

Glory To Glory

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I trust that you will use this training manual to search the holy scriptures that make us wise unto salvation. Despite setbacks God ushers the body of Christ from glory to glory. May we keep in step with His purposes and assignments.

2 Corinthians 3: 18,

“But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory as by the Spirit of the Lord.”

This 70 day devotional on glory has a doctrinal emphasis that will help your growth in discipleship.

[NB: All capitalized and bracketed words in the Scriptures quoted in the text are my emphasis]

FROM GLORY TO GLORY

Day 1

**“... the mother of Jesus said to Him,
they have no wine”. John 2: 3**

When we admit our need, then Jesus comes to our rescue. He cannot enter a self contained, self interested life. You have to come to an end, admit bankruptcy and know there is no wine. You have run out of the elixir of life – the joy has gone, the reason for living is fading fast.

Jesus knew the wedding was coming to a premature end. He didn't need Mary to tell him. She began to interfere and so Jesus replied abruptly and cut himself off from her apron strings. He would act independently of her, but, dependently upon the Father's word. He could do NOTHING OF HIMSELF says John 5: 19. He was listening to Father, entirely DEPENDENT on heaven's direction.

*NB John 5: 19 is the KEY
VERSE for believers in
John's gospel*

There is no joy when the bread of God's word is not mixed with the oil of the Holy Spirit. Word + Spirit bring expectancy. Fellowship must have expectancy, so must our Christian meetings. Without expecting something to happen we gradually enter the rut of the ritual.

Will you pray for the anointing of God to clothe you? Will you fast and pray in the Spirit? Even charismatic and Pentecostal churches can get to the place where they have no wine. Perhaps there is bad management, poor communication and little pastoral care, a lack of prophetic vision or doctrinal error or inadequacy. God does not give things to us on a plate. We must obey a living word to get into spiritual shape in order to enter a new phase of eternal life.

Admit your weakness, your sin today. Confess you have lost joy and peace in believing. Be willing to come to Jesus Himself. Do not pray a pack of religious petitions. Just wait on the Lord to show you why there is no wine anymore. Apart from Him, we can do nothing. With Him, all things are possible for those who believe, i.e. be and live in Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit. Hebrews 3: 12, 13 warn against departing from God through unbelief. We are to exhort one another daily to follow the Lord, in order to avoid a hardened heart through sin. Unbelief is sin, let us guard our hearts. Let's pray,

“Father, I am aware there is no wine, no joy in my Christian walk. Reveal any sin Lord, and bring me to a new obedience and a strong faith, in Jesus name. Amen.”

Day 2

“Jesus said to them, “Fill the water pots with water.” And they filled them up to the brim.”

John 2: 7

The moment of obedience is the moment of change. The water became wine as the servants obeyed. We become partakers of the divine nature as we obey the exceedingly great and precious promises. The **IMPLANTED WORD IS ABLE**, has a divine ability to **SAVE** our souls, our personalities. Mary conceived when she said, “... be it unto me according to your word”. Peter on the lake got the catch when he said “... nevertheless at Your word I will let down the nets”. The word works **IN THOSE WHO BELIEVE** (1 Thessalonians 2: 13). Obedience to the word brings Jesus on the scene. Grace is never the license of doing what I want to do, but the liberty to do what He tells me to do. The water of ordinary living is transfigured into the wine of supernatural life by obedience.

That is why Jesus confirms His word by signs following. The word obeyed will bring results. The seed of the word has creative power inside it which is released on obedience. We buy the truth and make it part of our lives by the act of obedience. Proverbs 23: 23 goes on to say “... sell it not”. In other words we sell or lose truth by disobedience. If the servants at the wedding feast had suddenly decided to abandon duty and disregard the word of Jesus, there would have been no wine. We are servants or bond slaves of the Lord Jesus as well as sons. Our sonship is our legal status on being born again. The vital reality of sonship is by being continually led of the Spirit.

Once a woman in the crowd praised Mary (Luke 11: 27, 28), but the reply of the Master was “... blessed are those who hear the word of God and do it”. To be blessed means you have the power to communicate the character of God. Those who walk in obedience find they enter a situation with the answer of Jesus Christ. We are to change water into wine among those around us. As we obey the promptings of the Spirit, the people we meet

will be glad to have known us. Obedience means we save ourselves (our personalities) and those who hear us. This key, yet

Knowledge is common but the obedient life is very rare

neglected, theme of all Scripture is most needed today. Let Jesus touch you in a new area of obedience. Do it and on that point you will never be deceived. He looks upon His word to perform it for us as we OBEY.

Let's pray,

“Father, I really want to walk in obedience to You. Give me ears to hear what You are saying each day and a willing heart to obey, in Jesus name. Amen.”

Day 3

“... but you have kept the good wine until now”. John 2: 10

John Wesley said, “... the best is yet to come”. That is not only true on our death but also every day. Confess now that goodness and mercy shall follow you all the days of your life! The rewards of obedience are the blessings of Deuteronomy 28 overtaking us. Obedience means eternal life in the fast lane. The more obedient we are the quicker we arrive at God’s destination and purpose for us. The children of Israel could have arrived in the Promised Land in less than a

We need to be filled with hope, that eager anticipation of good things to come.

fortnight but went in circles for forty years due to murmurings and rank disobedience. Our destination is the New Jerusalem where Christ and the church will be completely one, in harmony and security.

The good wine of being a son of God is worth waiting for. We wait by standing under the Lordship of Jesus, recognizing and doing the thing in hand. Praise God, He drank the cup of sin to the last dregs. Every sin wide as the world, deep as the heart, old as the race, was in the cup. He drank the curse of death so we may go free from the power and fear of death. He made death a dead thing for those who repent and believe. The good wine of tasting that we are a child and son of God, begins at new birth, and hallelujah, GOES ON and ON and ON!

God has remade us new creations to enjoy Him forever. The best is yet to come because the worst man and the devil could do has already been done to the sinless man of God, the Lord Jesus Christ. Every rape, mugging, terrorist outrage, cursing mouth, lying tongue, every bombing raid, every act of deceit, everything contrary to the truth of God was in the cup Jesus drank on the Cross. Blessings come out from Calvary. Our cross is where my will and God’s will cross. If we deny ourselves and take up OUR

The Cross is the power of God and the wisdom of God - the very womb of all blessing

CROSS, the flow of eternal life to us and through us will increase. True obedience knows the cross of, "... yet not my will but Thy will be done". God keeps the good wine until the obedience is complete. The good wine of Pentecost could only flow in the Upper Room after Calvary and the resurrection. Jesus is bringing many sons to glory via the cross of obedience. Buy the truth by obeying it then the good wine will be tasted by you and others. Let's pray,

"Dear Father, thank you for Jesus bearing my sin on the Cross. I truly repent of all my sin, and receive Your forgiveness. I choose to obey and follow. Amen."

DAY 4

**“This beginning of signs Jesus did...
and manifested His glory.” John 2: 11**

Celebration of marriage was the venue for the first sign. This sign is significant because human history begins and ends with a marriage: Adam and Eve – the beginning, the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, Christ and His bride – the end. To be born again and to believe is to be married to Jesus in spirit, soul and body, in covenantal belonging. When the glory appears it is easy to believe in Jesus, to be and to live in Him. Glory is the secret ingredient of unity (see John 17: 22). Where Jesus is in the presence of the Holy Spirit there is oneness. The evil one wants to split and divide. We need glory to keep the believers one. Glory is the fuel of the church, an antidote to all discouragement, defeat and disillusionment.

The manifestation of Christ’s glory is the deity/divinity of Christ bursting through the house of muscle, blood, and bone. The deity shining through His humanity. Remember on the Mount of Transfiguration, even the clothing contained the outshining of the glory of God.

The change was the inner character of Godhead coming through the inner character of Jesus in a physical and outer expression. Stephen knew the glory on His face when he was being stoned. The glory is to be weighted down with the character of God. Moses asked God to reveal the glory. In Exodus 33: 19 the answer contained three aspects of the eternal character: goodness, grace and great love. So the glory is all that God has and is. Before the Fall, the bodies of Adam and Eve had a manifestation of glory. Sin is robbing God of glory. The beginning of the clothing industry was a badge of shame – yet over the centuries man has made it a mark of pride.

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God launches new things in an atmosphere of glory. Not only the first sign at Cana, but creation was clothed with glory, the light of Genesis 1: 3 emanating from Jesus Himself. The morning stars in Job 38: 7 sang with side-splitting hilarious praise! The inauguration of the Temple saw the

glory cloud of God descend so the priests could not stand to minister (1 Kings 8: 11). The birth of Jesus was heralded by glory over the fields where shepherds kept watch. The church was birthed in the glory of tongues of fire. The NEW THING God wants to do with you will be with glory. Something of the character of God will break through in the spirit realm and you will recognize it. We know it in certain praise meetings or surrounding some words preached. Be careful not to lose what God is showing you in the light. In His glorious light we shall see light and have the revelation we need.

DAY 5

**“Jesus said to her, “Did I not say to you
that if you would believe, you would see
the glory of God?”**

John 11: 40

The sickness was not unto death, but for the glory of God. All disease, sickness and plague is for the glory of God in this sense: that your minus, through grace and faith, can become His glorious plus. The Sovereign Lord works for us to obtain glory. Glory needs faith to be manifest. The will of Jesus is to heal us all, but faith must be operative. Abraham was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God. Check Romans 4: 19 – 21. A great faith key is found here, he **WAVED NOT** at the promise because he **CONSIDERED NOT** the circumstance of the deadness of his own body and Sarah’s womb. To believe God’s word means we refuse to consider the world’s data. Faith nearly always has to go through a test or trial in order that blessing is manifest.

Martha had to hold faith in the revelation that Jesus declared, **I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE**. God wants to make the **RHEMA WORD** strong in us in order to overcome contrary considerations! **A WORD FROM HEAVEN MAKES YOU A KING ON EARTH!** In her distress, Martha found it hard to hold onto the revelation.

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There are three steps to the glory of the Lord Jesus meeting the dead situation –

1. The disciples were told to take away the stone. Often there is a “stone” of sin, unforgiveness, or resentment between Jesus and the problem of spiritual death. Sin always produces death or spiritual separation from God. Now God has done His part to put away sin in sending His Son to cleanse, purge all sin by His blood. We now have to do our part. **REPENT. CONFESS. FORGIVE.** Turn to

Jesus with honesty about your wrongdoing. Ask forgiveness. Receive cleansing in the royal blood of Jesus Christ. Offer forgiveness to others, the only condition for receiving forgiveness ourselves. We have to take away the stone of sin and unforgiveness.

2. Hear the living command of Jesus. He spoke, “Lazarus, come forth”. God’s living word calls into being what is not. We need ears, inner spirit-attuned ears, to hear the creative word. “So shall MY word be... it SHALL NOT return unto me empty, but WILL accomplish that for which I sent it...” (Isaiah 55: 11). When the Word, the Lord Jesus, went to Calvary and hell, He didn’t return empty-handed. He sent His word to heal and deliver. Obedience to the word of command has the outcome of glory. Check Leviticus 9: 6, a great principle of old and new covenants.

3. Take off the bandages. The glory of God could only rest on the smile of Lazarus once the bandages had been taken off by the disciples. Many see this as a type of healing and deliverance ministry that brings wholeness to the child of God. It is wonderful to no longer be dead in sins and trespasses... but there is a greater glory for the redeemed soul who knows deliverance and healing from past hurts and traumas. Do we believe in these essential clean up ministries?

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Will we submit to the rubbish being taken away from the temple of our bodies? The Lord Jesus never ordained a preacher or teacher who didn’t move in deliverance ministry. If we fail to take off the bandages, the church is weighed in the balances and found wanting. There are many people bleeding and dying, asleep in the pews!

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Let's pray,

“Lord Jesus Christ, I come to open up my heart to the searchlight of Your holy love. Reveal the rubbish and show me where I allow sin and idols to hinder Your glory. Sensitize my heart to hear Your rhemas from heaven and make Your word strong in me so I can receive what You want to give me. In Your name Jesus. Amen.”

[NB. There are two Greek words for the word of God. The logos is the expression of God's will forever settled in heaven which is the entire written word of God. The rhema is the specific spoken word for a specific situation. Jesus used it in the open contest with Satan when He took the bit that He needed from Deuteronomy, and said, "... man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." Rhema is the proceeding word... it creates faith (Romans 10: 17) ... it is a sword of the Spirit (Ephesians 6: 17). We need the rhema to break through in spiritual warfare. Much prayer is waiting on God with a sensitive heart to hear the particular sword of the Spirit that we need. When one has received a rhema one needs to declare it in the authority of the name of Jesus and in the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Then we will see the glory of God.]

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DAY 6

**“... the heavens were opened, and
I saw visions of God.” Ezekiel 1: 1**

Ezekiel means that God will strengthen in a time of strife. There he was in a concentration camp, yet in spirit seeing the very glory of God, just at the time of Israel's shame – the exile to Babylon. The experience was so radical that a third of the chapters are situated in the glory – revelations of the future, including the millennium. The last verse declaring Jehovah-Shammah: the Lord who is there. That is a great definition of glory, the Lord so penetrating the city on the millennium earth that He and His people can be one.

The flow of the prophecy concerns departing glory (Chapters 1 – 24) and returning glory (25 – 48). Glory is on the look-out for a new home. However, with the failure of a church or individual the glory departs – because of sin. The secret sins of the sanctuary in Jerusalem are seen very clearly, although the prophet languishes by the river Chebar hundreds of miles from home. He sees more in Chapter 8 than even Jeremiah who was on the very spot! The image of jealousy today stops the Lord from fully occupying the hearts and minds of God's children. It could be a world-spirit or an evil spirit or some secret sin, so that the Lord is outside the door of your heart, knocking to try to get in. Then there were idols portrayed on the walls. An idol is anything you love more than Jesus, or anything that controls you. What is on the walls of your mind?

Are selfish ambitions driving you to a position beyond your ability? Or is your problem pornography from a TV film, or a book or a magazine? Or is the idol in your heart an unremitting desire for a new car? Family, a precious brother or sister in the Lord, or food, can all become idols. Sin robs God of glory and stops you being a serving son or daughter. The sin in the church is why glory looks for a new home. Ezekiel ends with a very full revelation of the millennium. There we will learn what glory was, is and is to be. Until then, we look to the

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AUTHOR and FINISHER of our faith, who desires us to share the glory He knew with the Father. No flesh should boast in the glory. All self and sin prevent glory from being manifest but God has put the treasure of the new creation in our spirits. The glory is in our inner man, that invisible image of God within us, where the Shekinah glory dwells. Now we must be strengthened with the power of the Spirit for the glory to break forth in our lives! Let's pray,

“Father, reveal any blockages to Your glory being manifest in my life. Show me any idols in my heart and enable me to renounce and turn from them. Cleanse Your church so that the glory may return and reside in our midst, in Jesus name. Amen.” [Renounce means to speak off, or “I break covenant with”.]

DAY 7

**“So I arose and went out into the plain:
And, behold, the glory of the Lord stood
there, like the glory which I saw by the
river Chebar: and I fell on my face.”**

Ezekiel 3: 23

Obedience to the command of God will bring an experience of glory. The thing of the commanded word has a creative issue. The words “word” and “thing” in the Hebrew are interchangeable. The living Word is a substantial thing to the Jewish mind. How much more for the sons and daughters of the new creation! The Word has power to uphold the atoms of the universe. That’s how Jesus can put an end

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to this heaven and earth just as easily as a man taking off a dirty shirt. Ezekiel went to another place, but the same glory confronted him. We are destined for another place: the ages to

come. The glory of the Lord in all its fullness will illumine the New Jerusalem. Everything – every colour, material, metal etc., will speak of Christ. Here and now we need foretastes of glory – the presence of Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit. He comes on the basis of our obedience. Check Leviticus 9: 6, “This is the thing which the Lord commanded you to do, and the glory of the Lord will appear to you”. The great commission from the resurrected Lord promises His presence to those who obey and teach and baptize in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. The great vision of Ezekiel 37, the valley of worthless dry bones changing into a mighty army, occurred because Ezekiel obeyed the command. He prophesied AS HE WAS COMMANDED (verse 7) – he was in step with the Lord, not serving up some undigested morning quiet time and passing it off as prophecy. If the glory of the Lord appears to you, generally there is a purpose. Notice that Jesus, after the resurrection, spoke commandments to the apostles, to whom He had chosen (Acts 1: 2). The word obeyed creates glory – the character of God being released in Acts 2 with great joy. And yet, by the Word, destruction can come. Check 2 Peter 3: 5 – 7, where we learn that it was the word of God that brought the flood and also the word will bring fire to dissolve the

elements before the great day of the Lord. So the Word has this dual aspect, quickening unto obedience and glory, or a killing unto death for those that remain disobedient!

Many believers are in ignorance of the judgements of God. Yet Ananias and Sapphira stand testimony that the Word can kill even in the church age. When glory comes the only response is to fall on our face as Ezekiel did and yield to the soul surgery of the Holy Spirit. As we obey the revelation command of Jesus, we will move from glory to glory. Yet in the culture of glory, there is also judgement. The convincing splendour of glory will prostrate us, to be dealt with by a merciful God.

DAY 8

“And I fell on my face. Then the Spirit entered me... and spoke with me and said to me, “Go, shut yourself inside your house.” **Ezekiel 3: 23, 24**

Falling under the power of the Spirit is a common phenomenon, yet many who have experienced the Lord in this way, have not understood the significance. When we are prepared for this holy anesthetic, we are spoken to in the depths of our spirit. When all self effort is knocked out of us, when our systems are at peace, we know on the floor, that all is of grace, nothing of ourselves. Abraham fell into this kind of sleep in order that God could cut the covenant and speak the promise to him. The priests could not stand to minister at the inauguration of Solomon’s temple when the glory cloud rolled in. Demons cast some people to the floor (Luke 4: 35) and we who minister the glory of God need to be aware of the presence of evil spirits who want to discredit the ministry.

The great wonder is not falling, but God speaking and the influx of the Holy Spirit. There is no passivity about this, only the divine control of peace. Paul fell off his horse for repentance and commission to follow. Peter fell bodily in a trance for the vision of Acts 10 to change his legalistic heart and open the door of the gospel into Europe. May we never belittle God’s way of doing things. The awesome prostrating vision of God, of ourselves and the lost world are needed today. However, we do not look to phenomena, but to what God speaks to us in that condition of yieldedness. In March 1987, God spoke straight to my spirit to go to nations – I had no natural leaning this way, but within six months ministering opportunities came in France and Spain.

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Remember the transfiguration when the inner circle of disciples were overcome with glory. In the R.V. margin of Luke 9: 32, there is something very

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interesting... “Now Peter and they that were with Him were heavy with sleep, but, HAVING REMAINED AWAKE, they saw His glory...”

That exactly describes the rest of seemingly being asleep, yet the faculties remaining alive and aware, which is a vital condition for true working of the Holy Spirit. May the counterfeit falling under a power never put us off from the genuine. For His glory He will PREPARE us before the commission, and a sense of being

shut up and concentrated upon Jesus will be vital to ministry success.

DAY 9

**“Overthrown, overthrown, I will make
it overthrown! It shall be no longer until
He comes whose right it is, and I will
give it to Him.”** **Ezekiel 21: 27**

This is a great principle: God turns over political systems and kingdoms. Babylon was overthrown, then the Medo-Persian Empire, then Greece, until Jesus came in the middle of the Roman Empire. Everything that is against the glory of God, at some stage, God will overthrow. All sin and self and satanically inspired schemes will be overturned. Jesus the manager of the earth was sacked by his own people, but He is coming back to reign over the nations.

Jesus overturned the money-changers in the temple and then the healing virtue from His hands began. What stops glory has got to be stopped. The book of Ezekiel shows who is behind the prevention policy – the anointed cherub, the most beautiful and brilliant of all of God-created creatures. But he began to enjoy his own smartness and thought the beauty proceeded from himself (Ezekiel 28: 13 – 15). One

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day he will be overthrown into the lake of fire forever. Everything not of God in our lives will be overturned: doing our own will, church committees and structure, the crime of worry, everything that fails the test of His word.

When we go through a crisis as believers, watch carefully: God wants to overturn or overthrow something that stands against His glory. Perhaps we have a demonic problem or habitual sin or an area of self-life still manifesting. God wants to overthrow it and render it powerless. Jesus has SPOILED EVERY PRINCIPALITY and POWER – by ripping

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off all evil spirits from His body on the Cross. They tried to cling and invade Him because He was made sin at Calvary. But, they could not! He triumphed over them FOR US TO LIVE A LIFE OF VICTORY! He wants to share His glory. Everything God has made by right of creation or by right of redemption is for the glory. The reason everything exists, as created or redeemed by Jesus, is for the sole purpose of manifesting His glory. That's why the victory of the Cross will penetrate everything one day, except demons and those who refuse the gospel of God. The excellency of the power will be seen to be of God and not us. We shall be given to Jesus a spotless Bride once we are healed and delivered, as well as saved. As believers we become worthless dry bones when we lose the presence of God through sin or self or evil spirit interference. Ask the Father to expose sin and fill you with the Holy Spirit today.

DAY 10

**“I will put My Spirit in you and you
shall live...” Ezekiel 37: 14**

Christians without the Spirit of God dwelling, anointing and leading them cannot live the life God lives. We must be overcomers. Restoration is God bringing us back to our original condition and only the Holy Spirit can achieve this. He can do more in five minutes than twenty years of education. Three symbols of the Spirit speak to us in Ezekiel:

1. FIRE (Chapter 1: 4)

The symbol of holiness because our God is a consuming fire. As ministers of the gospel we are to be flames of fire bringing blessing and judgement. Today we need to **THINK CLEAN** by knowing the fire burn and wither unclean imaginations. Humility and holiness combine in the life that experiences the fire of the Holy Spirit.

2. WIND (Chapter 37: 9)

The symbol of power because the strength of God is in the skies. The winds of power can be sudden like at Pentecost. The wind of the Spirit can leave as suddenly as He comes. The season of refreshment may only last a few weeks, but we need the cobwebs of our tradition blown away.

3. WATER (Chapter 47: 1 – 12)

The symbol of satisfaction and healing, because everything lives when the river of the Spirit comes. The river represents plenty, fruitfulness and pasture. Are we thirsting? God will meet us at the point of our need. The river comes from under the sanctuary. If we are learning to be a worshipper in Spirit and in truth we will swim in the river of God.

God wants to live the life of Jesus through us for His glory. In Ezekiel we notice the cherubim. The literal meaning of these high order of angelic beings is “as the whole, as the rest”. They are always associated with the glory of God. We are going to be like them in the ages to come. They guarded the entrance to Eden, and they sit at the mercy seat, the place of the presence of God.

When the Holy Spirit entirely possesses us, we shall live continually in that presence and for His glory, like the cherubim. May sin not have dominion over us, that we may live for God’s glory, conscious that in ourselves we are nothing better than tin cans.

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“Father, I ask that You would baptize me with Holy Spirit and fire, to burn away all that is not of you in my life and empower me, for Your glory. Amen.”

DAY 11

**“These things Isaiah said, when
he saw His glory, and spoke of Him.”**

John 12: 41

John 12 is a chapter of transition – the miracles are almost over and the run-in to Calvary begins. Isaiah saw that the Jews would reject Jesus and refuse the evidence of miracles. The cost of being a believer is seen in this chapter. Glory in the Holy Spirit has a cost.

C	Christ	(v 16)	or	compromise	(v 42)	?
O	Obedience	(v 26)	or	obstinacy	(v 37)	?
S	Sacrifice	(v 24)	or	selfishness	(v 25a)	?
T	Treasure	(v 3)	or	triviality	(v 13)	?

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There is no neutral road in following Jesus. A stark choice confronts every believer if we are to become a disciple. Do we know the anointed path of obeying Christ through the treasure of sacrifice?

1. CHRIST OR COMPROMISE ?

Jesus is glorious to us if we are to speak of Him as a worshipping witness. Compromise stalks the church, men prefer position in a denomination or society rather than jettison role and follow Holy Ghost reality. Glory comes to those who

refuse compromise with the crowd, and travail for the anointing. Compromise is refusing to fight for what we know to be right.

2. OBEDIENCE OR OBSTINACY ?

To keep following means to obey Jesus by recognizing the thing at hand. What is He prompting us about? Is it tithing? Or praying for the government? Giving to mission? Giving ourselves to hospitality? Or witnessing at work? The obstinate, hard-hearted religious people cause Christ Jesus to be blasphemed in the world. That's why Jesus was so hard on the religious Jews. He is merciful to sinners and merciless with religious playboys, the hypocrites.

3. SACRIFICE OR SELFISHNESS ?

The Cross never annihilates a vision but purifies it. The seed must go into the ground to die. At the Cross it appeared that everything was lost. The vision is real, but we must wait for it, even though it tarry. In the death God can change us to get us to the place He wants us – so we can handle the resurrection of the vision. Also we personally need to die to self if we are to see the things that God has spoken about. If we love our soul-life, we will lose our spirit-life. Denying yourself is the path to preserving the life of God in our spirits. Many beginning in the Spirit have ended up in the flesh, because they have been ignorant of, or have denied the Cross-principle.

4. TREASURE OR TRIVIALITY ?

Our treasure is God's life in our Spirits. If we are to fill other lives with fragrance we need to know brokenness and blessing for the release. The most precious things about our lives is serving God in our spirits. Triviality is waving palm branches, plenty of external show - a doing of tradition by rote - a form of hero-worship with feigned submission. Only when Jesus is Lord in a life can we know Him as the Christ, or can the Christing (anointing) be upon us (Acts 2: 36: the order is Lord, then Christ). Mary knew Him as Lord. The crowds soon shouted, "Crucify, crucify him!" Are we changeable or radically determined to obey at any

cost to ourselves? To be radical is to allow the axe to the root of the tree of the self-life.

The glory of discipleship is ...renouncing the past

...repenting of sin

...rebuking the enemy

...restoring the heart

...renewing the mind

and all these aspects flow as we take the axe to the root of the tree. We cut down the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Remember God hates mixture and we hate the self-life now (see Romans 7: 14, 15). The sanctification of hate helps us to make the right decision. Hating wrong has a power. Jesus hated lawlessness and loved righteousness and so was anointed above everyone else. The cost of the Cross in our personal lives determines how full of glory and how full of the Spirit we really are! In some situations we may have to make a very radical discipleship decision. This is where the hard saying of Luke 14: 26 comes in. Our love for God has to be so extravagant, that by comparison our love for our family seems like hatred. One contemporary example of this is when a Muslim converts

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to Christianity, he is often forced to separate from his natural family, unless he renounces his new found faith, because of death threats. We must pray that radical Muslims become radical Christians, with a deep knowledge of embracing the Cross. Brother Andrew is right to suggest that suicide bombers are not

primarily terrorists but they do their atrocious deeds through religious conviction. Will Christians embrace the cross of martyrdom in the cause of Christ? In other words, will we as Christians put our lives on the line just as Stephen did in Acts 7? He simply spoke the truth by the power of the Holy Spirit, and his accusers saw the glory of God radiating from his face, and as he looked up to heaven he saw Jesus standing up at the throne of God.

DAY 12

**“In the year that King Uzziah died,
I saw the Lord, sitting on a throne,
high and lifted up...” Isaiah 6: 1**

The glory devastated the prophet of majesty, who saw the greatness of God and the smallness of man. Even the man of God had to have his lips dealt with. He was undone, dumb, frozen in the mouth by the prostrating vision of glory. Between this experience and chapter 7 lay sixteen years of quietness with the prophet in the background. We must refrain from doing uncommended work. Jesus gave explicit instructions to the chosen apostles through the Holy Spirit (Acts 1: 1, 2). We must listen to the precise call of God. If not, many pitfalls and waste of time, and self effort bring us to apathy. Do we know the WOE, LO, and GO of divine commission? When God puts on a glory show there should be in our hearts a WOE, a LO, and a GO!

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1. WOE (Isaiah 6: 5)

Holiness comes as a result of awakening to our own sinfulness. Isaiah saw God's holiness and it made him want to run away and hide. Unconfessed sin is unforgiven sin. Confessed sin is purged by the blood of Jesus and, in the case of Isaiah, cleansed by fire. Conviction of sin by the Holy Spirit is needed. Without conviction and repentance of sin, God's people cannot move on with the cloud.

2. LO (Isaiah 6: 7)

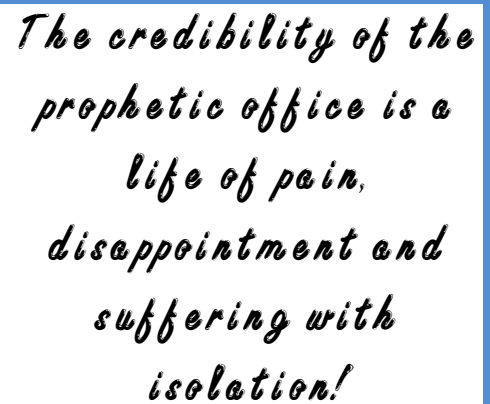
**The path into the presence of God
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The seraphim came with the fire of a live coal to touch his lips. The application of the blood of Jesus to destroy dead works is IN ORDER

THAT WE SERVE THE LIVING GOD. We have to obey the condition of the word to receive cleansing. We acknowledge our sin in the presence of Jesus and, by grace, put it away. Very few believers today experience the blood of Jesus or the fire of the Holy Spirit. That's why revival tarries. The path into the presence of God is the precious blood-stained path of the Calvary road.

3. GO (Isaiah 6: 9)

Are we willing to do whatever God wants? God will say GO only when our lives are on the altar and we surrender to Jesus as Lord. There are no reluctant servants of Christ. May the enthusiasm of a joyous heart keep us following the Master. In the glory Isaiah heard, or overheard, the Lord speaking to some angelic being. The prophet could reply because God had made him a clean vessel, a holy man who could be trusted. The credibility of the prophetic office is a life of pain, disappointment and suffering with isolation!



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The commission of the church is mission. Hallelujah! But we must know the call of God. To go out into all the world, teaching and baptizing, was for the eleven disciples, who previously had been named apostles. Word evangelism requires highly dedicated CALLED men and women, who know the secret dealings of God in the quiet years of preparation. Pentecost ignited the truths the apostles had heard in Jesus' mobile bible college. After the WOE, LO and GO, we have lives that recommend the New Testament standard. May the experience of glory prostrate and humble us that God in His time may lift us up in His service. Glory is always looking for a NEW HOME... the shrine of an obedient, submissive spirit.

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Let's pray,

"Father, please give me a heart that is quick to repent of wrong, that is tender in Your hand, and quick to do Your will. Give me a revelation of Your awesome holiness and a glimpse of Your glory, in Jesus name. Amen."

Day 13

**“Moses did not know that the skin
of his face face shone... and that
they were afraid to come near him.”**

Exodus 34: 29, 30

Unconscious realities. Others saw what Moses didn't see. We are witnesses but also witnessed, observed by onlookers, who can give the true estimate of what we are by what they see. You may discern a dark shadow over a believer's face, an eye glinting with lust or greed, or a glazed occultic stare. None of us can afford to be over-confident because, “...let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.” (1 Corinthians 10: 12).

Compare the glory on the face of Moses with the life of Samson. There are two trends in the Christian life – we either DRIFT into spiritual bankruptcy or DISCIPLINE into spiritual strength. Samson KNEW NOT his strength had departed (Judges 16: 20); the Lord Himself had said goodbye. Disobedience and indiscretion ruined him despite the Nazarite vow and good beginnings. Trace the little steps to disaster.

Samson made the wrong choice of wife. She was a choice of surface appeal and no depth. Anyone who diminishes our love for the Lord is a wrong

May God draw us completely out of
the waters of the world and the occult
to be containers of glory

relationship. Anything that obscures your vision of God is sin for you. The fatal flaw in Samson was his choice of Delilah. The enemy seeks to prostitute desire so we lust after things for our own benefit. Emotions, thoughts and desires must come under the training of the Holy Spirit. Samson meant “little sunshine” but the sun didn't shine anymore after Delilah had discovered the secret of his strength. Except near death, where Samson found a real repentance and his greatest victory.

Moses meant “drawn out of the water”. He made the right choice: not to be the son of Pharaoh’s daughter. He endured by seeing the unseen. If we are governed by what we see, like a beautiful Delilah, we will never live for the glory of God. Moses knew the route to glory was the Cross. He counted the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt for he looked to the reward (Hebrews 11: 26). Humility and meekness are the lens where the light of God’s glory shines brightest.

“Lord Jesus, forgive me for drifting into bankruptcy and give me a glimpse of Your glory that I may fall at Your feet. Help me to make right choices in my life, for the sake of the Kingdom. Amen. “

DAY 14

“But if the ministry of death... was glorious... how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious?”

2 Corinthians 3: 7, 8

Only by grace, by the unmerited work of the Holy Spirit in our lives, can we share His glory. Our sufficiency is of God. We ourselves are never sufficient for the issue of life and death that emanates from us (see 2 Corinthians 2: 16). Outside of Jesus we can do nothing. Self-sufficiency, self-confidence, self-determination, self-preservation, etc. etc., are huge dangers blocking the grace of God and preventing glory.

If we know abounding grace there will be redounding glory. Grace and glory are linked. Jesus came to this world to get fresh glory (John 12: 28). The incarnation, the virgin birth meant one thing: God came down to where we are at and He sits where we sat, touched by the feeling of our infirmity. Grace is related to poverty. Jesus became poor because He left the heavenly glory and made a staggering adjustment of partaking of our flesh and blood. Our privilege through His poverty is that an overflow of grace can abound to the true believer. Our problem with grace is that we have emerged from a society of psychology – the principle of belonging to a world of self-actualization. The self-sufficiency required to succeed has enveloped us all. The idea of grace “something for nothing for those who don’t deserve anything”, has no appeal for the once born man.

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Our repentance must be deep if we are to enter true grace. The more we enter grace, the more we know the glory. The apostolic grace was staggering. Paul

could always say this and that happened to me for the benefit of others. Our experiences are not for ourselves, but primarily for others. The God of mercies and all comfort "...comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God." (2 Corinthians 1: 4). Paul never grumbled, and holiness in the man of God exerts that moral kindness even to those who oppose. The ministry of righteousness exceeds MUCH MORE IN GLORY (2 Corinthians 3: 9). It is to a man's glory that he overlooks a transgression (Proverbs 19: 11). If there is to be glory in our relationships we must experience reconciliation in the blood of the Cross. Is the blood of Jesus between you and that other believer? Can you see Jesus in them or is there something obscuring your vision?

DAY 15

**“The wise shall inherit glory: but
shame shall be the legacy of fools.”**

Proverbs 3: 35

Shame follows disobedience and defeat and makes us feel we are a mistake – a deeper problem than guilt or the knowing we have made mistakes. The wise believer who has the mind of Christ through good instruction and revelation shall INHERIT glory. This promise goes beyond giving glory to God, but means we become a container, a vessel of His glory. That container is our human spirit or inner man or innermost being. At the new birth our spirit is clean and undefiled, washed by the blood of Jesus. However, our soul which is the vehicle for our spirit, takes time to catch up. We may experience the condemnation of shame in our thoughts and emotions as a result of being sinned against, or a hereditary disposition toward worthlessness.

Ephesians 1: 18 speaks of “the riches of the glory of His inheritance He has IN the saints.” (Emphasis mine). We must pray for this revelation of seeing the potential in our brothers and sisters, especially if we are in a leadership position because we have a responsibility to release that which is deposited in others. There is something wonderful and glorious in our new creation spirits – the life and character of God. Wise virgins with the supply of oil (the Holy Spirit) come to a place of glory. Deliverance ministry and inner healing is often needed for God’s children who through neglect, and many other sufferings, experience shame.

The complete satisfaction of Christ IN YOU, the HOPE OF GLORY is coming to EVERY WISE believer. In Proverbs we know wisdom has children – knowledge, instruction, counsel, discretion, righteousness, humility and discernment. Are we instructed in the Spirit by the word of God? Are our ears open, morning by morning, to hear the voice of God? The instruction we receive from God and obey will determine our future: shame or glory, foolishness or wisdom. At the

tender age of 2½ Tiger Woods was instructed golf by his father at 4.30 am every summer morning. Without biblical instruction you'll never become wise because the word of God is our wisdom manual. Every problem of shame or guilt is a lack of spiritual wisdom: a failure to focus on the mind of Christ. Thomas Edison said, "Every failure can be traced back to a broken focus." To inherit glory we must have full attention on the word of God and the "rest" of the Holy Spirit residing in us, and presiding over us (Hebrews 4: 9 – 11). Let's pray,

"O God only wise, You see my failures and You see my potential in Christ Jesus. I want to turn from shame and guilt to Your grace and glory. Through the Spirit of wisdom and revelation open my spirit and mind, cast off all darkness and unbelief and help me to see the riches of Your glory in the saints, including myself, in the precious name of Jesus I ask. Amen"

DAY 16

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Do you have a mental self-portrait of yourself fulfilling the will of God? Peter denied the Lord three times and it led to the brokenness of guilt and shame. How tenderly Jesus adjusted him in John 21, reconciling him to relationship and ministry potential. Peter also knew the infilling of the Holy Spirit (John 20) and the mighty baptism IN fire (Acts 2). Then he could charge the Jews for denying the Holy One – check out Acts 3: 14, 15.

Amazing how God cancelled out Peter's shame of betrayal. In the very place or area where he missed God he could have such boldness in charging the Jews of the same sin

The wise shall inherit glory and Peter gives us all hope. He so often missed it with Jesus while under the best mentor the world has ever seen.

But after the Holy Spirit had immersed him into the power of God, Peter inherited the glory that flows from the grace that flows from the wisdom of the Cross. Amazing how God cancelled out Peter's shame of betrayal. In the very place or area where he missed God he could have such boldness in charging the Jews of the same sin.

Here is wisdom –

1. The thing that you hate and angers you is a clue to what you can correct in the Holy Spirit. Peter's repentance and self-forgiveness was so deep he could correct the stubborn, unbelieving, hard-hearted Jews.
2. The thing that upsets and grieves you is a clue to what you can heal in Jesus name. Peter healed three thousand hearts on the day of Pentecost because he was grieved that God had been "...taken by lawless hands, crucified and put to death." (Acts 2: 23)

Wisdom says all that you go through can be used by grace and faith to minister comfort and consolation to others.

I am a Bible teacher because I hate ignorance and laziness among God's people. I do not fear the devil, by God's grace but I do fear my ignorance and your ignorance. We are destroyed by it says Hosea 4: 6. Let's pray,

“Lord I turn from the shame of my ignorance and guilt to Your glory of a sensitive and wise heart. Help me to see that where I've missed it, and messed up, is the very place where I can be used in Your service for Your glory. Amen.”

DAY 17

“For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.”

2 Corinthians 4: 17

Once there was a Scottish discus thrower who practiced with an iron discus. He marked out the record length and attempted to attain it for a year. When he got near he entered the Olympics and was surprised that the officials handed him a wooden discus with a metal ring. Being only a third of the weight he was used to, he easily out-threw the other contestants to win gold medal. We are training for reigning. God is taking us through all kinds of afflictions and weighty situations for the end result of glory. Through daily disciplines He is working toward a glorious goal: divine union with God... a state of being made continually perfect... enabled to share His throne-life (see Revelation 3: 21).

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Whatever affliction we go through it is made to appear 'light' in the perspective of heaven's blessing for us. In terms of the world we are, and will be, untouchable and unbeatable like the discus

thrower. Some will go through such hardship and tribulation that longsuffering and self-control will be fully developed in them, they will reign with Christ as kings and priests. Do we need spiritual eyes to see what the Lord Jesus is getting at in the day by day monotonous training when we see only difficulties and drudgery? Paul advises us as athletes to compete by the rules (2 Timothy 2: 5) if we want

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to be crowned. How we obey instruction and correction will determine whether it's a crown or no crown. We are competing for an imperishable crown so let us run in such a way that we may aggressively obtain it! We are not shadow boxers pretending, but in a real fight. Refuse drifting and aimless behaviour, and discipline your body and mind and emotions and will. Too many believers are like Lot who lingered when destruction was near. Don't love the Word and the world at the same time. An eternal weight of glory is promised for single-minded believers. Hallelujah!

“Lord give my spiritual eyes the wisdom to see why I’m going through these tough times. Give me grace to overcome even when the odds seem overwhelming, “...when my heart is overwhelmed, lead me to the rock that is higher than I.” (Psalm 61: 2). Amen.”

DAY 18

**“Let not a wise man glory in his wisdom.
Let not a mighty man glory in his might.
Nor let the rich man glory in his riches,
but let him who glories glory in this,
that he UNDERSTANDS AND KNOWS
ME. That I AM the Lord, exercising loving-
kindness, in judgement and righteousness
in the earth. For in these I delight, says the
Lord.”** **Jeremiah 9: 23, 24**

Philosophers, generals and business entrepreneurs should not glory in their gifts or achievement.

The greatest of once born man are not even in a kindergarten when it comes to spiritual realities. The believer should glory in that he knows God loves, God judges, and God is always righteous in His dealings. In the days of Jeremiah judgement was accelerating toward Israel and Judah, just like judgement comes to a sin-sick society like England now. The church in its long march to accommodate worldly values and techniques does not understand true agapé love nor does it know judgement. Even a stork knows her appointed times (Jeremiah 8: 7). Even creation groans in a divine protest ministry against sin, selfishness and spiritual devastation ... and is more in tune with God's agenda than the apostate church.

To glory in our efforts means we have a small God, who we don't really need. Those who know a big God in our society understand the serious issue of impending judgement. Jeremiah knew an extremely good God of the new covenant, but also knew the wicked, deceitful heart of God's ancient people.

There was no balm in Gilead because of the curse of false prophets and the corruption of the priesthood. The man who glories in the Lord, who exalts His character and is able to warn church and nation that the Chaldeans are coming, is the true prophet and priest! This is no mere history lesson, but amazing relevance because the new Babylonian system of today is Islam. In the 7th century B.C. we see politically EXIT ASSYRIA AND ENTER BABYLON. At the end of the 20th century we have witnessed EXIT COMMUNISM, ENTER ISLAM. Not an atheistic system against Christ, (Communism), but a religious system instead of Christ and His Church, (Islam). Let's make it our ambition to really KNOW the God whom we serve and love Him. The word of God is our map when it comes to knowing God and His ways. It causes us to worship Him aright and to know true experience in the glory.

DAY19

**“... but let him who glories glory in
this, that he understands and knows
Me. That I am the Lord exercising
lovingkindness, judgement and
righteousness in the earth...”**

Jeremiah 9: 23, 24

We will delight in Father’s love, and the critical moments of judgement, and His righteousness, when we obey God’s voice. The weeping prophet told God’s people to amend their ways. Our part is to repent, to renounce, to forgive, to be open to inner healing and deliverance. Then we will encounter God, have our lives transformed and go and seek the lost – in that order!

In Jeremiah 6: 13 – 15 we see the covetousness of materialism choking the seed of the word of God so there only exists superficial healing. The abominations of Baal worship included Molech (today’s abortion sin) and Ashteroth (today’s pornography sin). God was to punish their idolatry and will do again in Europe... soon. Unless we repent we will know the Lord in judgement. This was the note in Ezekiel’s prophecy.

We fail to delight in the three qualities of God of lovingkindness, judgement and righteousness because of a rising tide of false prophecy in the churches (see Jeremiah 5: 30, 31). We are called in the New Testament to discern...

False spirits	(1 John 4: 1 – 6)
False workers	(2 Corinthians 11: 13 – 15)
False apostles	(Revelation 2: 2)

Our ears are uncircumcised i.e. not open to truly hearing the Shepherd's voice, because our hearts have been taken over by listening to the counterfeit religious voice of divination. Remember even the apostle Paul nearly got it wrong in Acts 16, and Peter certainly did in Galatians 2. If men of that calibre get it wrong, we

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the same today, is that
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become confused and
refused the ancient,
timeless paths that bring
a deep seated rest to
the soul**

need to seek God on our knees, bowing our head, and bowing our necks in humility, seeking discernment as if it is precious silver.

God seeks a discerning remnant who will understand and know His plans and pursuits. The good way of Jeremiah 6: 16 is the gospel of holiness that links love, judgement and righteousness. Most churches will not mention eternal judgement or the judgement seat, and bring a gospel of sentiment minus the truths of deliverance and righteousness. Run in horror

from those who deny the true power and the real glory of the full gospel.

DAY 20

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Prophets must know and understand God in the depths of their heart. The child Samuel knew the glory of His presence surround the prophetic judgement of Eli’s household. Once he had quieted his heart and gave the divine voice his full attention, God spoke of the radical change that was coming (see 1 Samuel 3: 11 – 14). To hear and obey God is to give God glory. The hardened heart is a condition of sin that prevents God’s people from the Promised Land of today - Romans 8 living. The key to hear God’s voice is focus which comes from worship (Psalm 95: 6 – 8), and meditation (Psalm 62: 1, 5).

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To incline your ear in Proverbs 4: 20, means to bow your head and bow your neck in humble submission. When God asked Solomon what he wanted in a dream, it was after the sacrifice of a thousand bulls at Gibeon. We need to ask for what Solomon

desired: a hearing heart, after we have laid our lives on the altar. A close reading of 2 Chronicles 1 reveals the divine order: the foundation of repentance precedes the glory. Great glory followed for Solomon in terms of honour and riches, but also in the cloud of glory that entered the temple, knocking the priests to the floor. In the stillness of the sanctuary, God wants to speak to His sheep. He invites us into the secret place of His tabernacle, Psalm 27: 5. The sequel of the rest and worship is truly amazing. He sets us high upon a rock and our head shall be lifted above our enemies – we are now in a position to offer the sacrifice of joy. It is only those who dwell in the secret place who live victoriously. In the

stillness we find direction, strength, determination to be His warrior people. HE wants to trust His prophetic remnant with the things to come. John 16: 13 tells us the Holy Spirit will reveal things to come and God can do nothing except reveal His secrets to His prophets (Amos 3: 7). It will take on our part TIME and FULL ATTENTION, HUMILITY and QUIETNESS. Will we pay the price to be in on His agenda? Let's pray,

“O Sovereign Lord, You know all the details of the end-times. I desire ears to hear what the Spirit is saying to the church and to the nation. Deliver me from second-hand junk spiritual food and microwaved Christianity. Help me to wait with undivided attention upon Your holy voice. For Jesus sake and His glory. Amen.”

Day 21

“Hear and give ear, do not be proud...

Give glory to the Lord your God before

He causes darkness...”

Jeremiah 13: 15, 16

Giving God glory is declaring His virtues. God doesn't have to feel good about Himself due to our praise. Rather, he invites us into the atmosphere of heaven, BEFORE the days of darkness when no one can work the works of God (see John 9: 4). Praise is our duty and sacrifice and seal of victory. David did it seven times a day.

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We may not be able to prevent God's wrath by praise in terms of a nation or a locality, but we can BY PRAISE...

ENCOUNTER GOD

TRANSFORM OUR LIFE

And reach out to others IN HIS STRENGTH. We must repent of the pride of our own agendas or we will become captive to our enemies (Jeremiah 13: 18, 19). Pride is the very ground of deception and hinders the glory of God in the church. Pride will cause us to refuse to hear God's words, so we walk in the imaginations of our deceived hearts, and we then serve and worship other gods (Jeremiah 13: 9, 10). It's time to get down on our knees again and cry out to the Living God!

Great darkness and the valley of the shadow of death is falling on the UK. Judgement comes because of sexual sin (13: 22). Promiscuity these last 40 years has brought the judgement of a full tide of pornography (13: 26, 27). If the believer has a strong life of praise and worship he or she will stay in the Spirit

and escape the gross works of the flesh. Madame Guyon gave this beautiful illustration. Look at the early morning sky when the sun rises. The stars disappear as the light increases. And so, it is with us: works of the flesh will disappear as we focus on the God of glory, and stay filled with the Holy Spirit!

Praise helps us open up and receive an increase in the fruits of the Spirit. Praise Him today on your knees or face and He will come to you and speak His consoling words in the midst of a world accelerating to darkness.

“O Lord I want to enter new levels of praise and worship in these days of encroaching darkness. I know an obedient heart to Your Word is an essential component of worship. Help me to worship You in Spirit and truth. It is forever bright in heaven so allow my heart to be set apart by Your holy blood to hear Your voice.”

DAY 22

**Jesus spoke these words, lifted up
His eyes to heaven, and said, “Father the
hour has come, GLORIFY Your Son that
Your Son may also GLORIFY You.”**

John 17: 1

The High Priestly prayer of Jesus is words given to Him by the Father, and given back to God in the depths of His immersion into heaven. He lifted up His eyes into the heavenlies and no doubt saw the throne of His Father as He prayed. The whole chapter is bathed in the sublime... a sacred hush descends and we are riveted to the greatest example of prayer in the Bible. Here is our passport to the Promised Land of faith and victory, our avenue to Romans 8, our access card to the unsearchable riches of Christ.

The hour has come, and Jesus always walked in complete synchronization with the Father's will. He was going to fulfill the climax of that determined purpose by returning to His glory home via the cruel, criminal Cross. He was never intimidated by religious leaders – fear always hinders glory – nor was he afraid of the Roman system. He knew with inward unshakeable conviction His hour had come. See John 2: 4, 12: 23, 27 and the wonderful 13: 1, where the verse encourages us that Jesus loved His followers to their psychological limits, not merely to the end of time. No future, no fear, no fault of mine can separate me as a new creation from the embracing, relentless, secure grip of the Father's love. In times of crisis we need to meditate on and declare the words at the end of Romans 8. God so often will turn up powerfully at the very moment when we feel at our lowest, provided we have a reaction of prayer pouring out of our hearts.

“The hour has come...” signifies our Lord's impeccable sense of timing. Morris Cerullo has called the essential key to spiritual warfare “timing”. May we know

in our relationship with Jesus Christ the sense of timing. Jeremiah laments that God's people don't know the time (Jeremiah 8: 7), and Moses tells us to number our days with a heart of wisdom (Psalm 90: 12). We glorify God when we are aware of divine timing. Our Lord was to glorify the Father, i.e. to clarify and fully express the nature of God... even on the Cross, a Roman gibbet of excruciating pain. This was the first of eight desires in the remarkable John 17 chapter. The first desire was to glorify the relationship between Father and Son. Jesus wanted to reflect the Father's nature 100% in the climax of the Father's will for Him. Let us pray,

“O Lord Jesus who glorified the Father as Your first aim, make it my priority to do the same, even when I am going through suffering for Your sake. Amen.”

DAY 23

**“... that He should give eternal life
to as many as You have given Him.”**

John 17: 2

There are three wonderful gifts God gives to man for us to, in some small measure, share and reflect the glory of God. Eternal life is given on the basis of repentance from dead works, at the start of our Christian life. Two other gifts are essential for our growth in grace in order that we may give God glory.

(a) The revelation of the Name (v 6).

His name is Jehovah and our new creation will share His provisions, healings, victories, righteousness, leadings, grace and presence. The revelation of the character of Jesus is vital to our discipleship. Some groups stress the provisions (Jehovah-Jireh), while others may soak in His presence (Jehovah-Shammah). Others are always using the sword of the Spirit in the name of Jehovah-Nissi: our banner or victory (Exodus 17: 15). Others see the vital necessity of working out the moral righteousness from His righteousness that He has worked in us (see Jeremiah 23: and 2 Corinthians 5: 21). May the fruit of the Spirit, the virtues of Jesus Christ be found in us. We are in the Spirit when we flow in His character or Name.

(b) The words which Father gave the Son (v 8).

The SAME words Father gave the Son...

disciples!

the Son gives to the

This WORD is:

- full of divine power
- able to save the soul
- creating faith

- used as a sword against evil agencies, also
- COMES TO US WHO BELIEVE (John 17: 20)

Holiness comes from imbibing His character. Faith comes by hearing the word of God. We walk by two legs: holiness and faith. Eternal life extends the inheritance and blessing by holiness and faith.

GLORY is produced by eternal life, the name of Jehovah, and His words of spirit and life. As we obey the word in the Spirit of Christ, glory is shed on our way. Let's pray,

“Father I bow down and worship You because, in Your Son, You’ve given me all I need for a glorious life of giving the glory back to You. Thank you again for eternal life, the Name above every name and Your Word.”

DAY 24

**“And this is eternal life: that they
may KNOW You, the only true God...”**

John 17: 3

As we read and discover John 17 on our knees, may the Holy Spirit attend our thoughts and prayers, bringing us into a revelation knowledge of Father and Son.

There are three movements to this great chapter; each subject is the relationship with the Father:

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| (a) | v 1 – 5 | The Christ Himself |
| (b) | v 6 – 19 | The chosen hearers (disciples) |
| (c) | v 20 – 26 | The church history (us) |

In the first section our Lord states His mission on the earth is complete; but His greatest task, a heavenly ministry of intercession, is yet to begin. He successfully glorified the Father on earth by finishing the work God sent Him to accomplish.

The second desire of His heart is found in verse 5,

“And now O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself with
the glory which I had with You before the world was.”

In John 17: 1 the desire was relational whereas this desire is personal. He wants to return to the eternal or “excellent glory” of 2 Peter 1: 17. He is missing being next to the Father’s side... alongside Him with the cherubim and seraphim and archangels. So He prays “Glorify Me” rather than “Glorify Your Son” (17: 1). The first desire centered on the Son glorifying the Father – a perfect, full, sufficient sacrifice. Here, in the second desire there is an eternal longing. In the first prayer the Lord knows He has

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been given authority to lay down His life and has authority to take it again – so men could receive eternal life. The second desire was for His obedience to the Cross, so He could rightfully recapture the glory that He had emptied Himself of, by becoming a servant. Father I'm coming back but ONLY by the way that spells out salvation for ruined humanity... is what our Lord is saying. The true grace that produces the true glory only comes through the Cross. Luther said, "The flesh always wants to be exalted before it is crucified." There are no short cuts to the exaltation of living in heavenly places. For us Romans 6: 6, "... our old man is crucified with Him" always comes before our realized position of being made alive together, raised together, and seated together in heavenly places in Ephesians 2: 6. This is the road-map toward glorious living. Let us pray:

"O Father I realize that to be a choice vessel reflecting the glory of God, I must submit to the death-friendly instrument of the Cross, where the present working of death annihilates my self-life, so that eternal life may flow out to others. In Jesus name – by His grace and grip. Amen."

DAY 25

**“Holy Father, keep through Your Name
those whom You have given Me, that they
may be one, as We are.” John 17: 11**

The third desire is preservation – possibly the strongest force in the human personality. Our keeping in His name depends on the fourth and fifth desires of Jesus: “... but that You should keep them from the evil one...” (v 15) and, “... sanctify them by Your truth...” (v 17). Security comes after victory over powers of darkness and holiness of life; a setting apart by the Word FROM the world spirit

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of deception UNTO the truth, which is personalized in Jesus Christ our Lord. The word “I pray” in verse 15 really means “I interrogate with You Father for the desire that is on our hearts”. These petitions were born in heaven in the fullness of the Father’s decree. Holy Ghost prayer speaks on earth what heaven has spoken. What heaven speaks is the most up-to-date reality in the universe. The privilege of prayer is we enter the divine

secrets and become a shareholder in eternity. There can be no higher privilege this side of heaven.

To be vessels that reflect His glory we must FIGHT the good fight of faith against the wiles of the evil one. The Lord assures us we are implicated in the world, but insulated from evil. How? By the

armour of God, by the word of God as a sword, by the blood of Jesus, by gifts of discernment, by praise, by the authority of the Name of Jesus... these weapons are given to every believer, but there are different levels of power and authority. Remember how Joseph was viciously

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attacked by Potiphar's wife, a type of Jezebel. The evil methodology was ACCUSATION, JEALOUSY, TAKE-OVER, DEATH. But Joseph was never a martyr to satan's hate plan, but bruised the head of the serpent. How? By keeping in union and communion with the Lord in 14 years of prison. He was kept by the Name... not automatically... Joseph had to abide for those wonderful gifts to stay intact so they could be suddenly used in Pharaoh's court. Joseph overcame the poison of the enemy, by refusing to give up, by leaving the judgement to God, and by forgiving Potiphar's wife. When we come under false accusation and allow things to fester we go to a lower level. Forgive and put your life into Father's hands and you'll go up to a higher level spiritually.

“Father, please help me to persevere when the going gets tough, teach me to abide and not to fret, and give me the grace to forgive and to overcome. Amen”

DAY 26

**“Sanctify them by Your truth. Your
word is truth.”**

John 17: 17

We are separated unto God’s purpose by the word of the Cross. Galatians 6: 14 tells us the acid test of being a believer... i.e. that our boast is in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. We cannot boast in our achievements or heroes or anything that is in the world. We boast in what Jesus has achieved for us in the Cross, in the wonderful exchanges He has provided:

- 1) He was punished, smitten and stricken by God that we might be forgiven, by His royal pardon through His holy blood. Think about it. Find Isaiah 53: 4, 5 and 1 Peter 2: 2 and dwell on the scriptures, and meditate like a bee extracting nectar from a flower.
- 2) He was wounded, plagued and the lashes ploughed upon His back that we might be healed and restored physically, by His stripes. Isaiah 53: 4, 5; Psalm 129: 3; and Matthew 8: 16, 17.
- 3) He sweat great drops of blood in the garden of Gethsemane, suffering such mental anguish so we can be healed mentally. Read Luke 22: 44.
- 4) He died our death as us that we might live in His resurrection life. Romans 6: 6 – 8; Hebrews 2: 9.

Now we are at a place to see that because He died for us we must die out to all that is self. Just as Jesus died for the entire human race and only some have appropriated His redemption, so many believers who are positionally crucified

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to Him need to experience the sanctifying power of 2 Corinthians 4: 12, “So then death is working IN us (a present reality, not believing a

past fact) but life IN you.” (Emphasis and bracketed insert mine). This kernel of apostolic ministry finds few friends today. This word of the Cross sets us apart for ministry. We are sent into the world the same way as Jesus Himself (John 17: 18)... i.e. carrying a cross of deliberate self-denial. The cost of having a glorious ministry is the daily cross. Gifts cost us nothing, they are by grace... but a ministry with holiness of life is going to cost us.

When we meditate on the Cross and the glories of the divine exchange, we begin to see the bigness of our God. It is like being the thief on the Cross who had such remarkable spiritual illumination of who Jesus really was. He even saw the return of our Lord and the kingdom that was to come.

“Lord Jesus show me today where I have to say no to myself and my own plans. Thank you that my “no” can become Your resounding “yes”. Amen.

DAY 27

**“... that they all may be one, as You
Father are in Me and I in You, that
they may also be one in Us, that the
world may BELIEVE that You sent Me.”**

John 17: 21

The sixth desire for the believer and the Godhead is to experience intimacy. Oneness is intimate relationship, not merely a horizontal unity of churches. The entire prayer of John 17 is about the Father/Son dynamic. By grace alone we enter in. God loves the world – we are to love each other with the love we receive from God. The acid test for the Christian is that we love our brothers and sisters by laying down our lives. This Cross-centered agape love draws the world to recognize we have been with the Master (John 13: 34, 35). This reality of fellowship love is becoming rare in the body of Christ... but a growing yearning for closeness with our Lord, which issues out in real identification with one another, is coming. The books of Gene Edwards and John Eldredge point to our need for real intimacy on our spiritual journeys through the wasteland of the world.

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A good example of this intimacy being worked out is the mentor relationship between Paul and Timothy. Your mentor will love you, and discipline you to a higher level of discipleship. Check out 2 Timothy 1: 15 and 2 Timothy 2: 1.

In the first verse Paul speaks of total rejection in Asia, including two disciples who proved to be “unreliable streams”, to use Jeremiah’s phrase. In view of this, Timothy, the ageing apostle writes, “... be endued with the strength of grace that has its power in Christ Jesus”. There is an ANOINTING coming to strengthen the body of Christ in its hour of desperate need. Timothy was undergoing an hour of desperation: key leaders were leaving the Ephesian church because of persecution and Timothy was feeling alone. The mentor will always strive to get

you into the ONENESS with Father and Son. Then grace can make you strong. Then the strong can do exploits. Then the glory will follow the obeyed word of revelation. To the Corinthian church Paul appealed for them to have one mind and the same judgement. It all flows from the counsel of peace between Father and Son. They enjoyed unity in the eternal relationship where there was always complete agreement, harmonizing the purpose of God with one another.

“Father, give me the love and understanding with which to approach my brothers and sisters in Christ, with an intimacy of care and with prayer. Then the world will believe and be aware of Your glory. Amen.”

DAY 28

**“I IN THEM, AND You in Me, that they
may be made perfect in one, and that
the world may KNOW that You have
sent Me...”**

John 17: 23

The seventh desire of Jesus is a greater intimacy so that the world may not only believe in the mission of Jesus, but also know it in their hearts. They know that the SAME love that the Father loved Jesus with is the love lavished on them. Much has been said and experienced of the Father’s heart of love for His children. We will continue to be amazed at His awesome love all through the ages to come. Paul writing to the Ephesian church, already strong in faith and love, describes the VAST treasury of Father’s love... its very dimensions in Ephesians 3: 16 – 19. We have to be strengthened to grasp the grace of His love. If we draw near to God He will draw near to us... His reckless love is SO

WIDE... we cannot as a true child of God move outside it

LONG... it is all through the corridors of time from Pentecost
into eternity

DEEP... it is completely satisfying despite any tragedy or
tribulation

HIGH... it is experienced as we access the heavenly places
in the Spirit.

We are being made perfect in one (i.e. oneness of intimacy). We need a big God today... and there is only one way: that the eyes of our heart be flooded with light into the full knowledge of Jesus. Worship Him today and ask to be ravished by the relentless love of God. Motoring down the M5 there comes a point when you see the Malvern Hills in the distance. They appear small... just a few bumps on the horizon. As you approach the edge of the hills and look up they appear much

bigger. The nearer you get, the bigger they are. It's the same with God. As the body of Christ recaptures a bridal love for Jesus and knows Him in the depths of our being, HE WILL BE EVERYTHING TO US, FOR US, WITH US, AND IN US.

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True God-centered evangelism comes out of deep relationship –

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We don't see results because we tend to drift away in the strength of our flesh, our minds are so often imprisoned by our opinions. May

the Lord release us into His desires. The higher we go with God the deeper must be the foundations. Just like skyscrapers. John 17 is about going deeper.

DAY 29

**“Father, I desire that they also, whom
You gave Me, may be with Me where I
am; that they may behold My glory...”**

John 17: 24

The final desire of this amazing awesome chapter is a forever determination of the Son. Man must experience glory... there is nothing on earth or in heaven so satisfying. The phrase “where I am” is full of wonder. In John 3: 13 (NKJV) Jesus, the Son of Man is in two places: on earth speaking with Nicodemus and in heaven (speaking with Father) simultaneously. The new translations miss it badly. This secret

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of dependency upon Father opens up the unseen supernatural realm to us now. Religion with its false possessive spirit cannot go there i.e. “you will seek Me, and not find Me: and where I am, you cannot come”, Jesus told the Pharisees in John 7: 34. “Where is He?” was the first question of the New Testament. In His earth walk Jesus was on earth yet vitally in heaven. After the Ascension He is in heaven, yet through His body, the church, He is on earth. If the religious world cannot understand or experience this, we disciples can by the Holy Spirit.

Jesus spoke to Peter, “Where I am going you cannot follow Me now, but you shall follow Me afterward....” John 13: 36. There is always an “afterwards” even for failing Peter... and for us. Even John the Baptist in prison was getting serious doubts about the mission of the Master. No Bible-study on the cure for depression was given by the disciples. In Luke 7: 22 the answer to give him fresh hope was in the glory, testimonies of supernatural wonder: the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the gospel preached to them.

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How? Because Jesus went deep behind the scenes INTO THE GLORY where there is no death, no sin or sickness, no curse. Our Lord and Saviour wants to share His glory with us so we can minister the supernatural in His name. A real Pentecost gives us the character to handle His power and glory.

“Father, please give me a revelation of my position as a Son, raised up into heavenly places in Your dear Son Jesus. Thank you that Jesus shares His glory with me, help me to walk in the glory daily, taking up my cross in dependence upon You dear Father, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen”

DAY 30

**“... that they may behold My glory;
for you have loved Me before the
foundation of the world.”**

John 17: 24

Moses wanted to see His glory: and the character of God and the name of the Lord passed before him (see Exodus 33: 18, 19). The disciples glimpsed the glory on the mount of Transfiguration, and swam in the glory on the day of Pentecost. Jesus prays for the church today, “... that they may behold My glory.” The consummation of Christ and His church will be in glory and such intimacy and agreement is recorded in Revelation 22: 17,

“And the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say “Come!” And let him who thirsts come. And whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.”

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To behold the glory of God we have to keep on drinking in the secret place of worship (see Psalm 27: 4). God is looking for friends who will lay down their lives, find the revelation He will give, and obey it! (John 15: 13 – 15).

Every believer has the potential to be a friend, beholding His glory. Not everyone can flow in the Ephesian 4 ministries – but we can all know heart intimacy with Father. All creation and life across the universe is bracketed by the glory HE knew before the foundation of the world, and the glory to come. We are placed in the end-times as a people who love Jesus extravagantly, and taste “... the good word of God and the powers of the age to come.” (Hebrews 6: 5). Those who behold His glory will be a kingdom of priests – priests who minister to the Lord and worship; but also kings who know their authority on the earth.

It's time to call on the Lord, and He will answer and show us mighty and inaccessible things we do not know, says Jeremiah. Inaccessible to our natural mind maybe, but available to those who carry the glory in their spirits. May God graciously mature us into His new and holy designs. As we behold His glory we will have all we need to be the witnesses He wants in these dangerous days. William Branham once said his greatest gift was not healing or the word of knowledge but stepping aside and letting God step in. Only that humility will behold His glory.

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DAY 31

**“... that we who first trusted in Christ
should be to the praise of His glory.”
Ephesians 1: 12**

There is no higher revelation than Ephesians.

The width...	(Ephesians 1: 7, 8)	}	of the love and	
The length... grace	(Ephesians 1: 4)			
The depth...	(Ephesians 1: 10)			of God amaze us.
The height...	(Ephesians 1: 3)			

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Everyone born of the Spirit
aspires to living to “... the
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“according to”, the real meaning is, “be dominated by” or “conquered by”; it
occurs five times in the first chapter. Let’s list them in terms of their object:

C1: 5	“according to the good pleasure of His will”	SONS
C1: 7	“according to the riches of His grace”	REDEMPTION
C1: 9	“according to His good pleasure”	WILL (Mystery)
C1: 11	“according to the purpose of Him”	WILL (Counsel)
C1: 19	“according to the working of mighty power”	RESURRECTION

The new creation has no fault, is fit for purpose of making us sons. The path of grace is an entirely different lifestyle from what we have known. To enter the will of God, which is our inheritance that He died to give us, we continue in grace through faith. Our lives are drawn out on a vast eternal drawing board before time began. God establishes our life-line in eternity. He now works all things according to His predetermined will. Our joy is to discover this inheritance through the Holy Spirit day by day.

We live to the praise of His glory by discovering the inheritance. Three keys are:

1. As God's children we have already obtained the inheritance by virtue of our redeemed position (Ephesians 1: 7, 11).
2. The Holy Spirit is the down payment of the inheritance, but we need many, many more installments in order to fulfill our potential in Him (Ephesians 1: 14).
3. The inheritance He has deposited IN the saints is discovered by revelation of the Spirit of wisdom and revelation (Ephesians 1: 17, 18).

Meditate on all these things. Read Ephesians 1 seven times prayerfully. You will hear His voice in the word of God, and rejoice at so great a salvation.

DAY 32

**“... what are the riches of the glory
of His inheritance (He has) IN the
saints.”**

Ephesians 1: 18

Yesterday we were mapping out something of the glorious riches in Ephesians 1. Part of Paul’s great prayer (verses 17 to 20) concerns the inheritance He has placed in the saints. We all have an individual and a collective responsibility to discover, cherish and walk in the inheritance. Check out Nehemiah’s call: inheritance and power to build the walls of Jerusalem in 52 days. He lived up to His name, giving comfort to God’s beleaguered people. From Gethsemane to the outpouring of God’s Spirit at Pentecost was 52 days – and from a doctrinal point of view that’s how the Church was built.

Nehemiah needed favour from Artaxerxes to go and fulfill his call and see the inheritance: a restored Jerusalem. There’s always a fight over your inheritance because it comes out of the excellent glory in heaven. Favour helped Nehemiah by acting as a bridge to success. Ruth had Naomi, Timothy had Paul. The Ephesian church had the apostle Paul (Acts 19). If we don’t have favour we can work very hard for very little. Favour helps us in the first stages of the fight. When division came from Sanballat, Tobiah and Gershem, Nehemiah refused to debate with them but spoke the decree in Nehemiah 2: 20,

“The God of heaven Himself will prosper us; therefore,
we His servants will arise and build: but you have no
inheritance or right or memorial in Jerusalem.”

He declared the word God gave him as a “sword” against the enemies of God’s people. We will have to use our “sword”, the word of God, if we are to receive our inheritance.

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We need to know as churches and as individual believers, “What is our inheritance?” Call is the pathway, and power is needed for the realization or manifestation of it on earth. Paul’s Ephesian prayer begins “... making mention of you in my prayers”. The word “mention” is a memorial or akin to “statue”. The word picture involves the apostle making a statue of the finished article in the heavenlies by his prayers. He could see, with the eyes of his spirit, what the inheritance of the Ephesian church was. How we need intercessors like Paul and Nehemiah today to build the broken down walls of the church.

The key to the building program back in 445 BC was four months of night and day praying (Nehemiah 1). Will you pray Ephesians 1: 17 – 20 for your church for four months? Then the glory can manifest.

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DAY 33

**“When the righteous rejoice, there
is great glory; But when the wicked
arise, men hide themselves.”**

Proverbs 28: 12

Praise and worship facilitates glory... the atmosphere of heaven comes down on those made righteous with the righteousness of Christ. “To Him be glory in the church...” says Paul to the Ephesians. The glory comes down in order to return to the Son of God who upholds all things by the word of His power. God shares His power because it “works in us” (Ephesians 3: 20). God is able to do beyond what we ask or think or imagine when we are dominated by the power or dunamis (dynamite for blowing up the works of the devil).

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Sitting in heavenly places means we will worship in spirit and in truth. Standing eyeball to eyeball, toe to toe, against the enemy on the earth means we will warfare with the sword of the Spirit. Psalm 149: 6 links the high praises of God with the sword of the Spirit; the already written judgement against the enemy. Worship... Warfare... May God give us the right balance here. There are churches who worship with extravagant love, but do not stand against the enemy because they mistake 2 Chronicles 20: 17, 18 as no warfare. Other churches are working at spiritual warfare without realizing their position seated in heavenly places. Danger beckons with both extremes. One leads to passivity – remember in 2 Chronicles 20 there was a spiritual sword (v 19). The other leads to impotence because we are doing things in our own strength. How we need the gift of faith – heaven’s divine ability to walk in the supernatural realm!

**Too often we fail to hold on long enough, for the speaking of Christ
to give us that anointed sword, and for faith to rise**

Good people are hiding away today because the wicked have arisen and taken their positions in society. The righteous are bold as a lion when they praise and enter the dimension of glory. The Lord will give you a sword to cut through and break off oppressions and obsessions when you worship. Too often we fail to hold on long enough for the speaking of Christ to give us that anointed sword, for the gift of faith to rise, so we may be worshipping warriors. A new generation must awake to worship and warfare for the intense spiritual battles ahead.

“Father, Your Son, the man of war, moved in the power of God, defeating the enemy. Help me defeat a foe who is already, by the Cross, a vanquished foe. Show me the price of being an overcomer for the glory of God. Amen.”

DAY 34

“... to Him be glory in the church...”

Ephesians 3: 21

The great aim of church life is glory: the tangible, visible presence of the Lord. We don't arrive at this blessed conclusion automatically. Paul's apostolic praying begins with humility (verse 14) and proceeds to an instantaneous experience of being endued with power in your spirit (v 16). We know Christ in us (v 17). We know the dimensions of the gospel (v 18), as well as love (v 19) and prayer (v 20). What are the four dimensions of the gospel?

The great aim of church life is glory... when you know the dimensions of the gospel

1. **WIDTH**. Ephesians 2: 4 speaks of God being filthy, stinking rich in mercy, because of His great love. Preaching must portray the Cross to reveal that love to sinners. Lifestyles must lay down self in order to demonstrate that love. No one is outside the scope of His eternal love. And the one forgiven much, loves much to prove the width of His mercy (Luke 7: 47). All pastors explore the width.
2. **LENGTH**. Ephesians 1: 10 is code for the Lord's reign in the millennium – “the dispensation of the fullness of times.” Eras, generations, times and seasons speak to the prophet's heart. The present truth (2 Peter 1: 12) is the church age of grace. Before Jesus cried “It is finished!” the Jews lived under the law of Moses. God removed the first to establish the second – a better covenant. God's seconds are better than His firsts. Through the chronology of our lives God aims at the new thing. Prophecy helps us perceive it.
3. **DEPTH**. Ephesians 3: 13 links the heavy pressure situations with glory. Glory comes at a price: someone suffers, someone goes through a dark night of the soul. Whatever YOU go through, the experience is for someone else. Your experiences are not primarily for you. Meditate carefully upon 2 Corinthians 1: 3 – 6. What should distinguish the fivefold ministry of Ephesians 4: 11 is a depth of suffering. It will bring many sons to glory.
4. **HEIGHT**. Five times Ephesians has the unique phrase “in heavenly places”. If you are really living Ephesians is the map, the Mount Everest of scripture, no

references to the Old Testament, a world of the Spirit, far above all hindrances. More than conquerors live here. The beautiful Bride breathes in the glory as she beholds her Lord. She has been washed in the water of His word and lives and moves and has her being in Him. Praise the Lord!

“Father in heaven, reveal in my heart the glorious dimensions of the gospel. I want to see Christ in my brother and sister. Show where there is width and length and depth and height in church life. For Jesus sake. Amen.”

DAY 35

**“... and all the multitude rejoiced for
all the glorious things that were done
by Him.”** **Luke 13: 17**

Glory in the church equals God doing the “glorious things” in people’s lives... miracles, deliverances and healings. The signs following the word of God are His glorious credentials... born in the eternal glory and coming to earth by the penetrative power of the Holy Spirit. We need to seek God for the Spirit of wisdom and revelation to see and to grasp the power that raised Jesus from the dead, and quickens our mortal bodies (Ephesians 1: 19, 20 and Romans 8: 11).

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Pay the price for the raw power of God. A. A. Allen had a dozen or so requirements he had to obey to move in a huge healing miracle ministry. The cross was evident in many of the commands. Luke 9: 23 and John 3: 30 and 1 Peter 2: 20 – 23 with Romans 12: 1 were essentials: there is a price to pay, a world to renounce, a relationship that has to die, a life of ease to scorn. Glorious things

have a price tag: perhaps weeks of prayer and fasting. Some may fast from food or sleep or even fellow believers! “Leaders are dealers in hope,” said Napoleon, and we believers know hope is a confident expectation of better things that accompany salvation. Read the gospels and see the creative miracles Jesus went on performing for the glory of God. One of the most memorable books I ever read was Gordon Lindsay’s “A Man Sent by God”, the life of William Branham. He paid the price in many ways and hundreds of thousands saw notable miracles through a remarkable word of knowledge. He lost his wife and children in the Ohio flood of 1937. If he had moved on his own witness to change location earlier in that year, this would not have happened. However, the leaders of his denomination had a caution about him moving away. This was just a few months before the disaster. It took ten years to get back in the power of the Spirit.

William Branham famously said that he had to step aside and God had to step in for the miraculous. It was not the healing gift or the word of knowledge that was of prior importance. He was a simple man clothed with humility. A halo of glory appeared over him – because heaven was downloading the knowledge and discernment. Glorious things will happen when one man accesses heaven... and multitudes will rejoice.

Inventions occur everywhere by the natural thinking of man. They can put the Bible into a micro chip as small as a pin head. Soon a robot will do operations inside your veins! Do you think God has nothing of breakthrough inventions for the church? Of course He has. His eyes watch out “... to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.”

DAY 36

“... that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man.” Ephesians 3: 16

For miracles we need might – the Spirit of might (Isaiah 11: 2). If you move against disease and the needs of mankind the enemy will seek to weary you, exhaust you and bring burn-out. The chances of full recovery after ministry burn-out are slim unless you receive the strengthening of the Spirit in the inner man. A new strength must come to the body of Christ worldwide, for the battles to come are overwhelming. We must not rely on natural strength.

A new strength must come to the body of Christ worldwide, for the battles to come are overwhelming, if we only rely on natural strength

When you think of strong men, territorial spirits above you, elemental spirits under you, curses back in the hereditary lines, soul-ties to people near you; when you see the scope of the warfare, you will desire supernatural strength – the mighty power that raised Jesus from the dead. We are a Joshua generation, anointed with a sword in our hand, ready to take territory for Jesus. Micah was strengthened to declare to Israel her sin (Micah 3: 8). We need the Spirit of might to declare truth to the sinner and judgement to the evil spirits. The church is found in the balances, weighed and wanting if it

A holy encounter with God releases pure strength that enters our spirit, vitalizes our soul and energizes our body. Our soul is suffused and infused by what is in our inner man

refuses to receive strength and a sword*. The secret of Joshua’s success was the strength of the indwelling word of God (Joshua 1: 6 – 8), and the revelation of the commander of the forces

of heaven (Joshua 5: 13 – 15). A holy encounter with God releases pure strength that enters our spirit, vitalizes our soul and energizes our body. Our soul is

suffused and infused by what is in our inner man. It is the determined proactive believer who has been trained that will know God's strength for the Promised Land. Whether you are a walker, warrior, or worshipper the walls of Jericho are falling when you've had a mighty encounter of divine life, radiating through you the glory of God.

“O Lord, I need a new anointing of Your strength. Forgive my efforts in my own strength. Teach me to hate the strength of my self-life, show me what is sourced from it. Open my spiritual eyes so I can see. Turn me to the Spirit of counsel and might. Cause me to seek You Lord Jesus, in Your holy Name I ask. Amen.”

[*All instances of the word “sword” refer to a word from heaven in this booklet, see note on Day 5]

DAY 37

**“If you are reproached for the name
of Christ, blessed are you, for the
Spirit of glory, and of God rests upon
you.”**

1 Peter 4: 14

In India I once visited a pastor who was beaten once a month, for simply being a believer in Christ. In his simple shack lived a suffering wife and two small children AND the Spirit of glory. There was a mixture of pain and praise in his life: enough pain to be truly humble and enough praise to be radical in his devotion to Christ. I began to feel small in that simple shack on the edge of Andra Pradesh desert.

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God wants to get the glory out of your inner man. He will renew you daily by His word speaking personally to you... provided you hunger and thirst after righteousness. The Spirit of glory will surround you sometimes – and there is a very important lesson in it. It is showing you that God has entrusted you with His purpose. The ground of His purposes is the glory of God. If someone enters into the

purpose of God they have experienced His glory. The great example is Paul in Acts 9... the glory of the light motivated the Apostle (Acts 22:11). For Paul the glory strengthened him in the geography of all the persecutions that came his way. It's the glory of God and His presence that transforms our lives, making even washing the dishes beautiful. Does the Spirit of glory rest on us in the menial tasks?

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Unequivocally.

Surrendered and satisfied.

The believer will have trouble until he or she makes Jesus Lord. God is a winemaker. Where is He crushing you? Where you have not made Jesus Lord. Trouble comes to get our attention. Once the Spirit of glory rests on you because you have overcome your troubles, and you are producing wine, then God may allow some persecution. Why? For a greater degree of His wonderful, powerful presence. Anointed believers are an automatic target for the enemy. As glory increases in our lives we come to a place where we don't notice the insults and derision. We walk in the glory of the new creation; we run the race in the glory of the new covenant.

DAY 38

“... I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority; and the earth was illuminated with his glory.”

Revelation 18: 1

As the end-time harvest we will be aware of angelic visitation, and their heavenly radiance. The first time we were illuminated was the new birth – literally a photo flash of eternity falling on us (Hebrews 10: 32). This enlightenment heralded a struggle because it marks us out from once born mankind. We are moving from glory to glory until we are filled with all the fullness of God. He wants us “to go up higher” just as He invited John in Revelation 4: 1. Higher levels, however, will mean new devils! However, as we work out the light of truth we know, in lives of

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love, God will take us higher: far above all principality and power, to be seated with Jesus. (We are already positionally seated there, but there are conditions to be met in order to live from there.)

When we live out truth by obedience God will not hide what He is going to do. His purposes for this worn out world include judgement. Baal will be broken into pieces. The entire Babylonian system falls in Revelation 18 and some of us will see the stupendous fear in

those who have put their trust in it. We have a privilege and burden to illumine the earth on the amazing coming events. Verse 7 reveals Babylon as a false queen with no cross, no redemption, a lady of kingdoms full of occult power in her business world. In one day the plagues of God will utterly burn her system. In one hour the world will utterly change forever (Revelation 18: 10). Two harvests are

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coming. The greatest and most glorious revival. And judgement. God will have a people who will not panic and even sing (read Isaiah 24 – 26). An end-time holy people of power will be persecuted yet will experience the glorious adventures that even angels dream to inquire of!

Will we come up higher and receive the revelations of glory and of judgement so we may warn the world of the coming chaos? The apostle Paul refused to hang on to the past (good or bad) and moved forward in His assignment, jumping into what God had gripped him for (Philippians 3: 13, 14). He was aware of not fully seizing the potential he had in Christ Jesus – but his testimony has illuminated the earth for nearly two millennia. Let's pray,

“Father, grace me to live from my position in heavenly places, with revelation to see what you are doing on the earth, so I may pray Your prayers. Amen.”

DAY 39

**“And he carried me away in the Spirit
to a great and high mountain, and showed
me the great city, the holy Jerusalem,
descending out of heaven from God,
having the glory of God.” Revelation 21: 10**

Revelation 21 and 22 presents us with the triumphant finale: Christ and His church are inseparable, completely one, full of the glory of God. The Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all... i.e. our true heredity is holy and heavenly and only found in Jesus. The Father never ate sour grapes and our Lord's teeth were never set on edge. Spiritual virginity is the ground of being “all glorious within” with no heredity of shameful deeds (Psalm 45: 13 is pure new creation reality). But how you ask?! Cleansing by blood and purification by fire makes us fit for purpose for the new Jerusalem. Jeremiah 31: 29 speaks of post-Pentecost days.

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The Cross has closed the door on the “old man” heredity. However, there is a need to deal with hereditary curses. The death of Christ is able to deal with everything of your Adam-inspired first life. True sons have had a profound change of nature because they experienced what wretched, naked, poor, and blind people they were. God chose to kill me off in Christ. We need to grow up and experience the Cross in deeper ways. We can never have a future in the fullness of God unless we alter our thinking through the Cross of Christ. When we say “I'm born again” it does not mean two natures old and new in a constant conflict. Paternally and maternally we are born of God. The word “above” in

“Jerusalem above” is where the word “again” in “born again” comes from, our spirits are born from above, by the Spirit of God (John 3: 3, Galatians 4: 26).

We come from the curse of the old heredity to the blessing of new creation heredity, by the new covenant. The Spirit of God (as solid as granite when we see the new Jerusalem coming out of heaven) is writing the laws and words of God into our hearts and minds (Hebrews 8: 7 – 13). He has made the old covenant obsolete. We have a new DNA: a divine new anointing out of heaven and abiding continually within us. We have all the strengths of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords in our spirit man when we are born from above. The key is the anointing setting alive the potential of the new creation in our spirits.

“Father God help me to walk in the Spirit, the place where my old hereditary cannot touch me. Thank you, You made me over anew and gave me Your life.”

DAY 40

“The city had no need of the sun or the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.”

Revelation 21: 23

The glory of God has many definitions in Scripture: to shine, splendour, weight, beauty, honour, magnificence, majesty. Here the glory of God is everywhere in the New Jerusalem, there is no hiding place for sin. The easy going believer who tolerates sin repeatedly cannot enter His glorious presence. Once, Antony, at 35, was left battling hideous animal-shaped demons. He nearly died and a brother was ready to bury the man who started monasticism. He could not move or speak but was carried by fellow monks to a grave in a nearby village. Once there he came back alive and asked to go back to the cave of his previous torment. Using Psalm 118: 7 and chanting Psalm 27: 3 as swords he overcame the temptations to fornicate, to give in to fear, and the pain that filled his body. Suddenly the roof of the cave seemed to open and the light of the Lamb poured in, vanquishing the demons. He asked simply “Where were you good Jesus?” The Master replied, “Antony I was here, but I was waiting to watch your struggle, but because you have held your own I will always help you, and make your name famous throughout the world.”

GREAT FAITH FOLLOWS GREAT FIGHTS!

Antony stood strengthened by the visitation. In the glory of God we understand. The greatest success story for us as we follow on to KNOW the Lord, is to BEHOLD JESUS to become more like Him. We are coming to a place where we have no need for the natural support of sun or moon. The fullest expression of redeeming grace is... the holy city. What Eden was for the old creation, the New Jerusalem is

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for the new creation. Every feature of the city is CHRIST – He is the foundation, focus, material and measure. Nothing exists in its own right. The last enemy, death has gone. Like Antony’s experience we enter something brand new. May God and His Son receive all the glory. Surely the best is yet to come... a totally new dimension of living. The Lord is there! (Ezekiel 48: 35)

“Father, help me to win the battles over sin and the devil. I will shine as a bright star in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation. Thank you that I have died in Christ to sin, self and the devil, I reckon myself now indeed dead to them, but alive to God through Jesus Christ. Thank you for the armour you have given me (Ephesians 6: 10 – 18) – I stand strong in the Lord and in the power of His might, and I give You all the glory. Amen.”

DAY 41

“... and the name of the city from that day shall be “the LORD IS THERE.”

Ezekiel 48: 35

At the end of the Millennium, the New Jerusalem descends out of heaven. Everything is from the glory of heaven to the grit of earth. The earth is destined to be a cinder: it shall be burnt up (2 Peter 3: 10). Every true believer has a deep longing for a new heavens and a new earth “wherein dwells righteousness”. The

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presence and glory of Jehovah-Shammah informs and control every detail in this new world. The enemy controlled the old creation because the world was in the sway of the wicked one (1 John 5: 19).

The two ages to come – the Millennium and the New Jerusalem – have greater glory than this grace dispensation of present truth (2 Peter 1: 12). Even the Millennium has seven times more natural light than we know now:

“Moreover the light of the moon will be as the

light of the

sun, and the light of the sun will be sevenfold as the light of

seven days...”

Isaiah 30: 26

Only our new creation is fit for eternal purpose and duty. Our present comfort is that the Lord will be there, radiating His glorious presence to all who love Him sincerely. We can experience this relentless, reckless love toward us today. Tozer said, “... the world is perishing for His presence, but the church is famishing for His presence.” The first part of that statement we understand because we

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were there – outside God’s grace and perishing. The sadness is that the church is on a starvation diet of the glory of God. Why? Most believers are not big enough receivers, for a variety of reasons. Peter says “What manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness...” (2 Peter 3: 11). The word “manner” means exotic or out of the ordinary. The problem with lack of glory in the church is simply a lack of holiness – too many ordinary, mediocre and neutral lives. The Lord wants His church back so that it is filled with glory. He wants the name of the church, its very nature, to be infused with His Lordship and presence. Extraordinary saints who are pure in heart (see Acts 15: 9) will share His glorious presence.

“Gracious Lord, I praise You for the security of Your presence. Thank you for my “no fault” new creation. Teach me to live from my spirit with holiness of life, liberty of will, clarity of mind and purity of heart for Jesus sake. Amen.”

DAY 42

**“The royal daughter is all glorious
within the palace. Her clothing is
woven with gold.” Psalm 45: 13**

To be an overcoming believer we need the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ. Paul overcame in a prison, up to his knees in excrement. Some prisoners were asphyxiated and died! But the apostle told the Philippians he knew the things that happened to him **TURNED OUT** for the furtherance of the gospel (Philippians 1: 12). The setback was a stepping stone. His clothing of salvation was woven with gold, i.e. divinity. The supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ is, in effect, a contribution of the Spirit beyond any need he may encounter. He had a complete assurance of his deliverance because prayer had made this contribution possible (Philippians 1: 19).

The clothing of the Holy Spirit does not make us divine beings, but does release the new creation from our spirits. That makes us royalty. We can reign in life as kings and priests within the palace of the church, and the environment where we live and work. But there is a price-tag! The rule of royal daughters and sons is,

“... for me to live is Christ and to die is **GAIN.**”

Philippians 1: 21

The standard of eternal living is Christ: the anointed One and His anointing. The cost of eternal living is to die out to self. When our standard of living goes up, so does the cost! I lived for 17 months in a shed at the bottom of a garden, rent-free. But three years later had to spend £600 a month for a 2 bedroom bungalow! A greater standard and a greater cost. It's identical in the spiritual life. An increased level of anointing will mean more tribulations, more persecutions, more

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temptations, more suffering. The standard GOES UP and so does the cost! But the reward is that the fivefold ministry of Ephesians 4: 11, who handle their responsibility with holiness of life, will be “all glorious” within the shrine of their spirits. This principle works for every obedient believer. Indeed, whether we are a prophet or not, does not matter when a soul is a friend of Jesus, enjoying the secret place of fellowship. Perhaps you are not an evangelist or a pastor, but you can be a holy friend with the clothing of divinity, able to share His secrets.

“Father, I am grateful that I am wrapped in a robe of righteousness, woven with gold. You have clothed me as a king and a priest. Help me to recognize the place in my life where I must die and, therefore, gain a new anointing. In Jesus Name. Amen.”

DAY 43

“But we all with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror, the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.” **2 Corinthians 3: 18**

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The mirror is the Holy Spirit who leads us into the truth about Jesus, and the truth about ourselves. The mirror does not lie. It reveals the pimples, wrinkles, the dirty collar, and the greying hairs. Here the Spirit of truth reveals the glory of the Lord and how far we need transforming. He will show us our sins and

the release of Psalm 51. He used Nathan the prophet to humble King David, bringing him back to an “unveiled face”. Sin puts a veil or shadow on our face. Complete honesty is the only policy and the only prophecy when it comes to experiencing the glory of God. God dwells in two places: the glory of heaven, and a contrite, broken heart.

Real repentance is much more than apologizing. When the mirror shows the purity of Jesus, we realize our wretchedness. In the early church the standard of holiness was so real, the ordinary people dared not join the church (Acts 5: 13). Unforgiven sinners don't hold hands with glorious, holy saints. The Cross divides humanity. There is another division that is now happening in the church. Three out of 4 believers are not preparing themselves for glory through repentance. In the parable of the sower and the seed only the good and honest heart desires transformation. Only the noble (one sense of this word is repentant) heart sees the multiplication and the increase of God. This heart goes from glory to glory,

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because it hears, understands and keeps the word of God. Hearing God's voice comes to the sensitive heart that worships and takes time in the quietness to listen, to bow down and incline the ear. 2 Corinthians 3 ends with glory but begins with the new covenant words of spirit and life. Hearing them is crucial to our sonship. We cannot come to any conclusion by our own reason. The secret place awaits us, where the Spirit of the living God would write words on the softest thing... the repentant human heart. When we DO the revelation, the glory comes. Let us not become forgetful hearers only but doers of the word, as we continue in the perfect law of liberty.

We must not forget the place of conscience, the inward monitor that records the highest it knows. The Holy Spirit witness increasingly works with the testimony of our conscience so that we can walk in the light of the mirror.

DAY 44

**“But we all, with unveiled face, beholding
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2 Corinthians 3: 18

Conscience plays a huge role in this aspect of a mirror. We fail to find true revelation, the mind of Christ, if we refuse the dictates of conscience. Are we willing to see how God sees our sin? Our consecration depends on a blood-cleansed conscience. General confessions like the Anglican prayer book cannot help you here. The mirror will reveal sins, one by one. After confession and repentance the blood of Jesus continually works cleansing. Most of us are very slow in allowing conscience to probe our life.

We are not attentive. Solomon sacrificed 1000 bulls before the heavens opened and the dream was given! Conscience is the window to a believer's spirit, said Watchman Nee, so that

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heaven could shine through. A refusal to listen to conscience defiles and corrupts and dulls our whole life (see Titus 1: 15). The apostle Paul's great confessions about his conscience were NO OFFENCE (Acts 23: 1) and NO HYPOCRITICAL LIFESTYLE (2 Corinthians 1: 12). The play-acting of unreality in many saints will lead to deception. To the carnal Corinthians, he is aware of “another spirit”, an imaginary counterfeit to the Holy Spirit had been at work. He mourns over the hypocrisy of unrepented sins of fornication, lewdness, selfish ambitions, contentions and jealousies (2 Corinthians 12: 20, 21). The power of the new creation is unable to come through these saints.

God is not correcting us by His standard of holiness in terms of communion with Him. A believer may have little knowledge, and our conscience only demands our obedience in terms of the light we know. However, every Christian has an obligation to increase in knowledge. A more mature believer will have more light and, therefore, a more active conscience, because of greater knowledge. In 1 Corinthians 8: 7 we see an immature believer with a weak conscience, perhaps unable to enjoy food given over to an idol. In such a case the mature believer

must not parade his liberty. Therefore, he should not take the immature believer to an Indian curry house for a meal. The key is FELLOWSHIP with the LORD. Knowledge given to the immature believer will prevent the defiled conscience. The knowledge necessary to give peace is in 1 Timothy 4: 4 which says, "... nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving; for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer." Walking in the light depends on a blood-cleansed conscience which gives us an unveiled face, that we may see the glory of God... even in the affairs of ordinary life.

"Father, give me sensitivity to walk with a clear conscience - in the light, growing in the knowledge of God, in Jesus name. Amen."

DAY 45

**“Therefore, since we have this ministry,
as we have received mercy, we do not
lose heart.”** **2 Corinthians 4: 1**

We lose heart when our focus is on the things of the flesh. Glory inspires, invigorates, and builds us up in the inner man where the new creation lives. Our lives are being transformed into the image of Christ by the Spirit of the Lord. Whether we function in Ephesians 4 fivefold ministry, or a gift in 1 Corinthians 12 or Romans 12, the dominant theme in the New Testament is to be like Jesus. The link between grace and glory and refusing to lose heart is also found in 2 Corinthians 4: 15, 16. Jesus never claims exemption in any situation, “...for ALL things are for your sakes”. Everything is for our benefit, but we must keep the focus right, and never lose heart.

Inside of us we can do nothing. Outside of Jesus we can do nothing. The process of ruining us (the self-life) will take many years... but out of the wreck the new creation will arise through my personality

Only by grace can we enter and share His glory. The glory of God is exclusive and intrinsic to Jesus Christ. He could keep it all to Himself. He shares it with us so our sufficiency is of God. Self-sufficiency wrecks the potential of glory, and when pride walks into the pulpit, God cannot turn up. Death is the answer (see 2 Corinthians 4: 12 for the secret principle to Paul’s passion). The Holy Spirit ruins us before He releases us. Death in relation to ourselves is the message of Romans 6: 3, 6, 9 – 11. Inside of us we can do nothing. Outside of Jesus we can do nothing. The process of ruining us (the self-life) will take many years... but out of the wreck the new creation will arise through my personality. We enter the grace of the death of Christ because of His poverty in leaving the eternal home of heaven. The overflow and abundance of grace means we will have all sufficiency in all our moments says 2

Corinthians 9: 8. The more we enter this abounding grace the more we will

experience the redounding glory. However, danger awaits any brother or sister with spiritual pride. We must never be out of the position where we can be rebuked by a brother or chastised by the Lord. If we refuse death in us we open our minds to doctrinal error (especially an over reliance on positional truth) and ultimately, a dead ministry.

I must decrease for Him to increase. What does this mean? I must sacrifice the natural to the spiritual. In order to nourish His life in me I have to die and decrease. The Cross now works a present death within me, enlarging my soul to be the vehicle for His glorious life. Just as my career as a teacher was really taking off and a headship being offered, God called me to a life of faith. When we crucify self-realization, His glory comes through our lives.

DAY 46

**“For if what was passing away was
glorious, what remains is much more
glorious.” 2 Corinthians 3: 11**

Paul is contrasting the old and new covenants. The old covenant on earth was centered around the ark in the holy of holies. The ark contained the law of God, the blood sprinkled mercy seat and the two tablets of the ten commandments. When the word of God and the blood of Jesus work together, the glorious presence of God comes. The ark had huge importance for the Israelites – crossing the Jordan, Uzzah’s helping hand of flesh, the joy of Psalm 132, when a dwelling place was found.

Now our human spirit has massive priority in the new creation. Most believers since Aquinas have blundered by locating God in their minds. The new ark is your spirit or inner man – a wordless monitor that in Nee’s words is “... gently urging, moving or constraining us to perform something our mind finds unreasonable.” As we mature with the renewing of our mind, the will of God becomes more reasonable. Our spirit KNOWS by intuition the revelation or discernment God wants to give us. Our mind then UNDERSTANDS and works out the revelation by giving words to it so we and others can obey. The mind must be in second place. The fact that it so often takes priority has been our major stumbling block to the anointing of God and His glory. In 1 John 2: 20 we “know” not “understand”! The soothing ointment of His presence causes us to sense what is error, perceive what others may be saying (see Mark 2: 8), or experience God (John 17: 3). NOTHING can be a substitute of the “much more glorious” reality of revealed knowledge in our spirits. The anointing of

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God permanently remains in us whether we are conscious of its movement or not.

The utterance of praying in Holy Spirit-led tongues helps us to enter the much more glorious place. In this safe place of retreat two eternal truths meet:

1. God's thoughts ARE HIGHER than ours,
2. He IN US IS GREATER than he who is in the world.

Compare Isaiah 55: 9 and 1 John 4: 4. How foolish we are, like the Galatians, when we substitute our own disguised will for that of God! May we repent of haste, wait on the Lord, and in the secret place discover the "much more glorious".

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DAY 47

**“And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms,
the beauty of the Chaldean’s pride, will
be as when God overthrew Sodom and
Gomorrah.”** **Isaiah 13: 19**

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The glory of Babylon is utter decadence, a mixture of greed and selfishness – an edifice of humanism that opposes the glory of God. This materialistic world will come crashing down as God shakes the nations. In one hour, on one day, the world of finance will collapse says Revelation 18: 8 – 13. In the prophetic verse of Isaiah above, the prophet who saw the greatness of the majesty of God also foretells this awesome day. Without a vision the people perish. The vision of end-time realities is scoffed at by the world and often ignored by the church. We need to know the spiritual time of days of INTENSIFICATION, as God shakes everything that is

not sourced in Him. All the glory and riches independent of God are coming to a spectacular end.

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Spirit broods upon it. The grace of His grip takes our heart into His fire so His purpose may be prayed for. God wants WARRIOR INTERCESSORS in this last hour of human

history. In the fear climate that will paralyze millions, God's people who pray will exhibit the perfect love of Jesus Christ. In the increasing restlessness and confusion God will produce the sanity and sanctity of His peace in His people. In the intensification of wars and political upheaval the army of God will do battle not against flesh and blood, but against the ancient generals of the spirit realm. Each day we live is a day nearer our Lord's return. WAIT on the Lord, get pierced with His vision and exchange your weakness for His strength. If we fail here our prayers will not ascend the ceiling. God wants His burden interceded for. Romans 8: 26 gives us our position of weakness, we do not know WHAT to pray for. Only the anointing within us and God Himself KNOW ALL THINGS. We are on the winning side! We have to co-operate. Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, for true and just are His judgements.

DAY 48

“... and they shall see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory.” Matthew 24: 30

We will become gravity free when we see the Son of Man coming in living light glory. Will the clouds be altocumulus stratiformis, with the rays of celestial glory immediately strengthening God’s obedient children to rise to a vast reunion in the sky? We lift our heads because our redemption draws nigh. Whether you agree with pre-tribulation or post-tribulation rapture, the glorious event is on every saint’s radar. We may not know the day or hour of His coming, but the inner witness will help us know the season. Perhaps the clouds will be cirrus uncinus, those hook-like filaments and commas of angelic wispieness

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26,000 feet high. The glory of clouds or stars is one matter; the great glory of Jesus’ descent quite another.

Who will be there? Read 1 Thessalonians 4: 16. Gabriel will be blowing a trumpet, and Michael’s voice will echo across continents. The Lord Himself will SHOUT with such power that the dead in Christ will rise first. Not just Lazarus this time, but every saint including Mary (Gabriel will recognize her) and Adam (Michael will smile at him concerning the flaming sword).

Have a sense of wonder... and a sanctified imagination. Meditate on the scene of total transformation because in an atom of time we shall all

be changed: all those who are regenerate and have obeyed the gospel. What a wonderful reunion! We will be GLORIFIED only as He is GLORIFIED IN US (2 Thessalonians 1: 10). The intensification of that glory will be different from saint to saint just as the stars differ in glory (1 Corinthians 15: 41, 42). Some will know a greater or better resurrection depending on the sum of obediences while here on earth. Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the firmament. There is a relationship between wisdom, evangelism and glory in Daniel 12: 3. Have a sense of wonder today. Watch, wait and work in the light of His glorious return.

“Dear heavenly Father, thank you for the tremendous hope we have who believe. Help me to share the hope that You give, and to shine Your light to those who don’t know You. Give them revelation of Your Son Jesus Christ just as You have given to me, for Your glory. Amen.”

DAY 49

“When He shall come to be glorified

IN His saints...” 2 Thessalonians 1: 10

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The true glory is not to be found in the kingdoms of this world, but in the resurrection life in our spirits. The secret of His success is that Jesus lived from His spirit, His inner man. Check out Mark 2: 8, John 11: 33, John 13: 21. It is there He knew an indwelling Father, and where we know an indwelling Christ. The virtue of Jesus has been planted as

a seed in the new creation. We abide in Him as we look after our spirits. Above all we need a contrite spirit, not just when we repent, but a continuous state of being (see Psalm 34: 18 and Isaiah 57: 15). This sensitivity to sin and the flesh helps us acknowledge our faults, and keeps us open to daily experiencing salvation. David knew a broken spirit (Psalm 51: 17) so that God was able to restore him. God glorifies Himself in the saint who knows the fear of the Lord. This experience will prostrate you in true humility. His searching power into our hearts will make us tremble at His Word (compare Isaiah 66: 2 and Psalm 139: 23).

Humility is the basis of all God’s grace, and lowliness becomes reality as we associate with the poor (Proverbs 16: 19). Tender, flexible and gentle should be our attitude God-ward and man-ward. Pride precedes a fall. This yielded

spirit can turn easily in God’s hand and do the new purpose and direction – like Philip being sent from Samaria to go to the desert. We are to be POOR in spirit for the kingdom of heaven to manifest through our lives. You may be a millionaire or truly poor – it matters little to God – the essential quality is to have nothing in relation to self. Watchman Nee said, “An emptied spirit enables a person to lose himself in God whereas a wealthy spirit renders him self-

Humility is the basis of all God's grace, and lowliness becomes reality as we associate with the poor. Tender, flexible and gentle should be our attitude God-ward and man-ward

centered.” Being strong and wealthy in our spiritual experiences can deter God coming through us to be glorified. The parading of faith or holiness and being in the limelight may be the only reward we will receive. Some “power” ministries can be strong to the point of unloving. We do need a spirit of power, and have the keys to the power station to unlock healing and deliverance. We also need a spirit of love to others, and of self-control toward ourselves!

We are to be POOR in spirit for the kingdom of heaven to manifest through our lives. You may be a millionaire or truly poor – it matters little to God – the essential quality is to have nothing in relation to self!

DAY 50

“When He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints, and to be admired among all those who believe...”

2 Thessalonians 1: 10

We continue our study by looking at the kind of people Jesus will be glorified IN. New Agers tell us to look within, of course, but the genius of true historic Christianity centers on the dimension which includes the WITHIN and the WITHOUT. Jesus is God’s right hand Man, glorified in heaven. The Holy Spirit’s sanctifying work on earth is to glorify Him in our spirits (1 Thessalonians 5: 23, 24). Answers today are within. In biology the answer is in the cell, the genes, the DNA. The test-tube can produce physical life. In psychology, the answer lies in the sub-conscious. In physics we know the atom is within the molecule, and the nucleus within the atom. The great truths of the new creation, the new covenant and the new commandment are sourced in God, and given to us by grace. They are essentially WITHIN realities before they are WITHOUT... i.e. demonstrated through our lives.

God is up there and in here, in my spirit. We need a fervent spirit says Romans 12: 11, and you see it in those always serving the Lord. Paradoxically we also need a clear spirit says Proverbs 17: 27. In deliverance ministry clarity of understanding is indispensable. Someone may be most distressed in the exorcism, but you have to keep cool, calm and collected. We disregard the ecstasies of emotion and measure our surroundings with a cool spirit. The Holy Spirit must keep filling our spirit with newness and joy and peace so that the centre of our being is like the bottom of the ocean depths – undisturbed. The waves may rage on the surface (pastoral work, missionary work, and deliverance ministry can sometimes seem similar to that picture), but our spirit is not touched by the commotion. God will be glorified in the saints who are fervent toward His work, but are also cool in the execution of His work. This causes our rejoicing to be in the Lord who has pre-planned all our days before we existed. As we walk in his will – to that degree – He will be glorified in you and in me.

The genius of the New Testament is the new and living way to God through the sacrifice of Jesus. The Spirit makes alive every truth. We have access 24/7. In the Old Testament the high priest could only enter the holy of holies once a year. It is a veiled religion. The gospel, however, is only veiled to the perishing. The old has an outer emphasis where the letter kills. The new has an inner emphasis: grace in the redeemed heart. Moses had fading glory, but Jesus Christ is full of glory. The outer hides what is really within. Today we can enjoy Christ in us the hope of glory.

“Teach me O Lord Jesus Christ to glorify Your name. Amen.”

DAY 51

“... for the testimony of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word, or our epistle.”

2 Thessalonians 2: 14, 15

Good tradition issues out of the words of Paul in his letters. We obtain something of His glory when Paul's revelation lives in our spirit. Man always desires new toys. We used to scratch the earth with a stick, but now have combine harvesters. Man used to settle feuds with a stick, but now we have nuclear bombs. Spiritually speaking, God's people desire something new, something better, something glorious. This is why conferences, retreats and mission have great popularity. We are seeking some new aspect of God's life or love or light. They are found in the glory of God. They are revealed from the word of one of Paul's intimate love letters.

We need a new understanding of leadership, and a new breed of christian worker. Read Ephesians 4: 11 to 16 and see how the saint can grow up in all things into Him who is the head (or source) – Christ. We grow in the early stages of believing by Ephesians 4: 11 ministries who equip, furnish us for our own sphere of ministry. Paul equipped the Thessalonians to reach out, as examples, to all in northern Greece and Bulgaria who believed.

Needed: an army of evangelists, on fire!

Needed: some wise mentors who can equip with words of life and Holy Spirit anointing.

Needed: the heart of Father who will reach out through us today in love.

Where no Ephesians 4: 11 ministries exist, the church will perish through lack of revelation knowledge. We must go through foundational ministries and many influences in order to discover the indweller Christ. Sometimes God has led in a specific way beyond the oversight of apostles, prophets and pastors. There is a place where a person hears God for himself and obeys. Jackie Pullinger. If we truly have fellowship with Him, in the kingdom within, we can grow up into young men and fathers. There needs to be a balance between the fivefold ministry equipping the saints, and the personal, intimate fellowship with the Lord. Too much dependency on men of God can prevent the spontaneous rivers of the Holy Spirit from being released in the individual believer.

The traditions of Acts 2: 42 which are doctrine, fellowship, breaking of bread and prayers are the antidote to a drop-out mentality.

DAY 52

“Therefore, LAY ASIDE all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is ABLE to save your souls.”

James 1: 21

Notice the negative, and don't neglect the positive in this great verse. To lay aside means to put out of your reach, to entirely disregard. I once knew a sewerage worker, who obviously had very soiled overalls. He didn't go to bed in them – he laid them aside. Sometimes God's people go to bed with unclean pornographic imagery. Terror will come by night (Psalm 91: 5) – the stalking of Lilith (Isaiah 34: 14) follows those addicted to porn. Anger, too is a foothold in the door of our minds to the devil (Ephesians 4: 26, 27). Psalm 4: 4, 5, 8 tells to offer the right sacrifices in order to receive good sleep when Jesus as a celestial nurse will refresh you with inner harmony.

Go to bed with the implanted word – a verse of scripture meditated upon

Go to bed with the implanted word – a verse of scripture meditated upon, and peace in our heart will guarantee the truth of God and His holy protection at night. Be prepared in your sleep for the Lord to come. If we are in the secret place we abide under His shadow. Our souls need His salvation 24/7.

The glory of God had birthed a NEW VICTORY MIND

Have you seen how Peter had a tremendous change of mind-set after Pentecost? He laid aside fear of the Jews in order to boldly proclaim the words of eternal life to them. He laid aside all thoughts of building programme (Matthew 17: 4) and moved in the spontaneous leading of the Holy Spirit (Acts 10). The glory of God had birthed a

NEW VICTORY MIND. He knew the implanted words of the indwelling Christ to his spirit and acted upon them.

We are to be DOERS of that word. Never DOERS of religious laws. It's not, "you'll be blessed only if you do this and that", but we come from a position in Him – where we are already blessed in Christ Jesus who HAS BLESSED us in heavenly places (Ephesians 1: 3). Faith pulls down the blessing to be manifested upon earth. That's how we give glory to God! Romans 4: 20 tells us of Abraham who was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God. Post- Pentecost Peter gave glory to God by living out His word.

“O Lord, renew the spirit of my mind today. I receive Your thoughts, Your prompting and Your sensitivity to others. Wash me with Your word so that I may walk in purity of heart. For Your glory. Amen.”

DAY 53

“He lighted upon a certain place and tarried there all night... and he dreamed, and behold a ladder...”

Genesis 28: 11 - 15

Sherlock Holmes once said,

“It’s a capital offence to theorize in advance of the facts.”

The glory of God is a supernatural fact to be experienced rather than discussed. Every saint in the Bible had an experience of God’s glory. Check out Jacob in Genesis 28, a night to remember, when the pre-eminence of Jacob’s interior life over Esau’s was confirmed by God. Jacob may have announced his fear (v 17), but abandoned himself to obedience (v 20 – 22). God permitted the deception of Jacob because He had disqualified Esau for his worldly pursuits. Rebecca (27: 6 – 10) seemed to err, but it was also in God’s will. In this dispensation of promise, everything depended on the father’s blessing. Issac gave Jacob authority (27: 29), and would not change his mind because he glimpsed God was directing (27: 37).

The facts! The facts of a split family! God was overruling and ruling over to the extent that the worldly son could be cursed if he continuously ill-treats the apple of God’s eye, chosen Jacob. Into this charged situation Jacob has the dream of angel’s descending and ascending. We must descend if we are to go higher to a

Before it's too late draw near to God again, so you don't abort the plan of God for your life

new level. This lesson from eternity, Jacob never forgot.

Our birthright is the Holy Spirit today. We become like Esau if we constantly grieve or quench Him by carnality. As we abide and are led by the Spirit, we shall know the strengthening of the glory of God at key points in our life. Esau lost the birthright and the blessing. How many believers have gone the same way,

refusing discipleship, spurning wise counsel, disobeying scripture, keeping worldly company. Before it's too late draw near to God again, so you don't abort the plan of God for your life. Get alone like Jacob. The stone pillow was a type of Jesus. And above the ladder there was Jesus. This was the place of total supernatural encounter.

Ask God to give you His plan, His call, His inheritance and His power. One morning you may wake up and say "Surely the Lord is in this place and I did not know it... How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." (My paraphrase of Genesis 28: 16, 17).

DAY 54**“Looking diligently, lest anyone fall short
of the grace of God...” Hebrews 12: 15**

The only route to glory is true grace. If we fail in grace we cannot be a demonstration of what God is. The word “looking diligently” or “watching carefully” is the same word as bishop or elder, the Greek word “episkopeo” (see 1 Peter 5: 2). We are bishops of our own heart state. We are always responsible for what we allow in our hearts and minds. We fall short of the grace of God if we allow the negativity of unforgiveness, resentment and especially bitterness into our hearts. The root of bitterness springs up slowly like a gang of weeds, thistles and nettles ready to cause damage – it causes “trouble”. Offences must not take root in us. Why? They are obstacles causing us to falter and lose our footing. Madame Guyon was hounded for 20 years by a hostile Louis XIV, but she never allowed his tactics of ruining her reputation, to be an offence to her. She fully forgave and respected her king. If we allow seeds of offence, grudge and irritation to grow to a hardened heart we become ungrateful, insensitive and indifferent to the things of the Spirit. We quickly lose our edge.

Proverbs 4: 23 says that we are to keep our hearts with all diligence for out of it flow the issues of life. There is a sense of a double guarding of our heart here in the words “keep” and “diligence”. What is flowing out of your heart? Check the fruit and you will see what state your heart is in. Look at Luke 6: 43 – 45. Our words will tell the story.

The root of bitterness has only one cure. Do you remember the Israelites in the wilderness of Shur, for three days finding no water? The waters at Marah were bitter and near to death. Moses cried out to the Lord and He showed him a tree which he threw into the waters. This pictures the most bitter thing that Jesus ever experienced: the Calvary Cross. Yet the waters were made sweet... grace pours forth from the most terrible event in human history. Don't fall short of the grace of God that flows from Calvary. Peace and holiness are there (Hebrews 12: 14). However, Esau did fall short preferring the parties of the world; the wine,

women and song of wrong companions. He could never say NO to his flesh, and said YES to his carnal desires every day. So a day came when he sold his birthright. The biggest problem holding back glory in the UK church – is you and me saying YES to ourselves. Check out the Esau syndrome in 2 Timothy 3: 1 – 5. Power comes from dying out to self. If I take my daily cross there will be more friends who will not let me down, more fulfillment in my calling, less emotional roller coasters and more glory! Be the bishop of your heart, and rip out all bitterness by repentance and releasing those who have offended. Spend some time in God's presence allowing Him to pull out the weeds that have grown there and lay up good treasure into your heart. Then you will know the deliverance you long for.

DAY 55

**“Endeavouring to keep the unity of
the Spirit in the bond of peace.”**

Ephesians 4: 3

No unity of the Spirit = no glory. God put on a glory show when believers are together in one accord at Pentecost. God produced this unity when we were born again and baptized in the Holy Spirit. Our job is to maintain the unity by seeing Jesus in our brother or sister. Lowliness, gentleness, forbearing one another in love, longsuffering, are the dispositions that keep us sweet with one another.

If God has accepted you as a member of Father’s family, you are accepted by every other brother and sister. Acceptance is an already happened eternal issue – you are in Christ with the same status as anyone else in the redeemed community. Everyone is a particular member of the body of Christ. An apostle has a different function to a deacon or a ministry of helps – but not a higher status. We need to get away from western thinking and get the Bible behind our ribs! Christ is our life, and as we meet other believers, who are recipients of this life there should be:

fellowship in the Spirit,
family trust and love,
freedom to be ourselves,
feasting upon the Lord.

Hippolytus said, “the church is the Bride who dances with Christ.” That excitement comes from true unity in the Spirit.

Sadly, there are two false witnesses. The ecumenical variety that diminishes doctrine to the extent that there is no discernment. Secondly, something more subtle: the Spirit filled leader who uses unity emphasis to build up his own

programme. The life of Christ comes out of death, so the question is, “will we follow Jesus in a path of internal martyrdom?” Peter followed outwardly in Matthew 4: 19 as a fisher of men. But in John 21: 18 Jesus prophesied to Peter of an internal walk of martyrdom. The deeper the Cross cuts into the self-life, the greater the reality of the unity of the Spirit. Surrendering to the Lord will see Jesus Christ as your life, your love, your light. Suffering enhances fellowship with other believers. Those who go through trials and tribulation with you, will know the oneness of Father and Son is also the oneness between you and them.

The counterfeit to this is a crippling co-dependency that refuses you the freedom TO GROW UP in Christ. Amos 3: 3 says, “How can two walk together except they be agreed.” The agreement must be in the Spirit with each knowing a registration of what God is saying. Co-dependency is a reliance upon another christian without the leading the Holy Spirit.

DAY 56

**“And I will set My throne in Elam, and will
destroy from there the king and the princes,
says the Lord.”** **Jeremiah 49: 38**

Glory has some surprising geographical locations. Elam is South West Iran! God is setting up His throne in Iran now, because of the move of His Spirit among Persians. Why will God bless Iran?

- a) Nehemiah 1: 1
 - b) Esther 1: 2, 5
 - c) Daniel 8: 2
- } all mention Shushan

These three O. T. saints were intercessors, and prayers from eternity never die.

In Jeremiah 49: 39 we read of Iranians returning in the latter days to this area of Iran. Four million Iranians since 1979 live outside the Islamic republic... indeed “there shall be no nations where the outcasts of Elam will not go” (v 36). Verses 35 and 36 speak of God’s judgement against Iran. We could link Daniel 8: 5, 6 to these verses, where the male goat (USA) “without touching the ground” brings air missiles against the ram, which is clearly Iran.

The big question over these verses is “when?”. Probably not under Barak Obama who seems to be allowing Iran to carry on with their nuclear programme. Yes, there is talk and threats – but no walk, no action. This puts Israel in a very tense and difficult situation – to go it alone and bomb Iran’s nuclear underground sites, or let Iran become a nuclear power. Either way, war in the Middle East seems certain. Daniel 8: 19 describes the latter time as “indignation”. This very aptly describes the feelings of jihadic Islam against the west.

We must not give in to fear. God is at work INSIDE IRAN despite the enormous suffering of believers in that land. Let us hold their hands in fervent, effectual prayers. Where there is a throne there is glory – all that God is and all that God has. We need information (Open Doors and Barnabas provide) to pray accurately for the situation. Real mission is discerning what God is doing and jumping into it. It starts with prayers birthed in the heart by the Holy Spirit. 1 Peter 4: 14 says that if you suffer reproach for the name of Christ the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. Our Iranian brothers and sisters are experiencing deep trials. However, the up-side of their suffering is that the Spirit of glory and of God is resting upon them as they suffer for Jesus Christ.

“Father God, we praise You for your throne in Iran. Establish there Your remnant to be strong and do exploits. Break open their hearts and minds through dreams, visions, TV, radio and people, to the eternal truth in Christ Jesus, the Son of the living God. Amen.”

DAY 57

**“And when the disciples saw Him walking
on the sea, they were troubled, saying, “It
is a ghost!”**

Matthew 14: 26

Charles Darwin once played a practical joke on chimpanzees by putting brown paper parcel in their cage at the zoo. They came to examine it and shrieked in horror when they discovered a snake! But some minutes later came down from their bars and ropes to examine it again, then again, threw themselves up the bars of the cage beating their breasts and shrieking. Frightening things fascinate. Loathsome things allure us. That night on the lake the disciples thought they saw an apparition, an evil spirit. They thought Jesus was over the hills and far away, they were left alone in the middle of the sea, tossed by waves. He comes. They don't recognize Him because they had a false assumption. Remember Jesus never forgets His children. I believe when they saw Jesus there was a shimmering mantle of glory, but they mistook it for a ghost.

The disciples had forgotten the divine drama of the previous afternoon – the feeding of the 5000. Some business men are very candid about employees who are forgetful. Give them two chances and then fire them, said Alex Crampton in his lectures on business. Forgetfulness was a moral, mental deficiency that could ruin the business – so fire them at the earliest opportunity! God never forgets our labour of love... but we can forget who we are says James 1: 23, 24. How? By being a hearer only, and not a doer of the word of God. When we don't “do” the Word, we forget what manner of “man” we are. The word “doer” in James 1: 22 means the creative energy to find and do the will of God. To lay hold of God's plan for your life and live it! To walk on the water of His Word.

When we get out of the boat
we should be prepared for
warfare

Peter nearly lost a faith-filled action of getting out of the boat when he saw the waves. He almost sank. Circumstances attack the glory of obedience (Matthew

14: 29 – 31). We forget His power. When we get out of the boat we should be prepared for warfare. Peter's enemy here was doubt, but there are many others that can scupper our obedience: unbelief, idleness, procrastination, selfishness, even illness can take us off-course. Do not neglect the gift that is IN you, Paul told Timothy. Take heed to yourself and the doctrine. We must see progress in faith, holiness and love as our top priority. Hold fast, embrace the revelation that God has already given you and then the glory of God shall appear to you.

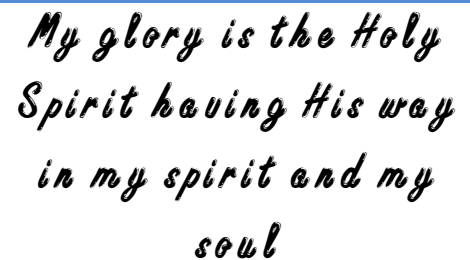
“Father, give me the discernment to really know how Jesus operates. I want to overcome false assumption and fearful apparitions. Grant me courage to get out of the boat and fully obey Your word. In Jesus Name. Amen.”

DAY 58

**“Therefore, my heart is glad and my
glory rejoices; My flesh will also rest
in hope.”** **Psalm 16: 9**

What is the “therefore” there for? Unless we understand the context, a single text is just a con. The previous verses help us. David knows Romans 6, i.e. “... my goodness is nothing apart from You”. His utter dependence on the Lord qualifies him to delight in the saints. We are called to have fellowship with the saints. All saints across the board – not just our particular set. Paul is truly catholic in 1 Corinthians 1: 2. Tragically, under Constantine, a huge curse entered Christianity – the imposition of a false DOMINATING Roman Catholic church for over 1000 years. Another curse entered in the 1500’s with the Reformation. It was that those with the best theology are the most loved and blessed by God. It produced a DISINTEGRATING Protestant church for the next 500 years. The evidence is thousands of denominations since that time.

Real death to self will stop these trends of unending tragedy in our churches. My glory is to love all the redeemed community. For this to be pure in motive we must, like David, focus on the Lord. Psalm 16: 5 – 8 is a great passage on focus, priority, determination. Some use unity as a message to foster their own private selfish ambitions. God watches over our hearts.



*My glory is the Holy
Spirit having His way
in my spirit and my
soul*

My glory is the Holy Spirit having His way in my spirit and my soul. Indescribable wealth, magnificent treasure, abounding opulence are found in the vast, undiscovered region of our spirits. Why? Because the word of the anointed Christ dwells IN YOU RICHLY. Feed your spirit with the seeds of the word of God for your glory to increase. Roll out the red carpet for the word of God to

enter your heart. Eat His Word and rejoice. Be a spiritual billionaire as your heart instructs you every morning, as the Lord gives you counsel.

The lines of your life fall in pleasant places and a good inheritance come to those who in Psalm 16: (a) love the brethren, v 3, (b) reject all idolatry, v 4 (c) focus on the Lord, v 5 – 8.

We are to love one another fervently from a pure heart says Peter to the saints (1 Peter 1: 22). Where sin grips us we are guilty of idolatry (1 Corinthians 10: 5 – 14). Paul says to flee from it! Fix your eyes on Jesus and run with determination the individual race that God has set before you, throwing off those things that would ensnare you. Don't let anyone steal your crown says Revelation 3: 11. We are not in competition with one another. We are not clones of one another. We do not need to copy one another. We are unique individuals and should rejoice in each other's uniqueness. Glory!

DAY 59

**“... according to the glorious gospel of
the blessed God which was commanded
to my trust.”** **1 Timothy 1: 11**

Commended work is commanded by God. The glorious gospel includes law when one uses it lawfully (1 Timothy 1: 8). Some say it is the grace of God 100% that produces the gospel of glory, and that law has no part. But the law is good Paul tells Timothy. Repentance does come from the goodness of God in Romans 2: 4, and we usually see that as part of grace. However, the law also is good, holy and just says Romans 7: 12. Without law in the gospel there is:

- no conviction of sin (see Romans 7: 7)
- no true leading to Christ (see Galatians 3: 24)
- no development of new life (see Romans 7: 6)

Have you seen “The Way of the Master” on Christian TV? The two evangelists have seen the vital role of the law in the gospel. People must know they have broken the law. The gospel is not glorious without heart repentance. We do not know covetousness unless the law had said, “You shall not covet.” The law has a twofold work,

1. to the sinner to reveal hopelessness
2. to the saint to reveal helplessness

Without the essential first work of the law we cannot go on to maturity.

Once our hopeless state is realized (as a sinner), the wonderful gospel of grace can do its work. Without the law playing its part on the conscience of man, there would be no consciousness that anything is wrong. It is a bit like the pain indicator. If we feel no pain in our bodies then we assume that all is well. But when we feel pain we have to do something to alleviate it. However, this kind of pain cannot be fixed by us. Jesus Christ alone provided the answer through the

Cross. We are saved by faith through grace says Paul to the Ephesians (2: 8). The wonderful fact is that even those things are provided as a gift for us. God raises us by the power of the Holy Spirit.

However, once we are born from above we are not under an external law of “do’s” and “don’ts”. The new covenant speaks of an internal law working in our hearts and minds – so we can do what He wants us to do without striving in our own very limited resources.

If you are witnessing to the unsaved use the ten commandments to get the listener to a point of conviction. The interview techniques of Ray Comfort on “The Way of the Master” are excellent on this point. True glory comes out of true grace. If you read the whole of 1 Peter you receive a very wonderful definition of true grace (1 Peter 5: 12).

DAY 60

**“And blessed be His glorious name
forever: And let the whole earth be filled
with his glory; Amen, and Amen.”**

Psalm 72: 19

The next verse is full of meaning: “the prayers of David, the son of Jesse are ended.” Book two of the Psalms could be sub-titled “The Crying of Faith”. After the problems in Book One (Psalms 1 – 41), we enter the prayers in Book Two. Problems should alert us to cry out in prayer. Psalm 72 ends on a wonderful note of prophecy – the Millennial Kingdom where suffering ceases, the Jews are gathered in, and the devil is bound for 1000 years. The whole earth will be filled with His glorious presence and power – the season when the visible Lord will restore the kingdom to Israel.

Psalm 72 appropriately was written by Solomon, and we see four sections to this remarkable, awe-inspiring kingdom.

- a) The separation of good and evil (v 2 – 4, 12 – 14)
- b) Peace and blessing (v 5 - 7)
- c) Nations subdued (v 8 – 11)
- d) Power and glory and prosperity (v 15 – 19)

All socialism began at Babel and ultimately is humanism in rebellion against God. Socialism and Christianity have very similar aims, but diametrically opposed paths towards the glory they promise. Only Jesus can judge in total righteousness. Poverty and crime and oppression and disease have no place in the Millennium. He will bring justice to the poor, and break in pieces the oppressor.

The second feature is what all socialists and capitalists dream about... peace and blessing. But democracy or totalitarianism can never deliver. Democracy came from Plato's Republic, but theocracy comes from the heart of the Father. When He is reigning as King of Kings from Jerusalem true peace will reign. Not until then!

The third feature is that man will not learn the brutalizing reality of war anymore. His enemies, like the snake, will lick the dust. All kings shall fall down before Him. Lastly, prosperity will be worldwide and extending to the animal kingdom (see Isaiah 11: 6 -9). Psalm 45: 2 – 9 glimpses at the wonder of the King and His Kingdom launched in power and glory. The best, surely, is yet to come.

“O Lord Jesus Christ who will return as King of Kings, soften my heart and illuminate my mind to have faith and hope for future glory. Train me to reign with you. The Lord God be blessed forever. Amen.”

DAY 61

**“But You, O Lord, are a shield around me;
my glory, and the One who lifts up my head.”**

Psalm 3: 3

Trouble in the soul reached a crescendo for David when he left Jerusalem, realizing that most of Israel had sided with Absalom’s conspiracy. Even the countryside wept for him! (See 2 Samuel 15: 23). When westerners went to Rumania in the 1990’s they could feel that nature herself was in mourning. An aspect of the creation groaning in its divine protest ministry against sin. David desperately needed God to lift up his head, his thinking, especially as Absalom sought to be king.

How does God come through in a crisis? A sense of glory, the divine presence must shine in the secret place, to give us the unshakeable knowledge He has the way out of the problem. Be still. Be small. And you will hear the still, small voice of God.

John on the isle of Patmos needed Jesus as his glory and the lifter of his head. Domitian, the evil Caesar, had put him in a mine shaft where he was breaking up rocks, in his eighties, in order to break his spirit and body. In Revelation 1: 9 he was a brother and companion to the saints in the heavy pressure situation – not as an apostle lording it over the flock, but a brother. In verses 12 - 17, he saw the voice that spoke with him – a clear example of discerning of spirits. The glory was there as John was in the Spirit. Out of the crisis came the summary book of the entire Bible. We do not see our troubles as God sees them.

David, too, came into unforeseen victory. The conspiracy was thwarted and the pride of Absalom killed the young pretender. In Psalm 3, when we know we are heard by God our sleep shall be sweet and fear is vanquished (verses 4 – 6). “How?” you ask. Prayer has two times: the chronos and the kairos. Our prayer

drill or duty is our chronological, day by day rule of life (see Acts 10: 4). On the basis of that a kairos moment (when the eternal God moves for us in this moment) comes. In Acts 10 when Peter was speaking in the house of devout Cornelius, the Spirit of God fell (verses 44 to 46). In our deepest troubles we have need of a kairos moment. The prayers of the saints ascend (Revelation 8: 4), but the angel has got to throw the censer to the earth! (Revelation 8: 5). May God hear and act in our crisis. Let's pray:

“Father God, I ask you today that You would draw near to me and strengthen me. Help me to be diligent in my daily prayers and to wait for the kairos moment. I trust You to break through in my circumstances and I exalt You. Amen.”

DAY 62

**“The heavens declare the glory of God;
and the firmament shows His handiwork.”**

Psalm 19: 1

Jewish understanding declares three heavens: the atmosphere around the earth, the planets and galaxies, and the third heaven, or eternity. All three declare the glory of God, but the Psalmist is probably thinking of clouds, sunsets and stars... the two spheres we can physically see with either naked eye or telescope.

E. W. Bullinger wrote a classic, “The Witness of the Stars”, where he identified Arab and Jewish names of the constellations and saw in these configurations a clear depiction of the gospel. Bill Banks wrote “All Heaven Declares” on a similar theme, and we glimpse with awe, such an amazing God of detail and meaning. Have you ever wondered why God created space, the earth and us? Have you ever walked out under a starry night and pondered the meaning to life?

Theologians tell us earth is a replica of heaven. God put His image in Adam and Eve. But why? Why? Why? The staggering truth was that God was lonely and Father wanted a vast family of sons and daughters for fellowship. He also enjoyed creating a vast playground that goes on expanding. The glory of crab nebula amazes us and the glory of countless galaxies should place in us a sense of the overwhelmingness of the infinite. The apex of His creation, however, is finite man with a forever spirit. His breathing into the lifeless clay made a rouge-tinted male, his last and final act of creation. However, it is creation, the skies, planets and galaxies that groan and labour with birth pangs now. Derek Prince suggested that creation more than the church, awaits the second coming of the Lord Jesus. Every day, and all of the night, creation utters speech and reveals knowledge. We need to rediscover our sense of wonderment. The books of John Eldredge are popular

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because there is a hunger in the heart of God's people to get back to a simple lifestyle surrounded by nature. The programmes by Ray Mears have a similar lure. As creation groans, so should we in prayer and feel the ancient connection between nature and man. A holiday should not be gazing at acres of burning flesh on beaches, but a holy day of re-connection and seeing the glory of God in creation.

A holiday prayer:

“Father as I rest in nature cause the Holy Spirit to groan in my spirit with inarticulate speech of the heart. Rest my soul and body and let my spirit rise to ascendancy, so I may behold Your glory. Amen.”

DAY 63

**“Lift up your heads, O you gates; and
be lifted up, you everlasting doors; and
the King of glory shall come in.”**

Psalm 24; 7

The King of glory will return to a sad, long and winding road of human history. Doors and gates of prohibition will be lifted out of the way. Glory will flow like a river when He returns, even greater than when He was on the earth. The great thing about the ministry of Jesus Christ was that the door between private and public life had been lifted clean off its hinges! There was no barrier. He was a monk and a missionary. Detachment when praying up the mountain always led to achievement in public. The door between the armchair and the street is to open widely if we are to obey the great commission.

When every man went to his own home, Jesus went to the Mount of Olives (see John 7: 53; 8: 1). He kept the door of His heart open to Father in holy communion. This vital secret of His success is essential in our ministries. A wide open effectual door was uniquely open to Paul for the city of Ephesus – arguably the greatest church in the first century. 1 Corinthians 16: 9 goes on to tell us there were many adversaries. Great opportunity for the glory of God will mean hostile forces lying around to stand in opposition to steal the opportunity. In Psalm 24, the Lord of hosts is the Lord of angelic armies, strong and mighty in battle. When you are on the brink of a great opportunity, you will be envied and your future success coveted by carnal believers. Be sure to guard your new opportunity with discernment and prayer. The attack will usually come from someone near to you. The gates of Hades are the councils of the demonic and they do not want the manifestation of glory. Those intelligent, devious planning sessions of evil spirits must be lifted away after their exposure. Then the King of glory shall come in! Then the King of glory will be manifest!

We need to make preparations against the work of the enemy. We need to keep the door open between heaven and our hearts so the glory of God can flow unhindered to the heathen. This requires that we keep short accounts with the Lord. Spend time with Him in the secret place and He will reveal His secrets. Daniel knew this joy when the king was in a flux over a dream. He demanded his magicians to find out what the dream was before they interpreted it (Daniel 2: 1 – 11). How could they know? Unreasonable perhaps to demand such a thing? But we have a God who knows what is in the darkness, He pervades the mysteries in the lives of humanity, and He is able to reveal – if we seek Him! (Daniel 2: 28). Daniel sought the Lord and God revealed to him what the dream had been to Nebuchadnezzar and what the interpretation was. The king gave glory to God in 2: 47. When we seek God and do battle we will destroy the gates of the enemy, and allow the everlasting doors to stay open. Let the glory come in!

DAY 64

**“The voice of the Lord makes the deer
give birth, and strips the forests bare;
and in His temple everyone says “Glory!”**

Psalm 29: 9

The transformational quality of worship is all by grace. We worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness (29: 2). The clear crystal presence of God is a precursor to His voice – a creative voice that makes birth happen and a destructive voice that strips the forests bare. Now we can see the wood from the trees. Now God speaks a new thing suddenly. All because we have been soaked in His presence.

Everyone in the temple says, “Glory!” is a prophecy. All the children of Israel worshipped in Solomon’s temple after the inauguration prayers (2 Chronicles 7: 1 – 3). We need to remember Solomon was a man of fire and burnt offerings. He made the right choice in 2 Chronicles 1:6, by going back to Gibeon, going back to the basics, and securing a strong foundation at the bronze altar. He could have gone up to the ark at Jerusalem like his father, David. When we begin our ministries it’s vital we start right – on the altar making Jesus Lord of every area in our lives, a living sacrifice, our acceptable worship. Repentance happens before the fire consumes the offering. Such unity and such glory were released on that great day when Solomon dedicated the temple. The priests could not stand to minister.

Why did the glory of God come so powerfully? Solomon got his priorities right before a holy God. That’s why God answered his request and gave him much more than wisdom and knowledge. Today we stand in need of glorious gifts of the Holy Spirit in our church life and in our evangelism. Without the right foundation of repentance and discipleship we end up in confusion. A big charismatic conference recently had praises by day and pornography by night. The delegates ran up huge bills in the secret of their hotels to watch skin! Is there something in your life that is stopping worship in the beauty of holiness?

The key in the above verse is that God's voice is creative and destructive. He wants to destroy all that is not holy in our lives. Our sin is either judged at the Cross as we take it there and leave it there, or it brings judgement upon us. The wrath of God abides upon the unbeliever (Ephesians 2: 3). We are saved and live by grace but that does not mean that sin will not be judged if we pursue it. In 1 Corinthians 11: 27 – 32 Paul is admonishing the saints to judge themselves so that they are not judged. If we take the bread and wine in an unworthy manner we can reap sickness, or even death. Do not be deceived whatever you sow you will also reap. So let us sow to the Spirit and not to the flesh.

When we worship in Spirit and truth we experience glory. When we experience glory we have strength to live right (29: 11). Soak in His presence today.

DAY 65

“And the priests could not enter the house of the Lord, because the glory of the Lord had filled the Lord’s house.”

2 Chronicles 7: 2

Being slain in the Spirit, or falling under the power of God is taken as an indisputable sign that glory has come. The presence of the Lord is believed to be a kind of holy anaesthetic, bringing peace, revelation and the Father’s love. Praise God that this is usually so. However, we must discern that the enemy can counterfeit the presence of the Lord, and unsanctified hands can be laid on unsuspecting believers. Some leaders suggest the blood of the Lamb is upon the meeting, and therefore, there is no demon present and no possibility of transference of an evil spirit. This fantasy has caused untold damage, with confusion, upon the elect of God. Most deliverance ministries will agree with me at this point. Once I had to be set free from a wrong impartation at a big conference. The blood may be sprinkled in the atmosphere, but that does not guarantee immunity from a brother or sister who has a resident demon, that may want to transfer when hands are laid on you!

However, there are times when it is absolutely safe to receive the laying on of hands, and a true impartation of the Spirit will come. Paul laid hands on

*Go before the King with
a pen in your hand and
record His message as
an ambassador*

Timothy... with good results. Those messengers who go into the throne room of God can be trusted. They go with pen in hand before the King to record accurately His message. They do not add any of their own words. They hide behind the Cross. Their behaviour is courteous, kind and chaste. These ambassadors have genuine experiences of the glory of God. They know the High Priest who is faithful and full of

mercy. They have lingered in His presence to find grace in time of need. They also have meditated upon the word of God and come to clear convictions without

compromise. These are the pure priests who produce the proof of being with Jesus. Our priesthood begins with weeping between the porch and the altar. God puts all our tears into His bottle, says the Psalmist. Saturate yourself in the Psalms of David to have a tender heart toward God.

Take time to wait upon the Lord and be pierced in your heart with God's vision. Then you will be a true priest, enabled to impart something glorious and permanent. Then we can invade our lost circle of friends and our community with a gospel that will not leave them standing in the dark places of sin. We need evangelism that flows from the river of glory, that worship is able to release in our churches. Street pastors loaded with gifts of the Spirit will see results, when they have first been unable to stand in the sanctuary.

DAY 66

“... but by manifestation of the truth”

2 Corinthians 4: 2

Manifestation of the truth equals the shop window display of the product within the shop. Shop windows are not for looking out of, but designed to look into. Window-dressing now assumes the position of high art, and so it should. The manifestation of the stock inside the shop must be seen to its full advantage. The unsaved souls look into the shop window of our lives – they see something of Jesus or confusion or any of the sins they themselves are familiar with. How we act, smile, dress, speak, should display the inner disposition of our Lord Jesus Christ. We should take time to window dress by being in His glorious presence.

"Let us therefore come **BOLDLY** to the throne of **GRACE**,
that we may obtain mercy and find **GRACE** to help in time
of need" Hebrews 4: 16

Come boldly. Linger in His presence. Come to a place of rest and peace. Our window-dressing is beholding our Lord. Finding His resources, so we may be wise virgins. My friend, David Percy, says of the parable of the virgins, “batteries are not included!” God makes us responsible to go on being filled with the Holy Spirit.

Sometimes good shops have poor window displays. New creation people may have sad, tired, grumpy, lugubrious faces, or weary responses to needs in the body of Christ. Contrast this with Simeon – an excellent window-dresser according to Luke 2: 25 – 27. He was evidently a saint because of the three-fold work of the Holy Spirit!

a) Holy Spirit upon him (v 25)

b) Holy Spirit revealing (v 26)

c) Holy Spirit leading (v 27)

We, in the 21st century, like Simeon, need to see the Lord's Christ as a revelation. Pray for an intimate, personal revelation of the full knowledge of Jesus Christ. When it happens, others will know that you have been with Jesus. Then, the human traffic will go in and out of the doors of your heart. They will desire to purchase from the Lord His resources that they have seen in the shop window of your life.

We manifest Jesus when we have been given a vision of God, a vision of ourselves, a vision of a lost world or needy church. The three visions work together to make us God's shop window.

“O Lord Jesus, fill me with the Holy Spirit so that I may be a manifestation of the truth. Thank you that Your resources are ever fresh every morning. Amen.”

DAY 67

**“To Him, be glory in the church by
Christ Jesus to all generations...”**

Ephesians 3: 21

The most precious thing on God's heart is His eternal girlfriend, the called-out ones, His Bride. His greatest desire is that the church is all glorious within. David glimpsed it in Psalm 63: 2, “So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, to see Your power and Your glory.” Many today want to see the power of great

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preaching and the glory of miracles. Very few today want to know the source of truth and the origin of the miraculous. To know glory in the church we have to move deeper than amazing teaching and astonishing healings. The key is Christ dwelling in your heart by faith. Glory in the collective church comes when believers know the secret that God's life, Father's love, is

in their spirit. We must become a spirit-conscious people. We must then have lines of communication with the indweller Christ.

Look at Jesus in John's gospel. Great teaching and seven outstanding miracles – but John went deeper, and reveals to us the Father indwelling the Son. The Father and the Son forever one in intimate union and communion.

Great teaching and outstanding miracles are found in John's gospel... but John went deeper

Without Father, the Son can do nothing. The Father does the works. As Christians we live by the life of Another – the indweller Christ. When Philip met Jesus he also met the Father. When folk meet us they should see Christ in us. Today there has been a very strong emphasis on certain teachings. Beyond Israel, beyond deliverance ministry, beyond mission, beyond emergent church, beyond manifestations – the essential reality is fellowship with Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Out of this relationship flows the glory of God. Arthur Neil once said,

“Our conscious communion will issue out in our unconscious communication of Him.”

Something of glory will flow from our lives if we experience the Christ who dwells in our hearts by faith. No more performance orientation. No more co-dependence on other believers. No more grunt, grit and gumption. No more trying to be good. Glory is always born out of grace because we can do nothing of eternal worth without His enabling. Madame Guyon said,

“All the graces that are produced in a Christian GROW OUT OF DEATH TO SELF.”

Let's get to know our inner hearts, our spirits where Christ lives in us. This is the place where we are filled with spiritual wisdom, where we are enabled to fellowship with Him. Die to self and live in the Spirit. May Christ not be excluded from His Bride! We grow in intimacy with Christ as we experience His glory.

DAY 68**“... that He might present her to Himself****a glorious church.”****Ephesians 5: 27**

The glorious Bride is without blemish with no spot or wrinkle. The anti-aging cream is holiness, purity of heart. “Be ye holy for I am holy” says 1 Peter 1: 16, and “Be holy in all your conduct”, in the previous verse. Every true saint has had real battles to fulfill the divine imperative. Every pastor and teacher seems to have a different view on how to achieve this blessed state.

Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God at work in themselves and in others. At Pentecost when heaven went on holiday, holiness was infused into the spirits of 120 prepared men and women (see Acts 15: 9). Christ became their sanctification by holy fire. He will soon return for such a Bride, “... that she should be holy and without blemish”. The real visitation of God is awesome and prostrating... we desperately need revival in the church with the emphasis on holiness. Miracles should always be part of going out into all the world and invading your sphere of influence with the gospel. Holiness should always be the heartbeat of church life when the rivers of the Spirit are flowing. Acts 5: 13 reports,

“Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly.”

After the judging of sin in verses 5 – 10 there was purity in the church. After the power of verse 12 the outsiders saw the holiness. When glory is in the church sin is exposed and dealt with, or it is judged. When Ananias and his wife’s sin was judged great fear came upon the church and all who heard (v 11). It can still be a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God if grace is not working for you. When your life is full of His grace sin will not have dominion over you (Romans 6: 14). When glory is in the church people outside will see it and many will be joined to our number. The trouble with the church sometimes, is that it isn’t much different to the world. God loves His church and wants us to shine His light into the world. Be different. Be separate. Be in the world but not of it. When you meet a truly holy man you desire to go up a level, to ascend the hill of the Lord. I remember once refusing the advice of a holy man of God... to cut a

long story short, it cost me 3 years of my life until I was broken. God is after clean hands and a pure heart. He can put the church through a valley of humiliation to arrive at holiness. We either humble ourselves, or face that agonizing valley.

Is your life worth Christ dying for?

Are your eyes anointed to see as Jesus sees in your family, your church, your work and your town?

Is eternity involved in what you are doing?

Are you desperate to be in a glorious expression of church life?

If so then seek Him, love Him, let Him live His life through you.

DAY 69

**“And my God shall supply all your needs
according to His riches in glory, by Christ
Jesus.”**

Philippians 4: 19

Every missionary has to live by this verse at some season, and most believers much of the time! The context of continuous total supply is financial (verses 15 – 18). Who qualifies for this wonderful comprehensive promise? Those, who like the Macedonians, give and plant their seed in good ground. They receive His riches in glory; they have all needs satisfied. The generous soul shall be made rich and he who waters will also be watered himself. I remember an important lesson at Bible College, when the principal encouraged us to walk in faith in finances, and not mention our needs to anyone. I needed finance to pay fees, and get home for the summer break. The fees were paid by an unknown person but I still had to find travel money. I ordered the college taxi to get to Swansea but had no money for the bus. I went by faith on this verse and the taxi driver provided the exact amount as I got my bags out of the car. There is no substitute for early experiences of faith. Faith is key when we need to access the riches God has in glory.

However, this verse can be prostituted by greed. Some money is unclean even if it comes from Christian sources. There should be something of glory in true giving and receiving. Let your needs (not luxuries) be known in heaven. Honour the true man of God with your substance, like the Philippians and the widow at Zarephath. In 1 Kings 17 the widow’s priority was satisfying the need of Elijah. She found ample reward for her household. It all depends on the rhema, specific word of the Lord. When our giving is led by the Lord, we can receive the riches in glory. Many on Christian TV preach a gospel of “if you give, you will receive”, “if you give money God will heal you, deliver you, save your loved ones”. Our giving needs to be unto the Lord as we purpose in our hearts. Don’t give to someone expecting to receive something back from them. Giving with strings attached is not very attractive. It can become a form of control. If I do this for you – you will do that for me. If your motive is genuine God may use that brother or sister to bless you later on, but He may not. Look to the Lord for your

supply. We can't buy God blessings, we are already blessed; and we can't buy His favours either. But if we are obedient we will eat the good of the land.

God owns the cattle on a thousand hills and His comprehensive ownership includes even the wealth of the sinner. It is stored up for the righteous! (Proverbs 13: 22). The tragedy today is that the inheritances due to many believers go elsewhere. You have to warfare against Jezebel in some situations for the glory of a righteous inheritance to come to you. And remember if you lose out, your true inheritance remains undefiled in heaven for the righteous and obedient servant. Treasure in heaven will be proportional to obedience on earth.

DAY 70

**“... for obedience to the faith: to God alone
wise, be glory through Jesus Christ
forever. Amen.”** **Romans 16: 26, 27**

Obedience always releases the glory. The word of the Lord obeyed, ushers in a realm of glory. Paul urged brothers to pray that the word originating in God would run and be glorified (2 Thessalonians 3: 1). Paul was a swift messenger running against the clock, getting as many souls saved and into the kingdom as possible. He needed the wisdom of God as he run to and fro through enemy lines. Remember how many perils he faced – serious danger was his constant companion. This is why he urged prayers.

We need Father’s wisdom as never before. The authority of Jesus name and the power of the Spirit only make a real difference when the Father’s wisdom is received in the situations of complexity we face as leaders. Glory manifests when wisdom is exercised. Often I’ve prayed for precious souls to be delivered; sometimes the glory of God shows up and you know you are dealing with a person who will obey Romans 16: 26,

“... and by the prophetic scriptures... made known to all
nations for the obedience of faith.”

They will strongly influence others by the invasion of the gospel. There is a strategizing of God in their lives... they are set free to serve His purposes. Wisdom overturns our weaknesses into His grace-given strengths. Look at Peter – from betrayer to the beautiful boldness of Acts 2 and 3. People who reject

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deliverance ministry cannot access the wisdom of God. They remain in confusion, and oftentimes, severe limitation. May we be faithful to pray for leaders to break through enemy lines, and open new vistas of glory for His people. Supernatural power and wise timing are needed for revival times. Duncan Campbell exercised an on-time ministry in the Outer Hebrides. He left a conference in full flow in Scotland, to arrive on an island where everything was

in place for a meeting – that very evening of disembarking. The urgency of his spiritual timing was the wisdom of God, even though it left people in the conference without a speaker. We must have God’s plans and not our own when we move in mission. In Lewis and Harris one in six of the population became born again within 18 months. When we run in obedience to fulfill our God given calling, glory pervades and follows us. Let the Spirit and the Bride say, Come.

“Lord, lead me in Your sovereign wisdom. Grant me a heart to seek Your power and Your glory. Let me hear Your counsels and run to wherever You send me. Prepare me for Your coming Lord, for Your glory alone. Amen.”