



WEEK 2

Trust His Promises

21 days of Prayer and Fasting

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May 10-16, 2021

Day 8: Monday, May 10 - We Can Trust Him

But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God-and righteousness and sanctification and redemption-that as it is written, "He who glories, let him glory in the Lord."

Corinthians 1:30-31 NKJV

People always say, "He is faithful!" We hear what God does for others, but He wants us to know, He is at work in YOU! It is true, He knows how many hairs are upon your head or how many are not there! His eyes are upon you and He is acquainted with all of your ways. There is nothing He does not see and already knows about you. And that is precisely why He sent Jesus to the rescue!

Thank God for Jesus, Who is the Captain of this great salvation we have received. He began this work in you when you received Him as your Lord and Savior. It is the Lord that has now made you righteous. You couldn't earn it, nor did you deserve it. Because of Jesus and His great love for us, we are not slaves to the enemy of our souls or to the things that once held us down.

"You must therefore be mentally stripped for action, perfectly self-controlled. Fix your hopes on the gift of grace which is to be yours when Jesus Christ is revealed. As obedient children, do not let your characters be shaped any longer by the desires you cherished in your days of ignorance. The one who called you is holy; like Him, be holy in all of your behavior" 1 Peter 1:13-15

The sanctification that has come to your life has set you apart for God and His purposes! You are dedicated and even consecrated to Him. And rest assured His redemption is at work in you. The price has been paid and fully satisfied. And He promises us this: He is at work in you and completing what He has started, redeeming your life from destruction! And He is going to use you in mighty ways to let your light shine for His glory. Not only are you redeemed from eternal separation from God, but He is at work redeeming your life day by day from all the past failures. We are reminded of when He said, "Old things are passed away, all things are become new" so get ready for new beginnings! You can be so thankful knowing that your future is as bright as the promises of God!

I will hope continually, and will yet praise You more and more. My mouth will show forth Your righteousness, and Your salvation all the day... Psalm 71:14-16

Let Your mercy O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in You. Psalm 33:22

For Further Reading: Hebrews 10

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

- Realize He is present with you right now working in your life.
- How much are doubts and unbelief weighing you down?
- Earnestly seek for His Kingdom to come on earth

Day 9: Tuesday, May 11 - Abide in Him

“Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace” James 3:18

Today there is very little peace found in our world. There is rioting in the streets, and there is rampant crime in the streets as well. There is hardly any peace in our schools and even in our halls of justice. Often, there is not always peace found in our homes.

Yet we all long for peace. But where is peace found; where does it come from?

“The work of the righteous will be peace, and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever.” Isaiah 32:17

This sounds wonderful; so soothing and restful. Yet this comes from the work of righteousness!

In Andrew Murray’s book *Abide in Christ* he shares about abiding in Christ *as your righteousness*.

As Christians, we are all aware and surely blessed by the fact that, through believing in Christ and the efficacy of His death, we are covered in His righteousness, and that God sees us that way as a result. But Murray makes the additional point that, as we are abiding in Christ, and He is us, that, not only are we covered in His righteousness, but we actually are righteous, because we are in Him, and He is in us!

The Lord promises that He is your loving shepherd, who will never leave you or forsake you. He is ushering you into your promises and abundant plans. He wants to do a new thing through you as you fully abide in Him.

“For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.” 2 Corinthians 5:21

God faithfully worked it all out, through His Son, Jesus, because He wants us to be as righteous as He is. He deeply desires that we grow in intimacy with Him. The sweetness of growing in your relationship with Christ has no comparison. He is our all in all. He will fully meet every need in ways we never knew possible.

Through the Lord’s faithfulness and sovereignty we know that we can fully be free in Him! We can come into His presence, completely righteous because you have the righteousness of Christ, not only covering you, but in you as well.

Abide in Him - and you will have peace - through righteousness.

For Further Reading: Isaiah 32:15-19; Jeremiah 23:5-6

Today’s Prayer and Reflection:

- Pray for a desire to abide in Him
- Pray to know and experience His righteousness for yourself
- Pray to experience His peace as you abide in Him

See Andrew Murray’s *Abide In Christ*, ch. 8 “As Your Righteousness” for more insight.

Day 10: Wednesday, May 12 - Trust in the Lord

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your path.” Proverbs 3:5-6

I’m sure we are all very familiar with this verse and have even sung it as a song. However are those words of promise and truth a part of your daily walk with Him? Are you really able to trust Him with all of your being and not depend upon your own wisdom to lead you? Or walk without fear or anxiety gripping us and keeping us from a peaceful night’s sleep?

“Not one of all the good promises the Lord God gave you has failed. Every promise has been fulfilled.” (Joshua 21:45)

Throughout the Bible, we see the Lord’s steadfastness in every situation. He is consistent, all-knowing, and when He speaks it always comes to fruition.

God wants us to be able to trust Him implicitly with everything in us, heart soul and mind. Our trust must be based on our knowledge and understanding of Him and who He really is. One way of doing this is to consider His attributes: 1) His unfathomable wisdom and knowledge: He knows everything and uses His wisdom to guide and direct everything in heaven and on earth, as well as for us! 2) His omnipotence: His ultimate power over everything and everyone everywhere. 3) His omnipresence: He is everywhere all the time and is not limited by time and space! These are just a few, but how amazing they are!

In addition, God loves us with an everlasting love (Jeremiah 31:3), that was proven by His sending His only Son to become one of us on earth to die a sacrificial death in order to eradicate our sin forever and make us one with Himself! He has promised, in Jeremiah 29:11, “Then you will call upon me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart”. He wants us to really know Him, so we can really trust Him!

Trusting God means believing, through faith, that His love and grace are sufficient for us, to meet all our needs; spiritual as well as physical. And knowing that, in His wisdom, He always knows what’s best for us, and that His power is able to do for us whatever is necessary to care for us in every circumstance and in every situation. He is truly trustworthy!

For Further Reading: Zephaniah 3:17; Psalm 40; Proverbs 3

Today’s Prayer and Reflection:

- That God will help you to see Him for all that He is
- That you will be able to trust Him with your whole life
- That, because of your trust in Him, you can allow yourself to completely abandon your life to Him and let Him have complete control of it

Day 11: Thursday May 13 - Grace Upon Grace

“But He gives more grace” James 4:6

Salvation is a gift, purely a gift, forever a gift. It is grace and nothing else that obtains it for us. Discipline is not my claim on Christ, but the evidence of His claim on me. I do not “make” Him Lord, I acknowledge Him Lord. To do this in honesty involves the full intention to do His will, that is, to live under the discipline of His Word. But even that is not something we manage all by ourselves. When we follow Christ he calls us to:

1. Leave self behind
2. Take up His cross
3. To come with Him

As believers, we are under grace. We are disciplined by grace. “The grace of God has dawned upon the world... and by it we are disciplined to renounce godless ways and worldly desires, and to live a life of temperance, honesty, and godliness.” Titus 2:11-12

Through God’s grace He makes it possible to be disciplined by the Spirit of God, “The spirit that God gave us is no craven spirit, but one to inspire... self-discipline.” 1 Timothy 1:7

There it is. His grace makes it possible to leave yourself behind. It is the greatest thing any man can ever do, to put their trust in the living God. When you leave yourself behind, laying it at the cross, we gain fulfilment in our companionship with Christ. Your loving redeemer. To take up His cross we will experience true freedom because breakthrough is found in surrender. Do you trust Him that he will lead you into perfect freedom in Him?

God’s deepest desire is to pour out his grace in your life. To guide you and lead you daily. If we only give Him our “Yes”. Yet how often we try to hold on to what is comfortable in this world. Our stubbornness and pride to control and manipulate a situation. By doing this it delays the process of complete renewal in Christ. Yet the grace of God is constant, He is ready to pour out grace upon grace if we surrender. We must understand that everything we have was given by God, things are to be received with thanksgiving and everything is a material for sacrifice.

What has been given us is perfect material to sacrifice to say, “Lord I trust you. All of me for all of you”. Are you willing to let go and let God? Let Him saturate you with His grace and lead you into understanding His promises. Let us be willing to be disciplined by the Spirit of God.

Prayer: “Lord forgive me. I offer to you again my body as a living sacrifice, asking you to accept it as an act of worship and to continue your holy work of transforming my mind from within, that I may worthily glorify you for Jesus’s sake.”

For Further Reading: Romans 15:13

Today’s Prayer and Reflection

- Tell the Lord you want to walk in companionship with Him. That He is your first love and you desire to have your heart embedded with His. And you want to be disciplined by the Spirit of God.
- Thank the Lord for being intentional with you and consistently seeking after your heart.
- Lay down everything, give him all of you as a material for sacrifice

Day 12: Friday, May 14 - Restoration

"According to His promise, we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells." 2 Peter 3:13

Let's be honest. Without a glorious hope blazing in your heart, you will be crushed by the pain of this present world. Did you catch the promise in the verse above? It's breathtaking. Read it again.

This is God's promise to you—He is going to restore all things. That's right, all things. There will be new heavens and a new earth. One could consider this to be the Promise of all promises. The crème de la crème of promises! In this promise lies confident anticipation that goodness and righteousness are coming and that sin and death will reign no more! In John Eldridge's book, *All Things New*, he writes, "The renewal of all things is meant to be your first hope in the way that God is your First Love."

The One who is seated on the throne has said, "I am making everything new!" Immediately after saying these five words, He quickly adds, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." Don't you find it beautifully reassuring of God to tell John to write those words down? Perhaps God knew that future readers would need this blessed assurance. Grab onto the promised renewal with both hands and make it the anchor of your soul. Indeed, this promise is trustworthy and true.

For Further Reading: 2 Peter 3, Hebrews 6, Romans 8, Revelation 21

Today's Prayer Point and Reflection:

- What things in this present world are causing you pain or grief? Take a moment and give these things to God. Rejoice because one day, He will make all things new.
- Approach God's throne with boldness and ask that the promise of the renewal of all things would be your first hope!
- Pray for the global church to have a fresh revelation of this promise.

Day 13: Saturday, May 15 - His Promises to Us

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

Through all of the craziness and the message of hopelessness that the world tries to push in our minds, there is comfort in the promise that God has not only given to us by his living word, but by His actions, the perfect sacrifice to bridge the gap of the broken and lost, by the death of His son our Lord Jesus Christ. By his mercy, we can now have a personal relationship with our God, and find rest and comfort in His promise to us. To be saved from death and have eternal life:

John 3:16 - For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believes in him will not perish but have everlasting life.

What is so amazing is that God wants nothing more than a relationship with us. Knowing every sin we have ever committed, the Lord of creations wants to meet us where we are, so that we may find rest in Him, to break the chains, to no longer be a slave of a broken world that leads to sin and death.

John 6:37 - All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.

Throughout the Bible, it shows that even when we fall short, the Lord is there, for He will never forsake us.

Deuteronomy 31:8 - It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.

Story after story, you see God fulfilling His promises to His people, from Abraham, that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars. Saving Noah's family from the flood. Freeing the Jews from the captivity of the Egyptians. There are countless examples in the Bible of how many times God has shown His faithfulness, never failing, even when we do. That is why we must trust in His promises, that is why we find rest in Him. He is our comfort and our joy. Through life's highs and lows, we can count on God, for His promises never fail.

Jeremiah 29:11 - For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Today's Prayer Points:

- To be reminded that you are the child of the Lord most high
- Find rest in the Lord, remembering His promises and that you are never alone
- Make time to build a more personal relationship with God

Day 14: Sunday, May 16 - Signs and Wonders

“Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe”. John 4:48

It is easily observed that God has placed the desire to be known and to be seen into all of humanity. We crave and seek significance in our relationships, careers, ministry, fame and fortune, and even places like Tiktok and Instagram. Jesus understood how love was rooted in the deep desire for people to feel seen and known. His performing signs and wonders confirmed to people that God knew and saw them in their condition and had mercy and compassion upon them. It is no different today. People today still need to know that God loves, sees and knows them personally. A miraculous healing, a timely word of knowledge or a prophetic utterance to a seeking soul may open the door to a heavenly kingdom that they never knew existed. It serves as confirmation to a person that God actually knows and loves them individually.

How incredible it is that God empowers us all through the Holy Spirit to serve His children. We can be encouraged that while Jesus was 100% God, He did all His miracles as a man, not God. Let that sink in for a bit. This is a profound truth that has major implications for us today. If Jesus had performed miracles because He was God, then they would be unattainable for us. But because He did them as a man full of the Spirit and submitted to the Father, then as believers, we are responsible to pursue that way of life. It changes everything because Jesus becomes the model for us to embrace the impossible. The ability of Peter’s shadow to heal is one of the greatest examples of the overflow of the Presence of God upon a person. Somehow people learned to access what rested upon him. We know this principle has nothing to do with the shadow but of the proximity of God in man.

Jesus tells us that anyone who has faith in Him will do “what he has been doing and even greater things” (John 14). Sometimes we forget that love looks like something. Obedience to God doesn’t always look like abundant faith, but it does always involve action. If we count ourselves as followers of Christ, then we must press in to the greater things of God. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are free but maturity is expensive. We must start by doing something. Believe we can do miracles by Jesus’ authority. It has been said that faith is spelled RISK. We can start by exposing ourselves to need and allowing God to use us as the solution. Let us fan to flame the gift of God which is in us. The time for quasi Christianity is over. It is time for us to say “Yes” to God.

For Further Reading: John 5; Acts 5; 2 Timothy 1

Today’s Prayer and Reflection

- Tell the Holy Spirit you want to reach the fullness of your potential but that you are completely dependent upon His empowerment.
- Pray that His presence upon you would increase in every area of your life, releasing His transforming power.
- Ask Him that you would see a miraculous breakthrough from your stepping out in faith.