we might have life and life more abundantly. In Jesus' name, Father, I pray. Amen.

Chapter 3: Do you have access to the Grace of God?

Through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Romans 5:2 New King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

 Our access to the Grace of God is by our faith in Jesus. Nothing else we do can provide us with access to that grace. Not our works, not our church attendance, not our denominational beliefs, not what our parents have done for us or tell us.

Not some other god, spirit, or idol, not some priest only the one and only Jesus, Son of God and God. The only way we have access to the grace of God is through Jesus Christ and our 'personal' faith in Him.

Do what you may, do what you will, but if you don't have faith in God through Jesus Christ, if you haven't made Jesus The Lord of your life, you'll not enter into God's Grace and His rest.

Nor will you have eternal life and everything else that

comes with salvation. Do not believe those who tell you, "We all are going to the same place. There are just many ways of getting there." This is NOT so, there is NO other way!

MY PRAYER...

Most Holy Father, thank You for Your Grace and Your mercy through Your Son Jesus. No other way is open to You except through Him.

You made it so in Your Word. Spoken by the very mouth of Your own Son Jesus, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. (John 14:6)

I thank You Father for giving me the way, the truth, and the Life through Jesus Christ. For I, who was once dead in sin, have been made alive through Jesus, my Lord and my Savior. I give Him all the glory and honor, that in Him I may also glorify You.

In Jesus' Name, Father, I pray. Amen.

Chapter 4: Are you reconciled to God through Jesus Christ?

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

Romans 5:1 King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Being justified by faith in Jesus Christ and faith in His name gives us peace with God. The only way we can be reconciled to God is through Jesus Christ and our faith in Him. THERE IS NO OTHER WAY!


Don't let anyone deceive or fool you into thinking there is some other way. The Bible says Jesus is The Way, The Truth, and The Life, NO one comes unto the Father except through Him. The Bible says that if we try to justify (make ourselves in right standing with God) ourselves through works of the law we make the sacrifice of Jesus to no avail!

Nothing we can do of ourselves can bring about our reconciliation with God and our justification (being made righteous before God), except believing in Jesus Christ and Him crucified for us. Not some other god,

idol, or spirit, or even some other man can reconcile us to God, ONLY Jesus. No Indian spirit, no Buddha, no Allah, nothing except the Son of God, Jesus.

We must come to God His way, the only way, through Jesus Christ, the Son of God and faith in Him. Jesus Himself told us, "I am the way, the truth, and THE LIFE: no man comes unto the Father except by me."(John 14:6) Is God's Word truth or not? There is ONLY ONE WAY to God period!

MY PRAYER...

recious Father, thank You for Your Son. Thank You for sending Him to make peace between You and me, for allowing Him to reconcile us into eternal friendship. Thank You for bestowing son ship upon us who believe in Your Son Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

Abba, Daddy, Thank You for your loving mercy and grace upon us. Thank You for sending us Your Holy Spirit to be our Comforter and our Helper.

Thank You Father, for the power and the strength to live my life for You. That nothing this world has or can throw my way is bigger or stronger than He who lives inside of me, if I will only believe and have faith in Him. In Jesus' name, Father, I pray and glorify You. Amen.

Chapter 5: Is your life still empty?

You know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

1 Peter 1:18-19 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

If value is determined by price, then we are incredibly valuable to God. God took the most precious, priceless treasure of heaven and sent Him to be the price to buy us out of sin and death and adopt us into His family. Silver and gold pale in comparison to that value.

He sent His Word, manifest in the flesh, His only begotten Son, to be the firstborn from the dead. Born of a virgin by the seed of God, a flesh and blood man like us, filled with the Holy Spirit of God at His baptism in the Jordan, the only sinless man to ever walk the face of the earth.

He sent Him, Jesus, to buy us back with His Life. We were redeemed, bought back by His Blood.

Blood sacrificed on the Holy Altar of God, that we might become the righteousness of God in and through Him, Jesus. Receive it, it's yours, He gave it to you. Only by Faith can you do so, you can NOT earn it!

MY PRAYER...

Precious Father, may I live today and every day to become fully aware of the awesome price You paid for my life. May my words, thoughts and actions be permeated with a sense of worth and Holiness that comes from my fellowship with You through Jesus. Not so that I may seem important, but so that I may live in Your Holiness and bring honor to Your precious gift to me.

Through Him that loves me, my Lord Jesus, I pray.
Amen.

Chapter 6: Do you begin each new day with God?

These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children.

Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

--Deuteronomy 6:7 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

We should begin each new day with God. Time should be spent first with God before we ever venture out into the world around us. Remember we are in the world, but we are not of it!

Every breath we take should be a powerful reminder that He has granted us another day of life to serve Him, that it is He who sustains our very life. Every beat of our heart should seem as though God Himself were there causing it to beat (because He is.) It should be a reminder of His love for us.

These simple blessings are so easily forgotten. We best remember to teach His ways to our children, to show them, and live them with and before our children always. We must be examples to our children, especially you fathers, for you are head of the family just as Jesus is Head of the church.

Ask yourself this question: "Am I teaching them the ways of God or the ways of the world?" "Would Jesus do this if He were here?"

MY PRAYER...

Almighty God, Gracious Sustainer, and Undeserved Friend, thank You! Thank You Lord for this breath I take and for the heartbeat that sustains my life. Make me aware Lord as I travel, talk, rest, and work that You are the reason I live and that You are worthy of my very intentional best.

Help me Lord to never forget to lift my voice in praise to You at all times. Through Jesus, my gracious sacrifice I pray. Amen.

Chapter 7: Are you trying to stand in your own strength and power?

Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

Ephesians 6:10-11 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Many of the struggles in our lives are not mere accidents! They are put there to stumble us and make us fall by the enemy. But, understand this clearly, none (not one of them) are put there by God. God didn't put you in a wheelchair so He could use you to teach others about Him from a wheelchair!

No, what God would do would be to heal & restore you & take you out of that wheelchair and then have you tell people what He did for you! Our challenges and struggles most often come from ourselves or from the hand of our enemy, Satan. He always prowls around looking for the best scheme to knock us out of our commitment to, and our relationship with, the Lord. Then he will use your own mind or a friend or a relative or even a complete stranger to cause his scheme to be

put into motion. Placing ourselves firmly in the hands of the Lord and using His tools of warfare will help us keep our enemy, who has already been humiliated and defeated by Jesus and the cross, where he belongs. Under our feet! Trust in the Lord and all His might.

MY PRAYER...

Strengthen me, O God that I may stand against my foe and triumph by the power of Your Holy Spirit and bring honor and glory to my conquering Savior. You will return one day and take me home in victory. Father reveal Yourself to me through Your Word, Your power and Your strength that are mine to use to keep the enemy down until he is finally cast into the everlasting lake of fire. In the name of Jesus, Your Holy Son, I pray Lord. Amen.

Chapter 8: God is faithful and keeps His Word!

The Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands.

--Deuteronomy 7:9 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

God is faithful and His covenant is a covenant of love not of hate or anger. The devil would love for you to think that God is a god of hate and anger toward you. No, God is a good God, He will not forsake us, but rather He will treat us better than we deserve.

A covenant established with Abraham 430 years before the "Mosaic Law" (the core of which is the Ten Commandments) was given to Moses.

A covenant that the "Law" could not and did not replace, but rather the "Law" only served as our guide & teacher unto Jesus. Just as any loving parent treats even a rebellious child better than they deserve, the only requirement to receive this covenant of love is that our hearts must be tuned to love and honor God as God.

He only asks that we love Him and Keep His commandments, do what He said to do in His Word, daily. We must not think of Him as just a good luck charm or a weekly guest into our otherwise busy lives. What we do must be done in awareness that it is done before His eyes and must be done for Him! Everything we do must bring Glory and honor to Him as God.

Remember this, God hears and sees what you do all the time, not just when you are praying or when you are in church. He even knows the thoughts of your heart!

MY PRAYER...

Father God, help us to understand Your ways.

Help us to understand that You are not the one who brings evil or bad things upon us. But You are the one who will deliver us out of such things.

You are He who will turn back our enemies and cause them to flee seven ways. For all good and perfect things come down from the Father of light. Thank You for the way You preserved Your promises to the Israelites and brought Jesus just as You promised.

I trust Your promise to send Him back to bring me home to You.

Please receive the deeds and words of this day as my thanks to You for Your covenant of love with me.

Lord, help me to increase the effectiveness of my faith.
In the name of Your Holy Child, Jesus, I pray. Amen.

Chapter 9: Humble yourselves. Why would I want to humble myself?

Humble yourselves [feeling very insignificant] in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you [He will lift you up and make your lives significant].

--James 4:10 Amplified Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Humble yourselves. That sounds ridiculous, why would I want to humble myself? At least to the world and those that believe "get ahead at all cost" and "don't look back, the competition is gaining on you" it sounds ridiculous. But, humility is a forgotten virtue.

Being humble doesn't mean crawling off in the corner and letting the world walk all over you. Often confused with weakness or timidity, humility is about knowing your proper place in the spirit realm of God and in the world without flaunting it.

Would you rather fall on the rock and be broken or have The Rock fall on you and crush you into many little pieces?

Only God can exalt us in a permanent way, so the key is to know our place before Him and let Him put us in the place He chooses in order to bring honor to Him.

Jesus said, "...If any man DESIRE to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all." (Mark 9:35)

That's humbling yourself. I had no desire to be a pastor, but God decided to put me in that position because it pleased Him.

MY PRAYER...

Abbba Father, Most Holy God, thank You for allowing me into Your presence. When I think of all that You have done, the incredible universe You have made and hold together by Your Word, I am amazed that You would invite me into Your presence and care about my needs.

I am in awe knowing You have a plan for my life that would please You. Help me this day to know my place in Your courts and Your presence. Help me to glorify You in what I do and say from this day forth. Let Your Holy Spirit lead and guide me in all things. Teaching me Your will and Your ways as we go. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Chapter 10: He said it in His Word, we need to believe it!

*Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me,
bless His holy name.*

*Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His
benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth
all thy diseases;*

--Psalms 103:1-3 King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

He said it in His Word, we need to believe it. I have forgiven you, I have healed you, I will cause you to prosper and gain wealth. Actually that's pretty straight forward. Why is it so hard to believe? He said in Exodus 15:26 " for I am the LORD that healeth thee."

In Nehemiah 2:20 "The God of heaven, he will prosper us;" In Luke 6:38 "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom..."

MY PRAYER...

Holy Father, I thank You for making me one of Your children, for forgiving my transgressions and my iniquities. But father, You also said that You healed me of my diseases.

Father, help me to understand that You have already done this, that it is not something You might do in the future.

You also said you would prosper me and everything that I set my hand to. Father, help me to increase my faith and to receive that which You have already so graciously provided through Your Son, Jesus. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

Chapter 11: Have you lost your life to Jesus yet?

Jesus said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it.

--Luke 9:23-24 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

So many times when I've tried to talk with people about giving their lives to Jesus this is what I hear: "I've just got to find myself first", or "I've just got to get my life together", or "I've just got to get myself cleaned up, then I will be able to follow Jesus."

Got news for you, it won't ever happen that way! We can NOT "find ourselves, or our life" by pursuing it.

We find it by losing it to the calling of Jesus, one greater than ourselves. We can NOT get it together or clean ourselves up without His help and His power working in our lives.

Jesus never told anyone to go get cleaned up and get your live together and then follow me. No, He just said

“come follow me.” We find our life by taking on the work of His Kingdom. We lose our life to Him and He puts His life into us and the new life we live is Him in us.

We get ourselves together and cleaned up by letting Him take control of our lives and letting His Holy Spirit work in our lives. Anything else is just a work of the flesh and will not endure for very long at all. Just surrender, it's much easier!

MY PRAYER...

Creator, Master and Maker of all that lives and breathes, take my life and every breath I breathe and use it for Your glory. Change me Lord, let your Holy Spirit work in my life.

May my life become as clay in the Master Potter's hands as Your Holy Spirit works upon my life. May all that I do in life be to the glory of Your Kingdom. In Jesus name I offer you this prayer. Amen.

Chapter 12: Do you know what God has prepared for you?

As it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him.

--1 Corinthians 2:9 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Many of the things we anticipate and dream about are much less glorious in real life than they were in our imaginations. There is one event, however, that is better than we can imagine and is beyond our wildest dreams.

When Jesus returns to take us home to the mansion He has prepared for us in our Father's house, it will be far better than we can ever ask, imagine, dream or think of. We have no real concept of just what He has prepared for us. But, we also have no concept of what He has prepared for us right here, right now, on earth!

Did He not say in Matt 6:10: "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."? We are to have here on earth now, what we would have in

Heaven also! Jesus said that not me. He has called us to serve Him, to wait on Him and to finish the work He started here on earth.

Have you answered the phone or are you just letting it ring? Have you checked your voice mail lately, perhaps you missed the call because you were too busy with everyday life.

Come Lord Jesus! I will go for You!

MY PRAYER...

Abbba Father, thank You for knowing me before time began. Thank You for crafting me while I was still in my mother's womb.

Thank You for sending Jesus to redeem me from the curse and pay the price for my sins. And thank You in advance, Father, for the day Jesus comes to take me home to be with You forever.

But in the meantime Lord, I ask that You begin to show me what You have prepared for me here and now.

I want to go for You now Lord and do what You have called me to do. I will answer the call Lord, I'll pick up the phone.

I know You're on the "Main Line".

Through my Conquering Lord and Savior, Jesus, I pray.

Amen.

Chapter 13: I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you!

If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever - the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

--John 14:15-18 New King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Oh, how Jesus loves to do good things for us. For those who believe in Him. Notice that He was talking to believers and not the unsaved. He said He would send another Helper.

A helper, the Spirit of Truth, the Comforter, the Counselor, The Guide, the Teacher, The Holy Spirit. Jesus made sure we would not be alone. He had the Father send us back not just a good gift, but the best gift!

A gift that the world, those who have not made Jesus

their Lord, cannot receive, know, or see. But we have Him, He dwells in us so that we are not alone (orphans). He is the promise that Jesus will return for us in that "Great Day"!

Have you received the Holy Spirit since you believed? There is another gift of the Holy Spirit subsequent to the new birth. Many have not received this, because they either do not know about Him or they have been taught wrong.

MY PRAYER...

Precious Lord Jesus, Thank You for sending us the Holy Spirit. Thank You for not leaving us alone, but instead giving us a Helper, a Comforter, a guide, and a Counselor. Thank You Lord for sending the Spirit of Truth to lead and to guide us until You return for us. Thank You Father that on the day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit was given for all those who would believe and those who receive will be baptized in fire and with power.

In the name of Jesus, Lord I give You all glory and honor. Amen.

Chapter 14: Freedom, that precious, coveted condition in life.

Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

--John 8:31-32 King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

There are few things in life more coveted than freedom. People have died for it throughout history, are doing it today, and will continue to do so in the future. People pray for it.

People strive for it. But true freedom comes from knowing the truth. Knowing the truth only comes by living in obedience to Jesus and the Word. By knowing, understanding, and living by the very Word of God. Truth is not something you merely think about or believe.

Truth is something you do, something you live. Jesus' teachings always end with the exclamation: Blessed are you who do these things! Jesus made it so simple and

easy to understand, how you cannot know what He meant. Only by doing what He told us to do will we ever know the truth that liberates us. You can hear about it, you can read about it, you can even see it, but until you do it for yourself and it gets into your very heart, you will not experience the truth that sets you free.

That truth is the Word of God! Until you know Jesus Christ and Him crucified for you, you cannot experience true truth!

MY PRAYER...

To the only true God be glory, honor, power, and praise. Father, I seek not only Your presence in my daily life, but also Your pleasure and Your will in the choices I make. Please continue to teach me more of Your truth as I pledge and strive to live every day in obedience to Your Word and Your will. Father, help me to be a doer and not just a hearer. Let Your Holy Spirit fill me fresh each day with the power necessary to do the things You have called me to do. Through Jesus the living Word I pray. Amen.

Chapter 15: Out of the tiniest of seeds huge trees grow!

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

--Galatians 6:7-8 King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Out of the tiniest of seeds huge trees grow! A very small acorn can produce a giant majestic oak tree over time.

Whatever we sow is what we will reap. As Creflo Dollar would say "You don't plant corn if you want collard greens!" This principle runs true throughout all of life. It is a principal ordained by God and it controls nature. When we sow to the flesh (or the carnal, lustful sin nature of man) by yielding to such things as alcohol, tobacco, drugs, greed, anger, pornography and other such lusts of the flesh, we will only reap the destruction that will come from it. ("For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our

Lord." Romans 6:23) (or all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, Romans 3:23)

Take a good look at modern society today and you will see what I mean. Men with men and women with women, and trying to tell the world it's okay. It is NOT okay, it is not what God intended for us to do. Even the animals don't live like that. Why else would He have made male and female? Adults sexually abusing children, pornography all over the internet and even cable TV. Liars, cheaters, and illegal aliens as politicians, even a president.

The list just goes on and on. We cannot get completely away from the seeds we have already sown, but we can control what seeds we will sow in the future.

We can control our future harvest. It is possible to uproot the seeds before they sprout, if you will turn to God and His Word. So let's not fool ourselves by trying to do a "snow job" on God. He knows what you are sowing, just like you know what you are sowing. If you're sitting in front of the 'boob tube' all evening instead of meditating the Word guess what your harvest is going to be?

Ever wonder why they call the television the 'boob tube'? Seek first the Kingdom of God. Sow to the spirit and spiritual things instead of to the flesh, and you will reap eternal life. Yes, those things of the flesh seem pleasant and fun to do, BUT it is only for a little while

and then there is a price to pay. If it's not of faith in the things of God, it's sin. Sin, when mature produces death.

Let's make sure the seeds we sow are the ones we want sprouting up later! Remember God SEES and HEARS all that you do and say and He even knows what is in your heart!

MY PRAYER...

Heavenly Father, God who lived before creation and who will be the Great "I AM" when time is no more, help me to sow seeds in my life that will bear eternal fruit.

Let Your Spirit guide and teach me to sow to the spirit and to avoid those seeds that are carnal and lead to destruction.

I know that I cannot accomplish this on my own, I know that I need You and Your Spirit to help and guide me every step of the way.

So Father, I ask You to fill me afresh each day with Your precious Holy Spirit that I may be endued with power from on High to accomplish that which I cannot of my-self do.

Through Jesus, who died and was buried and rose on high so that I might have life and it might forever flow forth from me by the power of the Holy Spirit within me.

My Lord and my Savior, in Jesus name I pray. Amen.


Chapter 16: Have you received the Helper?

If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever-the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

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He had the Father send us back not just a good gift, but the best gift! A gift that the world, those who have not made Jesus their Lord, cannot receive, know, or see.

But we have Him, He dwells in us so that we are not alone (orphans). He is the promise that Jesus will return for us in that "Great Day"!

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MY PRAYER...

Precious Lord Jesus, Thank You for sending us the Holy Spirit. Thank You for not leaving us alone, but instead giving us a Helper, a Comforter, a guide, and a Counselor. Thank You Lord for sending the Spirit of Truth to lead and to guide us until You return for us.

Thank You Father that on the day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit was given for all those who would believe and those who receive will be baptized in fire and with power.

In the name of Jesus, Lord I give You all glory and honor. Amen.

Chapter 17: For the LORD will not cast off his people.

Neither will he forsake his inheritance. But judgment shall return unto righteousness: and all the upright in heart shall follow it.

--Psalms 94:14-15 King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

If we will just walk in integrity and righteousness, with an upright heart, a heart that is pure and set on the things of God, He has promised us that He will not forsake us.

That He will not cast us off, but that we shall be partakers of an inheritance and be the children of God. I don't know about you, but that sounds like an awesome promise to me and I want to partake of it. So how do I walk in integrity before God?

Obey His Word, always! Obey His delegated authority where ever it is and through whom-ever He delegates it, for ALL authority is from God.

When needed I come to Him and ask for forgiveness for transgressions, and I ask from my heart not as lip

service and then I repent (make the changes necessary),
He forgives me and cleanses me of all unrighteousness.

MY PRAYER...

Father God, help us to understand Your ways.
Help us to understand that Your ways are not our ways.
Lord, help us walk in Your ways and to set ourselves on
the things that You would have us to do.

Lord, strengthen us and help us to keep a pure heart
through the working of Your Holy Spirit within us.
Lord, help me to be as Abraham was when You
accounted it unto him for righteousness.

In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

Chapter 18: The Lord shall give those who walk in integrity an inheritance for ever!

The LORD knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be forever. They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.

--Psalms 37:18-19 King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

The Lord knows the days and the ways of the upright or those who walk in integrity before Him. The Lord shall give those who walk in integrity an inheritance forever.

I didn't say that, God did! What kind of an inheritance do you think God can give His Children? We shall never be ashamed nor shall we ever lack for anything, even during a famine.

That famine isn't just a lack of food that is a lack of anything you would need to survive! If, we will seek Him and walk in integrity before Him, He will preserve and keep us always."

I didn't say that, God did in His Word, His Bible (His Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth!

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." Matthew 6:33

MY PRAYER...

Holy Father, I thank You and praise You for who You are. I thank You Lord that You are a loving Father, whose only desire is to preserve and keep those who will walk upright before You.

Just as You did for the father of our Faith Abraham when You made Your covenant with Him.

He walked upright before You and You counted it unto him for righteousness.

Father, I thank You that I can walk upright before You and that I can be the righteousness of God through the blood of Jesus.

]I thank You Lord that by my faith in Jesus Christ, I am Your child and have an inheritance in the Kingdom. Father, I resist the devil, evil and all that comes from the devil, for You have given me Your promises and they keep me. In the precious name of Your Son, Jesus, I give You all praise and all glory forever. Amen.

Chapter 19: Do you walk upright with integrity?

The integrity of the upright will guide them, But the perversity of the unfaithful will destroy them.

--Proverbs 11:3 New King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Remember God told Abram (Abraham), "I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect." (Gen 17:1)

God was telling Abram to be upright or in today's language to be a man of "integrity". God wanted to bless Abram beyond what he could comprehend, but Abram had to be a man of integrity in order for God to be able to do so.

A man who walks in perverseness or transgressions walks in the curse and will be destroyed.

Not because that's what God wants, but because it opens the door for Satan, the destroyer to come in.

I believe that is what's missing from much of our society today...integrity of person, both with each other and especially before God.

The world today is in such moral degradation that integrity has been cast aside long ago. That lack of integrity is causing even greater moral degradation of the human race we see today. And it is bringing about its own destruction by opening the door for Satan and his demons to come in and do their evil deeds.

MY PRAYER...

Most Holy Father, I give you praise and glory in all things. Lord I ask you to help me, so I may know how to be a man of integrity.

Lord I ask you to empower me through Your Holy Spirit to be able to walk in integrity.

Father, help me to understand Your ways and Your will. Help me to walk as Jesus did when He walked on the earth among men. In the name of Your Holy Child, Jesus, I ask and I pray this. Amen.

Chapter 20: Who are you waiting for?

So Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, shall appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him.

--Hebrews 9:28 New American Standard Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Who are you waiting for? There is only one who can introduce you into the Father's presence!

There is only one way into heaven and the Father's presence, not many as some think. There is only one who can and has taken away your sin.

The Lord Jesus Christ, any other way is a dead end. Can you think of anything more exciting than to wait for Jesus to come take us home in His glory? But, that word wait doesn't mean to sit by and do nothing until He comes.

That word wait in the Greek means to look for with full expectancy, to serve and tend to His needs and desires until His return. Are you ready? Have you laid the

ground work, have you done your homework?

Have you spent your time kneeling so that you can stand in good standing? Remember there is only one way to Father and that way is through Jesus Christ, the Son of God. There is only one way!

MY PRAYER...

Majestic King of the Ages, may your Kingdom come in all its fullness and glory. May every knee bow to your Son and my Lord and Savior, and may you grant that it may come to pass in our generation.

I eagerly await the coming of my Lord and Savior, Jesus. In Jesus' name, I expectantly pray and prepare myself for His coming. Amen.

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In the name of Jesus, Lord I give You all glory and honor. Amen.

Chapter 22: Do you follow Jesus' example?

In as much then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham.

--Hebrews 2:14-16 New King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Jesus became flesh and blood just as man had become so that He could share in what we have to go through. He came and showed us how to overcome. He defeated death, hell, and the grave as a mortal man filled with the Holy Spirit of God.

Just as you and I should be and can do! He came and showed us how to be victorious while we were still here on the earth in these mortal bodies.

Yes it will all be better in the sweet by and by, but my Bible says I can have heaven on earth now, so why wait? And notice He doesn't give aid to the angels, but

to us who are of the seed of Abraham.

Born again, faith believing, Holy Spirit filled Christians, who walk the talk. Oh, but He does give His angels charge over us to keep us in all our ways. Do you call on your angels according to the Word?

You can you know according to the Word of God and they will harken unto you to fulfill God's Word in our lives. Thank God for His Jesus and our angels!

MY PRAYER...

All Mighty Father, Thank You for sending us Your Son as an example of how we were to overcome, for showing us how to be victorious. Thank You for showing us that it was a mortal man, just like myself, who full of Your Holy Spirit, subsequent to being born again, defeated the Devil, death, hell, and the grave. Thank You Father for sending us Your Holy Spirit through Jesus. For giving us the strength through Your Holy Spirit that is within us and upon us.

In the mighty name of Jesus, Lord I pray and I give You all glory and honor. Amen

Chapter 23: God is love and love needs to love to someone!

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life, the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us, that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.

--1 John 1:1-4 New King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Some people get the idea that God made man so He'd have someone to dominate. But God is not a dominator, He is not a cruel, punishing God either. God is love and love needs to give love to someone.

That's why God made man. He made man so He could give him His love. So man would fellowship with Him and God could be his friend!

God made man something really special, He made man in His own image. Man is made in the image and the likeness of God. He is like God, but he is not God.

He is made to have fellowship with God. But, God also gave man a free will, so he could choose for himself what to do. God could have given His love to the angels, and He did do that to some extent. But giving to angels didn't provide God with total fulfillment.

Why? Because the angels aren't mankind, they aren't made in His image and likeness. God wants to give His love to you so that your joy may be full and overflowing. The choice is yours. Will you receive His love and then give yours in return?

MY PRAYER...

Abbba Father, I will never understand how You could love me so much that You would create me in Your own image. Or why You would chose to fellowship with me over the angels of heaven. But one thing I do know, and that is, You love me beyond compare. Please help me to love others as You have loved me. Help me Lord to be what You would have me to be. In Jesus name, I pray.

Chapter 24: Are you imitating God, Imitation is the most sincere form of flattery

Be imitators of God as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

--Ephesians 5:1-2 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Imitation is the most sincere form of flattery you can bestow on anyone. God must have wanted us to be imitators of Him, after all He created us in His image (Gen 1:26).

If we are to sincerely flatter God by being like Him, we must be prepared for the cost as well. You see, love for God is never something that occurs just in our minds or our hearts.

Love is something we do for another -- it is an action. John said in 1 John 4 that we must love in both our deeds and our words. Love means to give ourselves up -- what we want, our rights, our desires -- so that we can honor God and serve others. This is true 'AGAPE', the God kind of love, not an emotional or physical love.

This is a kind of love that can change the world, or a marriage, or a family, or the lost. This is the kind of love whereby Jesus said: "and I lay down my life for the sheep."

Are you willing to lay your life down for someone, a brother, a sister, a father, or maybe a wife or husband, what about a friend or a neighbor, maybe even someone you don't even know?

MY PRAYER...

Abbba Father, I will never fully understand how You could love me so much that You would allow Your only begotten Son to die for me as my sacrifice and substitute.

Please help me love others as sacrificially as You have loved me. I know the power to do this is not within me, so please pour Your love into my heart through Your Holy Spirit so that I may share that love with others. Through Jesus, my Lord, my brother and my sacrifice, I pray. Amen.

Chapter 25: Do you have a testimony ready to share?

In your hearts, set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

--1 Peter 3:15 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

We are to be ready, willing, and able to tell people about the "Good News", the hope ("The Faith") and the changes that Jesus has brought to our lives!

To have a "Testimony" to share. After all He has made us able ministers of the Gospel (2 Cor. 3:6). To do this we must be meditating His Word always. We must have an abundance of the Word in our hearts for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks!

But when we share this hope with others, two things are very important:

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1: Our credibility -- is Jesus really Lord of our hearts and our lives -- Do we walk the talk? Are we really living the life of the Christian faith in Jesus, or do we merely just talk the talk? Do we show up for Church on Sunday and then live like the rest of the world all week? Smoking, drinking, cursing, and carrying on as the unsaved do.

As Christians, we MUST live by faith, we MUST walk the talk always! Four (4) times in God's Word He tells us the just (those who are in right standing with Him) must live by faith.

2. Our character -- do we show gentleness and respect in our approach and speak in love? Are we lead by the Holy Spirit and His inner promptings when we tell others about Jesus? Or do we preach condemnation to them for the way they are? (I hope not!)

Do we tell them what is theirs already through Jesus according to the Word if they will only believe?

Do we tell them that God loves them and wants them to love Him. We must preach the Gospel (the "Good News"), not the "Law". No man is justified by the Law. The goal is not to win arguments, but to win hearts and souls to Jesus!

MY PRAYER...

Holy and Loving Father, thank You for sending Your grace in and through Jesus. Thank You for having Your Word (Jesus) become flesh and dwell among us.

Thank You for giving us an example to live by. I'm sure I would not have believed any other message than that of the "Good News" (the news of what Jesus had done for me!)

Father, increase in me the conviction I need to share my faith in Jesus, but in a way that reflects Your grace.

Let Your Holy Spirit fall on me anew each day, just as it did on the day of Pentecost, giving me the same boldness it gave Peter that day when he stood up and preached about Jesus, and 3,000 souls were added to the church in one preaching!

Father, do in me what is necessary so that You can use me that same way. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

Chapter 26: Who's Word is supposed to dwell in you?

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

--Colossians 3:16 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S MANNA:

Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly, not the word of the world or the daily sitcom on TV, or the hard rock or heavy metal music! Not the nightly news from ABC, NBC, CBS, CNN, ESPN, or BBC.

You say, "Well it's just a movie." True, but that movie is planting seed in your heart that is not of God and is filling you with un-Godly things! No, we need to be full of His Word, the Word of God.

How else will we be able to teach one another or correct, warn or caution each other about bad spiritual habits.

We need the wisdom of God which can only be obtained through an intimate fellowship with Christ and

His Word on a daily basis. When we are full of His Word then our praise and spiritual songs will flow from the fullness of our hearts. When we are full of His Word our faith will show it!

MY PRAYER FOR TODAY:

I am so thankful today, Lord, for all the many blessings You have poured into my life. Your love, Your grace, Your mercy, and Your forgiveness give me hope for the future.

Your gift of Jesus gives me life today and promises life eternal with You. The incredible physical blessings, as well as the blessings of family and friends, are wonderful. You have also given me all spiritual blessings in heavenly places.

Blessings that can only be understood through the fellowship with You and Your Word. But the greatest of all blessings is the assurance that I will one day see You face- to-face and share Your glorious presence forever.

In Jesus name Lord I give You all Glory and Honor forever. Amen.

Chapter 27: Freedom is a wonderful gift when it is handled with responsibility!

You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.

--Galatians 5:13 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S MANNA:

Freedom is a wonderful gift when it is handled with responsibility. Freedom from the Law, not being under law (the Old Covenant, the Ten Commandments, the Mosaic Law) is such a sweet grace, but we must pass that sweetness, that grace on to each other through service, kindness, care, and love.

We must remember the commandments given us by the Lord Jesus. "Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Notice that Jesus said fulfilling these 2 commandments would fulfill the Law (Ten Commandments) and the prophets. He made it so simple for us! But freedom is not to be free to indulge in sin and feed the sinful fleshy nature of man. Freedom is not to be able to sin and then run to confession on Sunday. Freedom is freedom through grace to serve God and one another in love. Freedom is knowing that if you mess up, you can come to God and confess and He will forgive you and cleanse you of ALL unrighteousness.

MY PRAYER FOR TODAY:

Holy Father, thank You for rescuing Israel from Pharaoh's grasp, David from the sword of Goliath, and Daniel from the lion's den. But Holy Father, thank You most of all for the triumph of Jesus over sin, sickness, disease, poverty, depression, and all the other curses of the law at Calvary and His victory over death, hell, and the grave being raised from tomb.

Thank You, Holy Father that I am no longer under the "law", but that I have a new and better covenant, bought with the Precious Blood of Jesus that day 2000 plus years ago on a hill so far away from me. Thank You that the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death! Hallelujah! In Jesus name I praise You. Amen.

Chapter 28: Do you have a covenant with God?

And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee. And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

--Genesis 17:6-7 King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

A covenant from God made with Abram (Abraham) and handed down to us through Jesus, 430 years before Moses was told to write down the Ten Commandments. A covenant so powerful that God said it would still prevail over the covenant made with Moses and it still exists today!

In the Hebrew language the word translated here as covenant has the meaning that there is to be a cut or incision made implying "Blood Covenant". H1285. beriyyh, ber-eeth'; from H1262 in the sense of cutting [like H1254]); a compact (made by passing between pieces of flesh).

God made this "everlasting" covenant with Abraham and with his seed after him for generations.

Abraham "cut" the covenant with God for us and then it was ratified through Jesus.

If you are a "born-again" believer, if you have asked Jesus to be the Lord of your life, then you are Abraham's seed. You have a part of this covenant with God Almighty!

You have a right to expect and claim the things promised by God to Abraham and his seed as long as you keep your part. As this New Year comes to a close and we prepare for the beginning of a new year take a stand and stand on God's Word to you and believe for an exceedingly abundant and fruitful year! And then go out and do your part, what you were called to do.

MY PRAYER...

Father, I thank You for Your Holy Word, thank You for every promise You made in Your Word to Your people. Thank You

Father for making a covenant with Abraham and his seed and making it an everlasting covenant through the generations.

Thank You Lord that I am a part of that covenant with

You, that what You promised Abraham and his seed,
You also promised me, because I have believed in Your
Son Jesus. Because I am washed in His Blood, I have a
part in that covenant. In Jesus mighty name, I Thank
You Father. Amen.

Chapter 29: Christ is not divided and no one but Christ was crucified for you!

I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought.

--1 Corinthians 1:10 New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Paul was appealing to the church at Corinth to be of one mind. To care for one another as though they were one body, because they were. For churches (people are the churches not the buildings) to get along, often times their leaders must remind them about the unity of the spirit.

Paul reminded them that Christ was not divided and that no one but Christ was crucified for them. Paul goes on in the following chapters to explain to them how although you may have come to know Christ through one or the other of the disciples like himself, that the foundation for your relationship should always be Jesus Christ and Him crucified for you. Not Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, nor Baptist, or Catholic, or Protestant, or

Nazarene, or some other denomination, but only Jesus Christ and Him crucified for you!

When we get to Heaven there won't be any denominations people, only the saints who gave their life to Jesus while still on Earth. Oh and by the way, the Bible says we are ALL saints once we make Jesus the Lord of our lives! Not only Saints, but Kings and Priests unto God also!

MY PRAYER...

Lord Jesus, You have presented so many of my prayers to our Father, but today, I want to thank You for loving me so. I promise that I will do all I can, to the glory of our Father, to live at peace and to serve not only those who belong to You, but those to whom You are also calling. Father I pledge to serve Your Body (Your Church) as if it were my own, because it is. In Your Holy Name I pray.

Amen.

Chapter 30: How will they hear the Word unless we preach it?

Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

-- Acts 2:41 King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Think about it, can you imagine a man who, just days before, had denied that he even knew Jesus. He gets filled with the Holy Spirit and fire (power), stands up and preaches his first sermon and 3,000 people repent (change their way of thinking and their lives) and call on Jesus to be their Lord!

How would they have received the Word unless they heard it? How will they hear the Word unless we preach it? How can we preach the Word to them that need to receive it, unless we first receive it, are filled with the Holy Spirit and fire (power), and the commission from Jesus to go.

If we remain inside the four walls of our church building and don't go out how will they hear? Jesus said to GO

into the world and make disciples of all nations! Two thirds of God's name is "go"! We have to go and tell them, just like Peter went out of the upper room into the town square and preached the 'Gospel' to them that would receive.

Peter wasn't Pastor Peter or Reverend Peter, or 1st Pope Peter when he went out and told the people about the Gospel. He was just a believer, a disciple of Jesus, baptized with the Holy Spirit and fire that Jesus promised us and told us to receive before we went out. "(Zec 4:6 KJV) Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts." Have you told anyone about Jesus today?

MY PRAYER...

Father, we ask You in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, to change our hearts. Help us to have the compassion that You have for the lost, those that don't know the way home to You.

Help us to become bold through the infilling of Your Holy Spirit, just like on the day of Pentecost. Lord, baptize us with Your Holy Spirit and with Fire, that we may become bold in the spirit for You.

Just like the boldness that overtook Peter and saw
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Father, we give ourselves unto You this day, from this
day forward to do Your will and Your Plan, Your way.
In Jesus' Mighty name. Amen.

Chapter 31: Are you hearing the Word of God?

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Romans 10:17 New King James Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Notice God's Word didn't say by having heard once or even twice or three times, but by hearing, and hearing what is preached about Jesus.

What is it we are supposed to hear? The six o'clock news, the New York Times, the Kitsap Sun, the Seattle Times newspaper, Spike TV, M-TV, HBO Cable Network, CNN News, ESPN news, your neighbor next door, the guy down at the gas station, or some other news broadcasting station?

No, we are supposed to be hearing and hearing by the WORD of GOD concerning Jesus Christ and Him crucified for us.

We should be meditating on His Word day and night. We need to choose very carefully what we listen to, what we watch, and whatever else is feeding our

natural senses, because our spirit man, the real us, is fed through the eye gate, the mouth gate, and the ear gate.

Whatever we're seeing, speaking, and hearing the most is what is going to get into our hearts (our spirit man). God said out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

In Proverbs it says: Keep (Guard) your heart with all diligence, for out of it [spring] the issues of life. We need to put on a spiritual filter and make sure that what we are hearing and seeing lines up with the Word of God, so that what we are speaking is also from God. Because if it doesn't line up with God's Word it will have the opposite effect of building faith...it will destroy Faith and cause unbelief. Remember, whatever is NOT of faith is sin.

MY PRAYER...

Precious and gracious Father, I ask You according to Your Word ((James 1:5 KJV) "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.") to give unto Your servants and your saints the wisdom and revelation knowledge of Your Word.

Father, for everyone who reads this, place an urgency in

their hearts, an unquenchable desire to read, study, and meditate on Your Word. That their faith may abound.

That they may know the truth set forth in Your Word and that the truth will make them free. Father, I ask that you would reveal unto us the deceitfulness and the ploys that the enemy uses to destroy our faith.

Father, reveal unto us how we, Your church, have been polluting our faith and compromising ourselves with the things of this world. Help us Father, to be strong again and to stand firm in our faith in Your Word and its standards.

Father, I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

About The Author

Pastor Duane was born in Adrian, Michigan in 1950. He was raised in an essentially non-Christian home. But at the age of 7 he was taken to a vacation Salvation Army Bible School by an older cousin. Duane went on to reject the Gospel of Jesus and to live his life apart from God and the Bible until the age of 47 when he gave his life to Jesus.

While at work one day he cried out to God and as he did he was genuinely Born Again and filled with the Holy Spirit. Since then he has prayed for many to be saved, baptized with the Holy Spirit, and healed in their bodies.

Duane studied the Bible for four years in his senior pastor's Bible school, Liberty Bible Institute of Word & Spirit Church in Bremerton, WA. He completed his Bachelors in Church Ministry and his Masters in Biblical Studies from The Sure Foundation Theological Institute and recently completed his PHD in Theology from the Institute.

He is currently the Associate Pastor of Word & Spirit Church in Bremerton, Washington where he assists his senior pastor with the pastoral duties. Duane is gifted to teach a simple, balanced, uncompromised, Word of God in a manner that all can grasp easily. He is

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He has been on 2 mission trips to Africa with his senior pastor and one mission trip to the Philippines accompanied by his wife Laura of 42 years.