

A person is seen from the back, with their arms raised in a gesture of prayer or praise. They are standing against a dramatic sky at sunset or sunrise, with the sun low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The person is wearing a dark long-sleeved shirt. The overall mood is one of devotion and hope.

# All for Jesus Always

**January**

*Genesis, Exodus  
and Matthew*

**Lord, I want to know You more  
and love You more!  
Please help me to work  
through the whole Bible  
this year...**



*“I am determined  
to be absolutely and entirely  
**for Him**  
and for Him alone”*

*Oswald Chambers*



“Even the **youths** shall faint and be weary,  
and the young men shall utterly fall:

But **they that wait upon the LORD**

shall renew *their* strength;

they shall mount up with wings **as eagles**;

they shall run, and not be weary;

*and* they shall walk, and not faint.”

Isaiah 40:30-31 (Ampl)



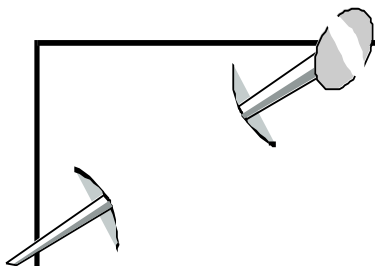
“Praise the LORD, ...

He forgives all my sins...

He fills my life with good things,

so that I stay **young and strong like an eagle.**”

Psalms 103 (GNB)



## *Dear Friend*

Jesus says: “**Come to Me** and I will give you rest” (Matt 10:28). He wants you to know Him and to make Him known to others. But, to know Him, you and I need to know His Word, we need to eat His Word - daily.

He says, “**Seek** out of the book of the Lord and **read**...” (Isaiah 34:16a, *Amplified Bible*), “...**listen**, ...open your mouth and **eat** what I give you... eat this scroll; **then go** and speak” (Ezekiel 2:8, 3:1-4). Jeremiah said, “When your words came, *I ate them*; they were my joy and my heart’s delight, for I bear your name, O Lord God Almighty” (Jeremiah 15:16).

The Word of the Lord is our spiritual food. It is a light for our path and a lamp for our feet. It is more precious than gold, it is sweeter than honey. It revives us, makes us wise, gives joy to our hearts, gives light, warns us and keeps us in God’s way (Ps 19). His words “are life to those who find them and health... (Pro 4:20-22). God says, “Lay hold of my words with all your heart; keep my commands and you will live” (Pro 4:4).

**This booklet is prepared so that we can DAILY read the Bible for ourselves, eat it, digest it and live it - to God’s glory. May the Holy Spirit help us to do so, and may Jesus be nearer and dearer to us than anyone and anything else, always.**

Your brother in Christ  
Ephesians 3:8

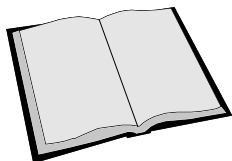
Ps. By reading the Bible portions mentioned every day, you’ll read through the whole Bible in one year... You’ll come to see and know the Lord Jesus as never before! He will become your All...!

February 2006.



# Pray

before I start to read



# Read

the portion for the day



# Think

about what I read and  
about what the Lord is  
showing me



# Write

down what I learned  
and what the Lord  
taught me



# Pray

about it and about what-  
ever else He wants me  
to pray about...



# Go + Do

His will to His glory

# *Time Alone with God*

## *Daily*



God says to me:

- 📖 “Let Me see your face (in other words, He wants to have fellowship with me), let Me hear your voice” (He wants me to talk to Him in prayer) - Song of Songs 2:14. This is wonderful!
- 📖 “But when you pray, GO INTO YOUR ROOM, CLOSE the door and PRAY to your Father in heaven...” (Matt 6:6)

### Some Practical Suggestions

1. Have a daily **Quiet Time** - alone with God.
2. Have **specific times** *every day* (morning and evening)
3. Have a **specific place** of meeting with Him
4. **Keep** this appointment with God
5. *Remember* **the goal** is to know Jesus Christ, to have fellowship with Him, to continue to be with Him, to love Him, to worship Him, to become like Him, to secure His presence for the day, and to glorify Him.
6. *Remember, the Holy Spirit* will teach you all things and guide you as you look to God, trust Him and listen to His voice.

#### 7. Practically:

**GO** into your quiet meeting place

**CLOSE** the door to all distractions

Become quiet before Him, aware of His presence

**PRAY**

**READ** the portion for the day...

slowly, carefully, prayerfully, sometimes loudly,  
listening to God speaking to you

**THINK** with your head and heart;

ask yourself specific *questions* about the portion;  
*apply* it to your life

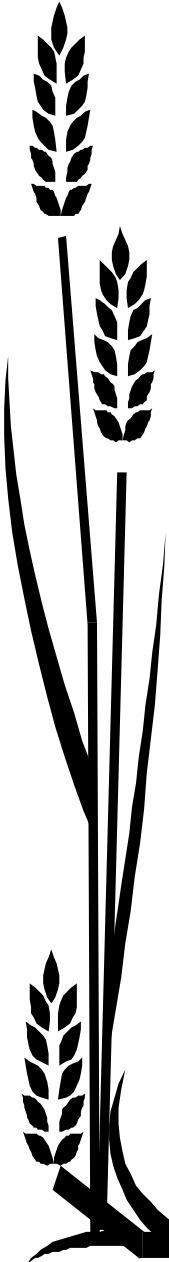
**WRITE NOTES**/ underline/ mark

**PRAY** : Adoration Confession Thanksgiving Supplication

**MEMORIZE** a portion or verse

**GO and DO** what the Lord wants/ shows me to DO

## **To His glory!**



“I want nothing  
for myself;  
I want everything  
for the Lord”

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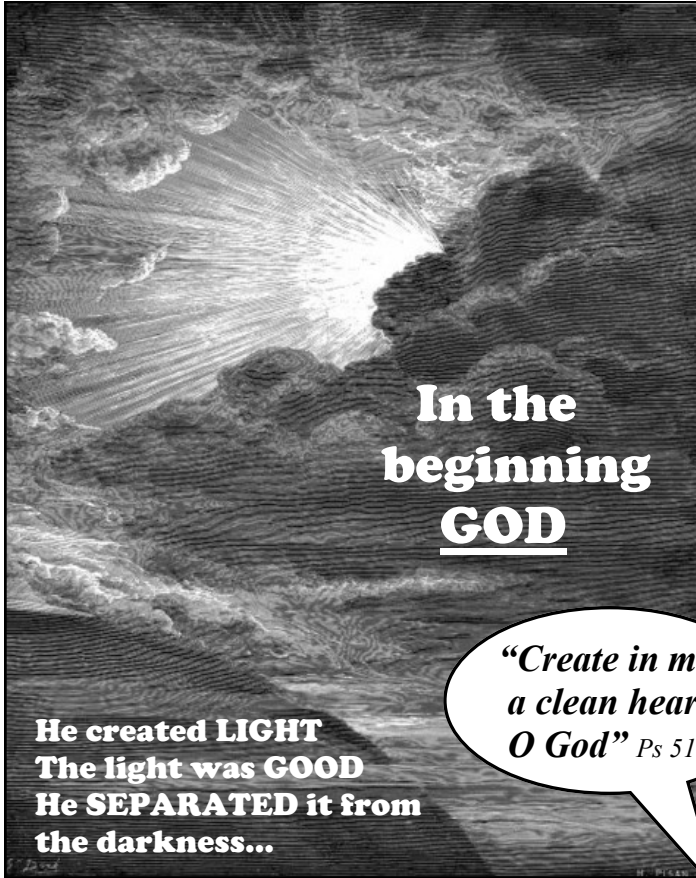
# *January*

*“In the beginning God...”*  
*Gen 1:1*

*During this month we’ll read through  
and learn from the books of  
Genesis, Exodus and Matthew.*

Jesus says:  
***“I am the Beginning  
and the End”***

Revelation 1:8



***“Through HIM  
all things were made”***

John 1:3



## 1 January: Beginning!

**Pray** “Lord Jesus, thank You for this new day and this new year; thank You for Your Word and Your Life. Please speak to me today! ”

**Read** Genesis 1-2, and Matthew 1

**Think + write** In relation to my everyday activities, “*In the beginning God*” (Gen 1:1) means that God needs to be “in the beginning” of everything I do, every day. I want the Lord Jesus to be the Beginning and the End of everything in my life (Rev 1:8). I also read that *the earth* was (1)....., (2)....., and (3)..... (see v 2). This is exactly how it is in the life of *a person* who has never been born again! To bring *the change, the new creation* (2 Co 5:14), I see that (1) The ..... of God was brooding over it all; (2) God brought ..... (v3) ; He ..... the light from the darkness (v4), and worked step by step until all was done. To me, this means that.....

.....  
God also made *man and woman* (and He made ME!) in His image and likeness (Gen 1:26), to ..... (v26) and to .....(2:15) and to walk with Him (See Micah 6:8). From this I learn that.....

.....  
While God made a wife for Adam, he was .....(2:21)! This is also what I should do, as far as finding a wife (or a husband) is concerned! I need to *ask God to make me be asleep*, as far as girls and boys are concerned, until it is His time to wake me up and show me His wife (or husband) for me! I read that “HE (God) brought her to the man” (2:22). This is how it should be with every marriage that’s born in heaven! HE should bring them together! See 1 Co 7:27.

I see that the *4 women* mentioned in the genealogy of Jesus (Matt 1:5,6) are (1)....., (2)....., (3)....., and (4) ..... This teaches me that .....

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The Son of God is called “*Jesus*” because “He will..... His people from their .....” (Matt 1:21). As one of “His people,” I need to ask myself: “Has He saved me from ALL my sins?!”

**Pray** “Father, thank You for sending the Lord Jesus to save me!”

**Go + Do** what He wants me to do.

## 2 January: I'll worship God

**Pray** *"Father-God, thank You that You made everything; thank You that You made me. Jesus, thank You that You came. Spirit of God, please help me to understand the Bible, to see Jesus, & to see myself"*

**Read** Genesis 3-5, Matthew 2

**Think + write** Some of the first people who came to Jesus came from the .....(Matt 2:1). They came to .....Him (v 2 and 11). To **worship** means:.....

.....  
According to Romans 12:1 to "worship" means to:.....

.....  
"Worship" is not just singing to the Lord, no, ...work is also worship, ...my whole life is to be "worship" to the Lord. In the Amplified version I read that our "*reasonable service and spiritual worship*" is to "*make a decisive dedication of our bodies [presenting all your members and faculties] as a living sacrifice, holy (devoted, consecrated) and well pleasing to God...*". In The Message translation I read, "*Take your everyday, ordinary life - your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life - place it before God as an offering.*"

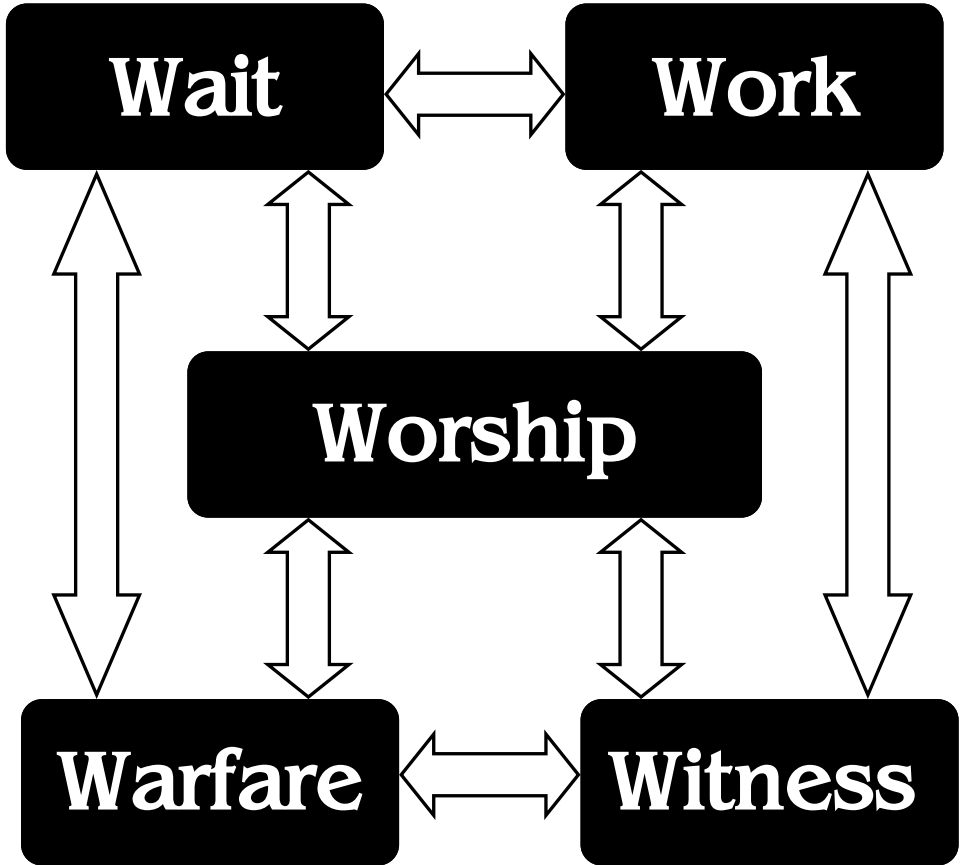
Satan tempted and ..... Eve (Gen 3:13). She **LISTENED** and **LOOKED** and **LUSTED** and **TOOK**... and destroyed her relationship with God and others. The Cursed Serpent (v14) always tries to get us to **Doubt** with our mind, **Desire** with our heart, and **Disobey** with our will. From this I learn that.....

.....  
**To overcome sin and to be happy**, God told Cain: "If you ....., will you not be accepted?" (Gen 4:7). God also told Cain, "SIN is crouching at your door, it desires to have you, but you must ....." I too must "rule over it" (KJV), I must "overcome it" (GNB)! **Enoch** was a man who ruled over sin. Enoch lived .....years (5:23). He .....with God (5:24). His walk with God possibly started when he was 65 years old. To "**walk with God**" means that.....

.....  
**Pray** *"Father, help me to worship you in Spirit and in truth. Amen."*

**Go + Do** worship God; rule over sin & Satan; & walk with God!

*I was made to **Worship** God,  
to **Wait** upon Him,*



*to **Work** with Him and for Him,  
to make **War** with Him (not against Him), and  
to bear **Witness** for Him!*

### 3 January: Saved!

**Pray** “Father, thank you that you sent Jesus to crush sin and Satan on the Cross. Please help me to live by Jesus’ victorious Life. Amen.”

**Read** Genesis 6-8 and Matthew 3.

**Think + write** I see in God’s Word that Noah walked with God and was 1.....

2.....

3.....(Gen 6:9)

4.....(Gen 6:22)

5..... (2 Peter 2:5)

The people, on the other hand, were (Gen 6:5,11-13): (1)....., (2).....(3)..... (4)..... and (5) according to Luke 17:26,27 they were:.....

..... Jesus said it would be the same during the last days - before the earth is destroyed by fire and He comes back on the clouds! The Good News is that He is the Ark that can save me from the coming flood of fire. But to be saved I must ..... (Gen 7:13b). If I do this, God will lock me in (7:16) and I must ..... (John 15:4)! The way to prepare myself for that time (for the second coming of the Lord) is the same as the preparation the people were told to make for the first coming of the Lord Jesus. This is very important. In Matthew 3:1-11 I read that God says to me (through John) that I must:

(1) .....(v2),

(2) .....the way for the Lord,

(3) .....my sins,

(4) be.....,

(5) “..... in keeping with repentance”, and

(6) be baptized with the ..... and with .....

This means that.....

.....I ask myself (before the Lord):

Have I done/experienced these things? Yes / No

Have I entered into Jesus? Yes / No

Am I still in Him at this moment? Yes / No

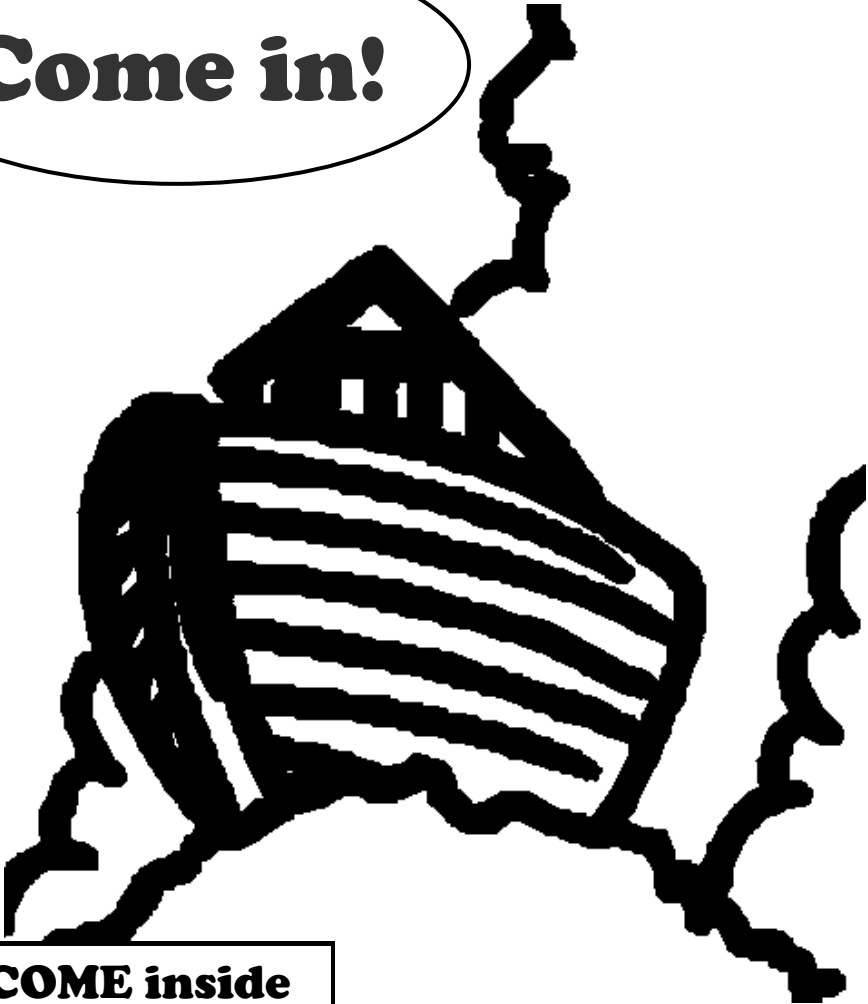
**Pray** “Oh Lord, may I be found in You every day and may I be ready to meet You in purity when You come again. Amen.”

**Go + Do** now what Jesus wants me to do now.

**God warns us  
of the coming  
flood of FIRE...!**

**2 Peter 3**

**Come in!**



**COME inside  
the ark... and  
STAY inside!**

**Now,  
JESUS CHRIST is  
our only ARK!**

## 4 January: Temptation...

**Pray** “Lord Jesus, I ask you to please baptize me with the Holy Spirit and with fire. I realize there is no Pentecost without the Cross. May you please help me to die daily and to be filled daily with Your Holy Spirit. Amen.”

**Read** Genesis 9-11 and Matthew 4

**Think + write** ...TEMPTATION is an invitation to sin.

Though Jesus is God, and though (as a man) He was filled with the Holy Spirit (Matt 3:16) and led by the Spirit (4:1), He was still TEMPTED by the devil (4:1). In Heb 4:15 I read that He was “tempted in ....., just .....are - yet was without sin.” According to 1 John 2: 16 the things of the world (which are used to tempt me) include “*the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life*” (KJV). Jesus too was tempted in these three areas:

(1) Matt 4:3,4 - .....

(2) Matt 4:5,6 - .....

(3) Matt 4:8,9 - .....

From James 1:14 I learn that (as humans) “each one is tempted” by .....

**To OVERCOME temptation** I need to:

**Flee** ..... (2 Tim 2:22)

**Fight** ..... (James 4:7 and 1 Tim 6:12), have

**Faith in God** ..... (1 John 5:4 and 1 Co 10:13)

**Fall in love with Jesus** ..... (John 15:9,10)

John Owen (1616-1683) said that “no man (or woman) that willingly liveth in any sin can love God at all... Where God is not loved above all, He is not loved at all”, and “...if you live in sin you love not God.”

**When I LOVE GOD...** I'll Flee from sin, Fight it, have Faith in God's power to help me win, ...and NOT SIN! Praise the Lord! Noah's life after the flood acts as a warning to me. Though he survived the flood, he fell in temptation to the lust of the flesh and got drunk (Gen 9). Many other people wanted to “make .....” (11:4) for themselves and sinned through pride. They served the gods of “I”, “Me” and “My”!

**Pray** “Oh Lord, help me to overcome every temptation daily.”

**Go + Do** what Jesus did to overcome temptation...

TO OVERCOME every  
TEMPTATION... I need to

FLEE

from sin  
and occasions for sin

FIGHT

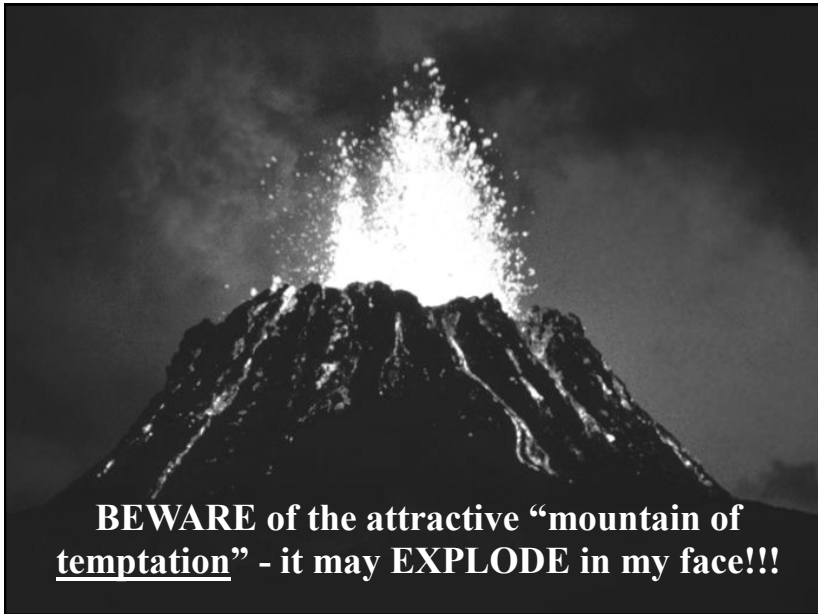
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FAITH

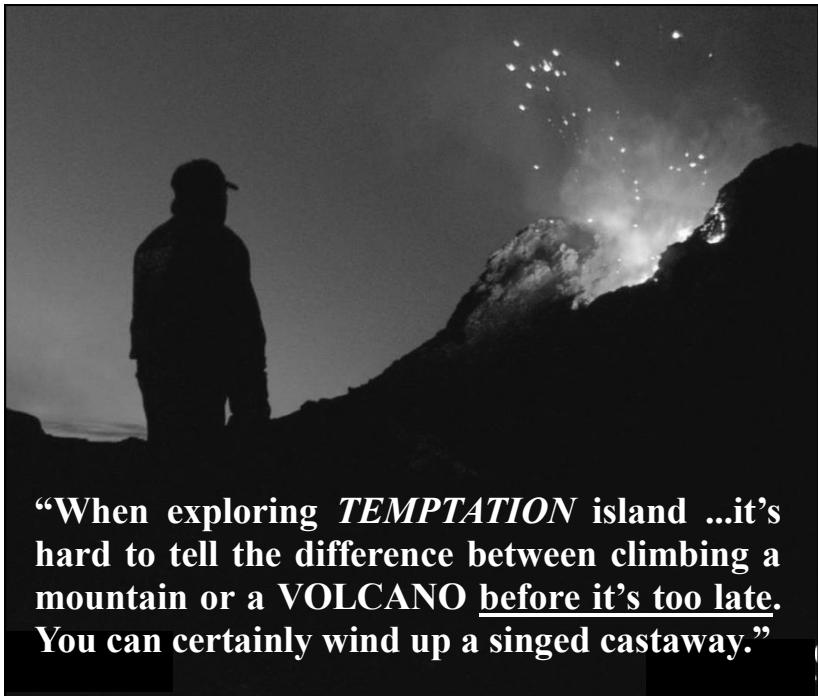
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FALL IN LOVE

with the Lord Jesus, and stay in love!!



**BEWARE** of the attractive “mountain of temptation” - it may **EXPLODE** in my face!!!



“When exploring *TEMPTATION* island ...it’s hard to tell the difference between climbing a mountain or a **VOLCANO** before it’s too late. You can certainly wind up a singed castaway.”

## 5 January: Leave...

**Pray** “Lord Jesus, thank you for helping me to overcome every temptation. Help me to always love you and hate all sins. Please teach me. Amen.”

**Read** Genesis 12-14 and Matthew 5:1-26.

### Think + write

God told Abram : “..... your country, your people and your father’s household and .....to the land I will show you” (Gen 12:1). He also said, “I will .....(v2)...and you will .....(v2). God wants to **bless** me (See Acts 3:26!) and use me to BE a blessing to others. But first I need to OBEY Him by leaving everything behind that He shows me to leave behind (even good things or good people). There’s no blessing without repentance and no blessing without obedience!

I realize I need to **leave** the following behind:.....

Jesus says: “Any of you who does not give up everything he has,” who does not leave it behind, “cannot be My disciple” (Luke 14:33). Sadly, Lot did NOT leave the world behind, so he pitched his tents .....Sodom (Gen 13:12), and later lived .....Sodom (14:12)! How terrible! Do I want to be near Sin, or even in Sin?! Do I want to be near the world, or even in the world?! Do I want to be near worldly people?

Jesus said I’ll be **blessed** if I’m: (1).....  
(2)....., (3).....  
(4)....., (5).....  
(6).....  
(7).....

See Matthew 5:2-12. These words were spoken to those who were willing to leave others behind and climb higher with Jesus!! (See 5:1). In *The Message* translation we read, “...the committed climbed with Him”, and He “taught his climbing companions,” not the others.

**Pray** “Lord Jesus, thank you for showing me what you want me to leave behind. I choose to never leave YOU. Amen.”

**Go + Do** what Jesus showed me today, whatever the cost!

## 6 January: My Eyes

**Pray** “Father, please speak to me, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.”

**Read** Genesis 15-17 and Matthew 5:27-48

### Think + write

Though Abram was very old when God told him that he’ll have a son, Abram ..... the Lord (Gen 15:6). The fruits of this were (1).....and (2).....(v6)

According to Gen 16:1-4 and Gal 3:3 Abram started in the ..... but then acted by.....(in the flesh). It’s good to have faith in God, but it’s better to *continue* to have faith in God and NOT to act in the flesh. Ishmael was born and up to today most of his descendants are at war with Israel and with the living God...(v12). God told Abram, “I am God Almighty, walk ..... and be .....” (17:1).

In Gen 16:13 God is described as:

1. The Lord “who ..... to her”.
2. The God “who ..... me”

To me this means that.....  
.....  
.....

David sinned through lustful eyes (2 Sam 11). Samson sinned with his eyes (Judges 14 & 16). Eve sinned through what she saw with her eyes (Gen 3:6). Oholibah saw pictures of men and lusted after them (Eze 23). Jesus says, “I tell you that anyone who ..... at a woman.....has already committed adultery with her *in his heart*” (Matt 5:28). ***If I look lustfully at anyone or anything, I sin before God.*** This also applies to the internet, sms messages or pictures, magazines, the TV, DVDs, movies, shops, clothes, fashions, jewelry, hairstyles and.....

Job realized this and said, “***I made a covenant with my eyes NOT to LOOK LUSTFULLY at a girl***” (Job 31:1) or a boy or anyone or anything else! I have also made such a covenant with my eyes. Yes / No

**Pray** “Lord Jesus, please help me to always have PURE EYES, like You. Amen.”

**Go + Do** ...repent of whatever I need to repent of - NOW!

# *What eyes do I have?!*

## The eye is the lamp of the body.

If your eye is good (sound, single, right, pure),  
your whole body will be full of light,  
but if your eye is evil (bad, wicked, unsound, no good),  
your whole body will be  
full of darkness...!

Matt 6:22,23



*PURE eyes*



*Depressed eyes*



*Evil eyes*



*Angry eyes*



*Lustful eyes*



## 7 January: Don't worry, ...pray!

**Pray** “Father, please teach me to pray. Amen.”

**Read** Genesis 18,19 and Matthew 6

**Think + write** In Matthew 6 (v 25, 31 and 34) I read that Jesus said 3 TIMES: “.....”!!! This means:.....

I sometimes worry about.....  
**WORRY** is like a mosquito. “Worry gives a small thing a big shadow.” “Worry is an indication that we think God cannot look after us” (Oswald Chambers). Worry is SIN and should be repented of and left behind. Don't worry, wait on the Lord! Don't worry, **PRAY**...

<i>Our Father</i>	: <b>Daily praying together</b>
<i>in heaven,</i>	: <b>Daily looking up</b>
<i>hallowed be Your name,</i>	: <b>Daily worship</b>
<i>Your kingdom come,</i>	: <b>Daily revival</b>
<i>Your will be done</i>	: <b>Daily brokenness</b>
<i>on earth as it is in heaven.</i>	: <b>Daily holiness</b>
<i>Give us today</i>	: <b>Daily asking</b>
<i>our daily bread.</i>	: <b>Satisfied!</b>
<i>Forgive us our debts,</i>	: <b>Daily repentance</b>
<i>as we also have forgiven our debtors</i>	: <b>Daily forgiveness</b>
<i>And lead us not into temptation,</i>	: <b>Daily guidance</b>
<i>but deliver us from the evil one.</i>	: <b>Daily victory</b>
<i>For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.</i>	
<i>Amen.</i>	: <b>Daily praising</b>

When Sarah laughed and did not believe that God could still give her a son, God asked Abraham this crucial question: “Is .....?”(Gen 18:14)

This encourages me to NOT WORRY, and ...TO PRAY, also for others to be saved from destruction (See Gen 18:16-35). In answer to Abraham's prayer, God told **Lot** (Gen 19:17): “.....for your lives! .....look back, and ..... anywhere in the plain! **Flee** to the mountains or you will be swept away!” In response to God's warning, Lot **LINGERED** (v16,KJV), Lot's wife **LOOKED BACK** (v26), his sons-in-law **LAUGHED** (v14), and his daughters **LUSTED** (v31). Oh, how tragic!

**Pray** “Father, save me! Help me to run away and pray! Amen.”

**Go + Do** what God told Lot to do (and His disciples).

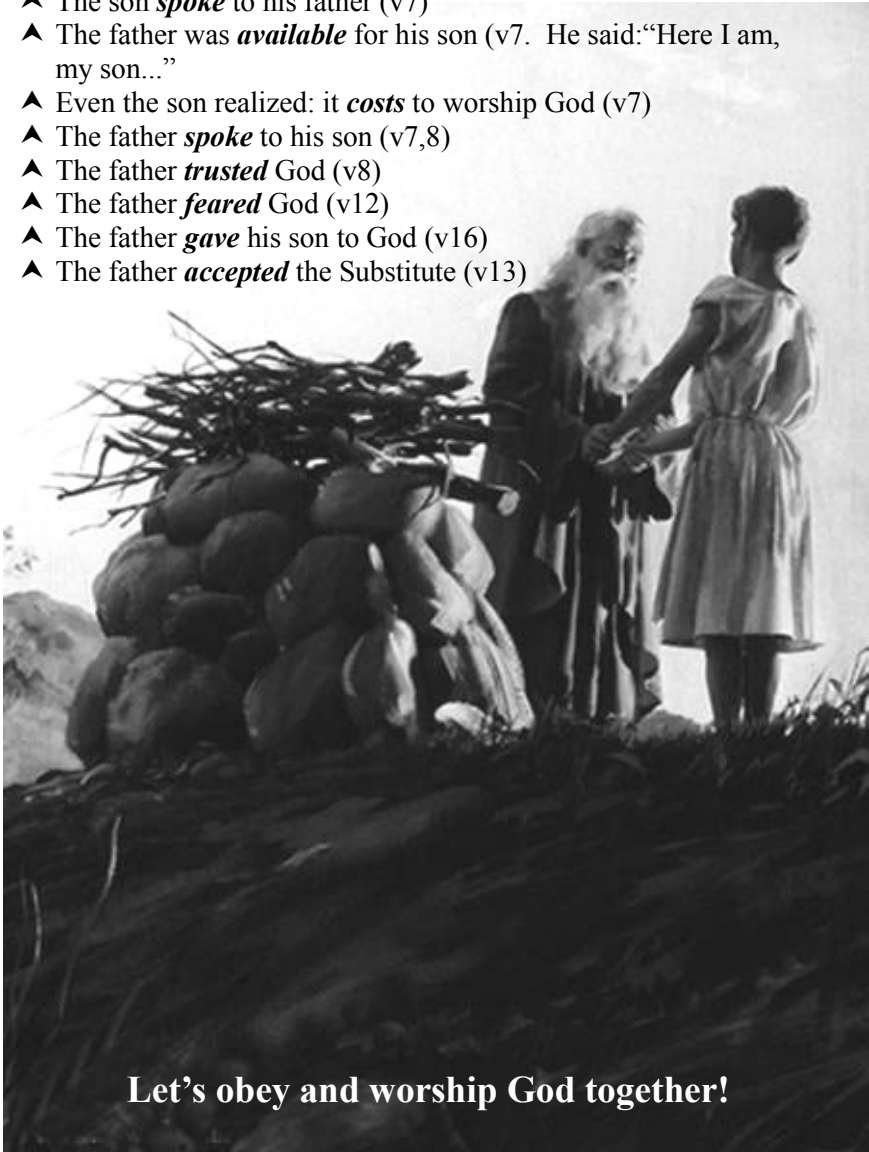


*“Lord Jesus,  
please teach me  
to pray...”*

## *Abraham & Isaac on the Mountain*

I see in Genesis 22:

- ▲ The ***father*** listened to and obeyed ***God*** (v2,18)
- ▲ The ***son*** listened to and obeyed the ***father*** (v3,9)
- ▲ The father and son walked and climbed ***together***, and worshipped God ***together*** (v5,6,8)
- ▲ The son ***spoke*** to his father (v7)
- ▲ The father was ***available*** for his son (v7. He said: “Here I am, my son...”)
- ▲ Even the son realized: it ***costs*** to worship God (v7)
- ▲ The father ***spoke*** to his son (v7,8)
- ▲ The father ***trusted*** God (v8)
- ▲ The father ***feared*** God (v12)
- ▲ The father ***gave*** his son to God (v16)
- ▲ The father ***accepted*** the Substitute (v13)



**Let's obey and worship God together!**

## 8 January: Enter!

**Pray** “Father-God, help me learn from others’ mistakes. Amen.”

**Read** Genesis 20-22 and Matthew 7

**Think + write** According to Gen 20:2 & 6, **TAKING** and **TOUCHING** a woman that belongs to another can cause .....  
..... (v2). Abraham told his wife Sarah “you can show your love to me” (v13) by lying, by sinning, by **NOT TELLING**. In *Leviticus 5:1* we read - “If a person **SINS** because he **DOES NOT SPEAK UP** ...he will be held responsible.” There are many ways in which I can become a partner in sins. My prayer is that the Lord will help me NOT to fall in that trap, as Sarah did. Sometimes a boy or a girl may say (as Abraham said to Sarah): “Show your love to me” by doing this or that, but all the time they are trying to manipulate the other to sin with them or for them. This is a hateful thing to God and to all true Christians!

Jesus said that **if someone did wrong** and I want to help him right, I must first .....(Matt 7:5).  
This means.....

The three steps in **the “ladder for finding” the Overflowing Life** (as Stanley E. Jones calls it) are also 3 stages of intensity. They are (according to Matt 7:7):

1. ....
2. ....
3. ....

**Inquiry**, which is good, must proceed to **seeking**. “You must turn from Questions to Quest”, and finally to **knocking and entering** in NOW.... To enter the narrow gate and walk on the narrow road (Matt 7:13,14) means .....

Jesus said: “..... find it” (v14). The persons who will ENTER are only those who .....(v21).

I can ask myself: “Is this really true?” My answer is: Yes / No

**Pray** “Father, I will to do Your will, always. Please help me by Your Spirit. May You be glorified. Amen.”

**Go + Do** the will of God only, NOT the will of “me” or “others”.

Am I a  
PARTNER  
in sins ?!

Many times some of us have *Questions* like :

1. If God convicted me of sin and I go to confess it and bring it into the light (seeking His forgiveness and victory), if that sin involved another person, should I tell about him/her?
2. Will I be a “pimp” or not?
3. If I tell everything I may cause them to “get into trouble” and I don’t want to do that. Is that right or not?
4. Is it right before God to keep quiet?
5. But, on the other hand, is it right to “confess someone else’s sins”?
6. Some say that if I tell other’s sins I do not act in a Christian way, but is that true?
7. What should I do? What is God’s way of doing it? What is God’s will?

*I become a PARTNER in  
other’s sins if...*

1. *I am not grieving for their sins.*
2. *I conceal (hide) what I ought to reveal.*
3. *I approve of their sins (and not reprove it), or defend it.*
4. *I do not separate myself from them when God tells me to.*
5. *I desire to do it myself.*
6. *I do it myself.*

## *I am not grieving for their sins*

2 Peter 2:7 - "...a righteous man, who was **DISTRESSED** by the filthy lives of lawless men" (and women).

*Psalm 119:136* - "I **CRY** rivers of tears, for your law is not obeyed."

*Ezekiel 9:4-6* - Do not kill "those who **GRIEVE** and lament over all the detestable things that are done in it" (the city)

## *I conceal (hide) what I ought to reveal*

*Leviticus 5:1* - "If a person **SINS** because he **DOES NOT SPEAK UP** when he hears a public charge to testify regarding something he has seen or learned about, he will be held responsible." (NIV). "If anyone **SINS** in that he is sworn to testify and has knowledge of the matter, either by seeing or by hearing of it, but **FAILS TO REPORT IT**, then he shall bear his iniquity and willfulness." (Ampl)

*Proverbs 29:24* - "The **ACCOMPLICE** of a thief is his own enemy; he is put under oath and **DARE NOT TESTIFY**." (NIV). "Whoever is **PARTNER** with a thief hates his own life; he falls under the curse [pronounced upon him who **KNOWS** who the thief is] **BUT DISCLOSES NOTHING**." (Ampl)

*Deuteronomy 13: 6-10 and 2 John 10,11 and Prov 8:13 ...READ !* If another's sins are never exposed and confessed, it will NOT go well with him/her. It's wrong to say "I'll bring so-and-so in trouble if I tell", because they are already in trouble with God (if they sinned)!! NOT to tell and not to repent will cause bigger trouble (in hell) than any other "trouble"!!!

## *I approve of their sins (and not reprove it), or defend or excuse it*

*Ephesians 5:11* - "Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather **EXPOSE** them."

*Romans 1:32* - "...they... **APPROVE** of those who practice them..."

*I do not separate myself from them when God tells me to*

1 Corinthians 5:11 - "...you **MUST NOT ASSOCIATE** with anyone who calls himself a brother but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or a slanderer, a drunkard or a swindler. With such a man do not even eat."

2 Timothy 3:5 - "...in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful... without self-control... lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God - having a form of godliness but denying its power. **HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THEM.**"

Revelation 18:1-7 READ

2 Corinthians 6:14 - 7:1 READ

*I desire to do it myself*

Jeremiah 5:31 - "The prophets prophesy lies, the priests rule by their own authority, and my people **LOVE IT THIS WAY...**"

James 1:13-18 - "...but each one is tempted when, by his own evil **DESIRE**, he is dragged away and enticed. Then, after **DESIRE** has conceived, it gives birth to **SIN...**"

TO LOVE (DESIRE) SIN IS WORSE THAN COMMITTING SIN. THERE IS A CHANCE THAT SIN COMMITTED MAY STILL BE REPENTED OF (IF BY GOD'S GRACE YOU ARE STILL ALIVE), BUT SIN LOVED CAN NEVER REPENTED OF...

*Let's "walk in the light  
as He is in the light"*

## 9 January: Clean!

**Pray** *“Lord Jesus, please make me clean. Amen.”*

**Read** Genesis 23-24 and Matthew 8

### Think + write

A man said to Jesus, “Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.” (Matt 8:2). Jesus, touching him, said:

1. “.....”
2. “.....”

Jesus is more willing than I am **to make me CLEAN**, but I need to **COME** to Him and **CONFESS** my sins specifically, bringing it to the light, one by one, trusting in His death on the Cross (in my place), and His resurrected, overcoming Life. See 1 John 1:7-9 and James 5:16. The moment Peter’s mother-in-law was helped and healed by Jesus, she got up and began to .....(Matt 8:15).

This means:.....  
To FOLLOW Jesus **COSTS** something (v 19-20). To follow Jesus costs me .....

.....  
Following Him may also lead me into storms (v23-24). Then, the main thing to remember is to .....  
.....(v 26).

**Isaac did not seek for a wife.** I read in 1 Co 7:27, “*Are you unmarried? Do not look for a wife.*” God prepared someone for him and brought her to him. Abraham’s servant is a picture of the Holy Spirit. He goes and speaks to the other person and leads you to each other *in His time*. Isaac in the meantime just went on to serve God and think about Him (Gen 24:63)...

**To find God’s life-partner** for me (IF it is His will to give me one), I need to make sure I do NOT follow my **Flesh** (my eyes or bodily desires), or my **Feelings** (my emotions or feelings of “love”), or my **Friends**, or my **Family** (customs) , but follow my **Father** in heaven’s leading only! But, more important than finding my “life-partner,” I must “find” my Eternal Life-Partner. I choose Jesus and NOT Satan!

**Pray** *“Lord, I want to be clean and follow You only. Amen.”*

**Go + Do** what you need to do to be clean and married to Jesus.

# WHAT DO YOU SEE?



# DON'T BE DECEIVED!



Jesus said: “Watch out for false prophets! They dress up like sheep, but inside they are wolves who have **come to attack you.**” Mat 7:15 (CEV)

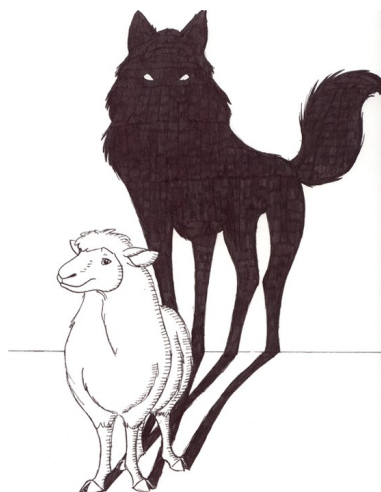


They... “smile a lot, dripping with practiced sincerity. Chances are they are out to **rip you off** some way or other. Don't be impressed with charisma; look for character.” (MSG)



They... “come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves” (KJV),  
**“devouring**  
 wolves” (Ampl)

...**Destroys lives** to get **dishonest gain** (Eze 22:27)



I SHOULD NOT JUST BE ABLE TO KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH A WOLF AMONG THE SHEEP,  
BUT ALSO HOW TO BE A SHEEP AMONG A PACK OF WOLVES...!

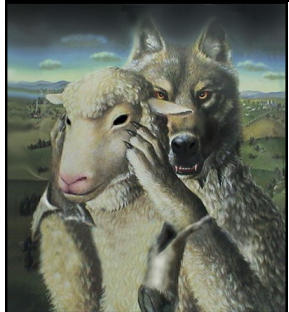
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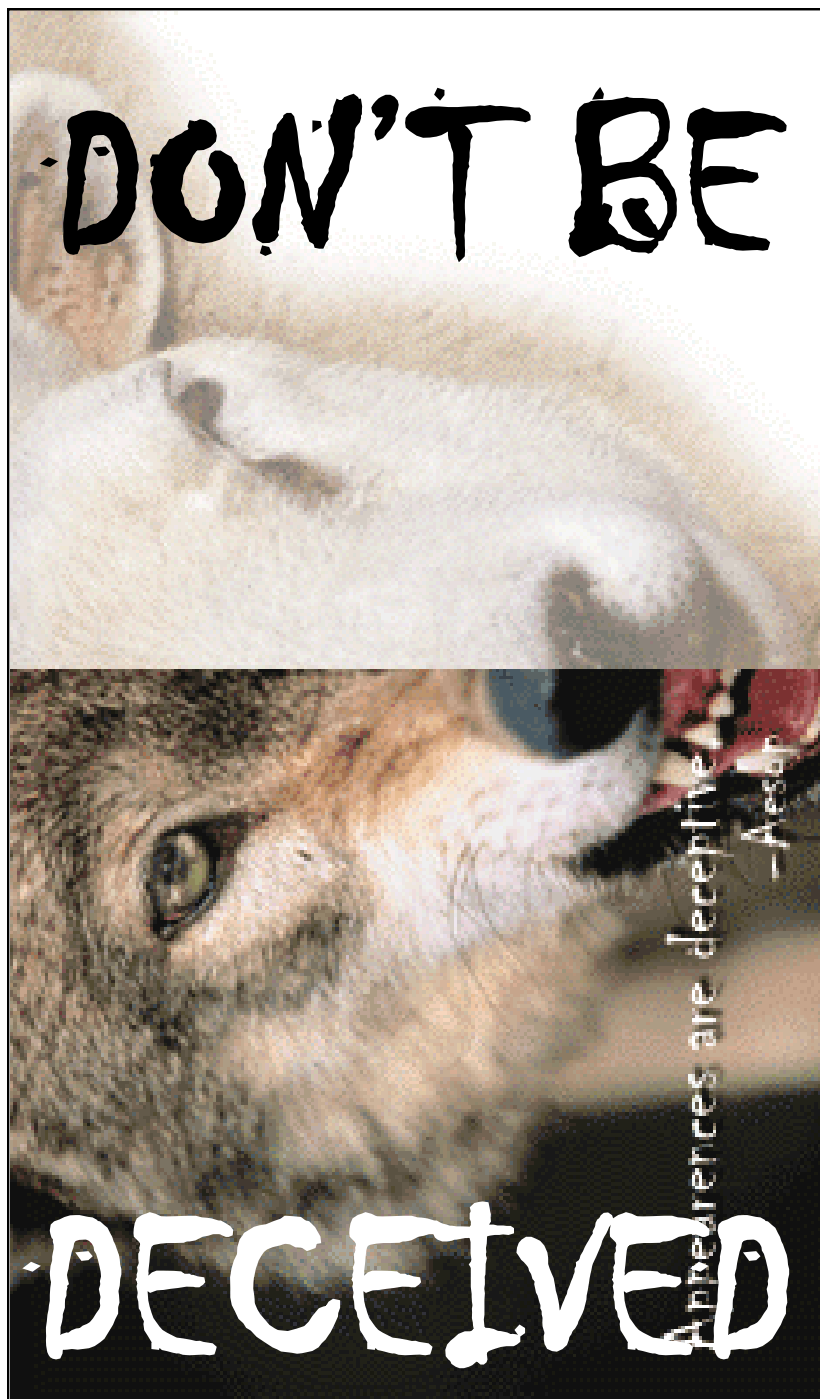
- Stalk their victim
- Attack ferociously
- Tear and rip apart
- Wound
- Kill and Devour
- PRETEND to like you...
- Come dressed up like sheep...!

### **REMEMBER:**

Some BOYS are like wolves in sheep's clothing  
Some GIRLS are like wolves in sheep's clothing  
Some UNCLES and AUNTIES are like that  
Some PASTORS and "Christians" are too...  
Some "FRIENDS" are like wolves in sheep's clothing too!



Mat 10:16 The Lord Jesus says: **"Behold, I am sending you out like sheep in the midst of wolves; be wary and wise as serpents, and be innocent (harmless, guileless, and without falsity) as doves."** (Ampl)



Appearances are Deceptive...

## 10 January: Unblocked!

**Pray** “Father, please teach me through Your Word. Amen.”

**Read** Genesis 25-26 and Matthew 9:1-17

**Think + write** After Rebekah encountered a problem, not knowing what it meant, she did not just continue passively, just “accepting” everything. No, she (1) asked herself “.....  
.....”(Gen 25:22), and (2) she went to .....  
.....(v22). It is good if I also do not accept each and every thing, but ask myself: “WHY did this happen?” Furthermore, it is also important that I GO TO GOD about it and hear from Him concerning it. I learn that.....  
.....

Esau ..... his spiritual birthright (v34b), because he Desired physical satisfaction (food) and was Deceived by Jacob (the deceiver). He made a Demonic Deal with his brother, Did what was wrong and Departed. He ended up Disillusioned, and in a Dead-end road. See Heb 12:16-17. This teaches me that.....  
.....

Isaac ..... about his wife, *just as his father did* (Gen 20). From this I learn that .....  
.....

One of the outstanding things Isaac did in his life was to .....  
.....(Gen 26:18)

Some of the **things that can block the flow** of the spiritual living waters in my life are:

Once these blockages are removed, I can worship (v25), people will see that God is with me (v28), and God says: “With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation”! (Is 12:3). Jesus said I “may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to.....  
.....” (Matt 9:6). How wonderful!!

**Pray** “Lord Jesus, thank you for unblocking my life from all sins.”

**Go + Do** tell others about my Wonderful Savior!



**Matt 9:37-38**  
**“The harvest is plentiful...”**



**“...but the workers are few”**

**“...Pray  
...NOW GO”**

## 11 January: **Compassion**

**Pray** “Father, please open my eyes that I may see Jesus. Amen.”

**Read** Genesis 27-28 and Matthew 9:18-38

**Think + write** When Jesus saw people He had ..... on them (Matt 9:36). Charles Finney emphasized that **compassion** is not primarily a *feeling*, but rather a phenomenon of the *will*. It is a willing, a choosing (and a doing) of the highest good and happiness of others, especially those who are in misery and guilt. See James 2:15-16. Jesus did not just *feel* for those in misery, He *did* something about it. Some of the situations I know of where there’s a need for **Christ’s compassion** to be shown are the following: .....

I can show compassion for those in need by:.....

Jesus went through all the villages (v35): (1).....

(2)....., and (3).....

He also said: “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ASK the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to .....workers into his harvest field” (v37-38).

**Will I ASK?**

**Will I GO?** (See Luke 10:2-3)

My response is:.....

The woman who was sick and suffering for 12 years touched the cloak of Jesus and was immediately and completely healed (v22). In Luke 8:45 Jesus asked: “Who touched ME?”. To “**touch**” **Jesus** means:.....

This woman was **HEALED** because of her .....in Jesus (v22). In James 5:13-16 we read that a troubled, sick person should **CRY to God** in prayer (v13), **CALL the elders** “to pray over him and anoint him”(v14), and **CONFESS his/her sins** (v16).

God said to Isaac: “..... and

.....wherever you go” (Gen 28:15).

In response to this, Isaac said: “The Lord .....”(v21b).

**Pray** “Father in heaven, you will be my God too. Amen.”

**Go + Do** what Jesus said I must do.

## 12 January: **Work!**

**Pray** “Oh, that I may be the child of my Father in heaven!” (OC)

**Read** Genesis 29-30 and Matthew 10:1-23.

### **Think + write**

I find work more difficult when: .....

.....

Work becomes easier and a joy when .....

.....

At Dohnavur Fellowship in Tamil Nadu (India) the young and older people sing:

*Hate not laborious work,  
Joy, joy is in it.  
Do not thy duty shirk,  
Joy, joy is in it.  
Welcome the daily round,  
On, and be faithful found,  
On, and thou shalt be crowned;  
Joy, joy is in it.*

The seven years of hard work “seemed like only a few days” to Jacob, because of his ..... for her (Gen 29:20). How much more will our *love for Jesus* make our work easy?!

Also relating to the work Jesus gave his disciples, He said: “Freely you have received, .....”(Matt 10:8). I can put this into practice by .....

.....

But, as I seek to be a blessing to others, I must

- ◆ be ..... (v 17);
- ◆ only associate with .....persons (v11),
- ◆ be shrewd (wise) and innocent (v16),
- ◆ not worry about what I will say or how to say it (v19), but
- ◆ receive what the Spirit of my Father will give me (v20), and
- ◆ .....to the end (v22).

**Pray** “Lord, may Your work be my work today. Amen.”

**Go + Do** the work my hands find to do - in His will.

## 13 January: **Changed!**

**Pray** “Lord, please show me yourself.”

**Read** Genesis 31-32 and Matthew 10:24-42.

### **Think + write**

Isaac called God the “.....”(Gen 31:53).  
This means that .....

Pro 9:10, “The ..... is the beginning  
of wisdom.” Pro 8:13, “**The fear of the Lord** is to .....

I read in Gal 6:7, “*Do not be deceived... A man reaps what he sows.*”  
This is clearly shown in the life of Jacob. He was a deceiver (Gen 25:26). He deceived his father (27:35) and his father-in-law (31:20), but Laban and his wife Rachel deceived *him* (29:25 and 31:34). His own heart also deceived him (Jer 17:9). The Deceived **Deceiver** came to a Dead-end **Desperation** (in ch 32), which ended in a **Divine encounter** and a glorious *change* and **Deliverance** (ch33). The **STEPS** included (in ch 32): (1) He realized the danger he was in (v7), (2) He remembered the Word of the Lord and reminded Him of it (v9), (3) He realized and acknowledged “I am .....of all”(v10), (4) He prayed to God for salvation (v11), (5) He separated from all he had and sent all across the Jabbok river (v22,23), (6) He was left ..... (v24), with God, (7) He wrestled alone with God (v24), (8) God wounded and “broke” him (v25), (8) He consequently refused to let go of God until God blessed him (v26), (9) He was honest with God (v27), (10) He saw God face to face (v30), (11) Then God “..... him there”(v29), changed his name (and character), and the dark night of his soul changed into day - the sun rose above him and in his life!(v31).

Jesus said in Matt 10:28, “Rather, ..... of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.” To fear God (in the true sense of the word) and to love Him is life. He said “anyone who loves his father or mother *more than me* is not worthy of me”(v37)... “and anyone who does not .....and .....me is not worthy of me” (v38).

**Pray** “Lord, please change me too!”

**Go + Do** what Jacob did at “Jabbok” (which means “pouring out”)

## 14 January: Be violent!

**Pray** *“Lord, make me like You.”*

**Read** Genesis 33-35 and Matthew 11

### Think + write

**Jacob** was reconciled with his brother, because he (1).....  
.....(ch 32) and (2) .....(Gen 33:3).

**Dinah** was “violated” by a man (34:2). Take note, just after her father built an altar to worship the Lord (33:20), the Bible says, “*Now, Dinah ....went out to visit the women of the land*”!(34:1). From this I learn:.....  
.....

Jacob (35:2-3) said to his family: “**Get rid** of the foreign gods you have with you, and **purify yourselves** and .....  
..... Then **come**, let us **go up**...”

Jesus says: “...the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it.” (Matt 11:12). In the KJV I read “**the violent take it by force.**” Also see Luke 16:16 and Acts 14:22b.

I need to be ***VIOLENT AGAINST SIN*** in all forms. I need to KILL “whatever belongs to my earthly nature: “sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry” (Col 3:5). According to Matt 5:29-30, if my right hands causes me to stumble, I need to **Cut it off**, **Cast it away**, and ***not Care*** for it any more!!

I need to be ***VIOLENT AGAINST SELF*** in me. This means .....  
.....

.....(See Gal 2:20, Luke 9:23). It also means that I keep under my body (1 Co 9:27). To ME this means:.....  
.....

I need to be ***VIOLENT AGAINST WORLDLY INFLUENCES***. See Gal 6:14 and 1 John 2:15-17.

I also need to be ***VIOLENT AGAINST SATAN & SPIRITS of evil***. God says I need to “resist”, “wrestle against” and “fight” against them. I do this through Christ’s Victory on the Cross over them all! (Col 2:15 and 1 John 3:8). John Owen said: “**Without violent affections (for God and heaven) we shall never resist violent temptations.**”

**Pray** *“Lord Jesus, I won’t let anything hinder my love for You.”*

**Go + Do** what I must do - with holy violence against all that is not of God in me.

CUT IT  
OFF !



The Lord Jesus Christ said:

***“If your right hand  
causes you to sin,  
CUT IT OFF  
and cast it from you...!!”***

“Throw it away”... “...it is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell...” (Matt 5:30)



A half-amputated arm...



Snake bite

**CUT IT OFF !!**



**CUT IT OFF !!**



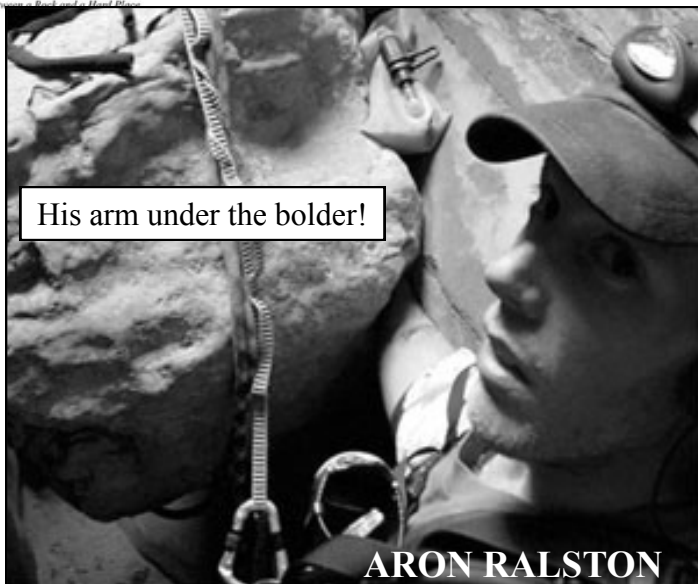


ARON RALSTON  
*Between a Rock and a Hard Place*

After being trapped for 6 DAYS by the bolder on his right arm, Aron realized the only thing he could do to save his life was...

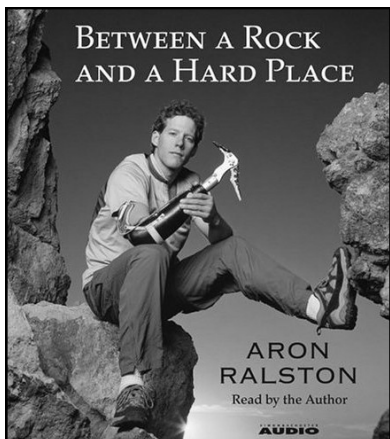
## He had to CUT IT OFF !!

A 2 ton bolder crushed and jammed his right arm—in a mountain, 12 km away from the nearest person...!! No one knew where he was in the mountain...



His arm under the bolder!

ARON RALSTON



The knife he used to cut off his own arm:



## WHAT to cut off?

1. Cut off SIN. “The evil deeds of a wicked man ensnare him; the cords of his SIN hold him fast. He will die...” (Prov 5:22), unless he cuts it off!
2. Cut off CORDS of sin. Cut off the “soul ties”, the emotional ties, the spirit-ties with those with whom you have sinned.
3. Cut off the CAUSES of sin. Your right hand (Matt 5), if necessary - your cell phone, your TV, your computer games, your music DVDs, your Tablet, your internet connection, etc...
4. Cut off the COMMUNITY of sinners. Num 15:28-30 - “Anyone who sins defiantly... must be cut off from the people...”
5. Cut off the CONSEQUENCES of sin. See Ezra 9:1-4; 10:1-3,9-12. NOT “confess and carry on”, but “confess and cut off...!”
6. Cut off the CORDS that wrongly bind you to your parents/relatives’ sins. See Luke 14:26-27 and Eze 16:4 - “your umbilical cord was not cut...”. Also read Deut 13:6-11... “even your ...lifelong friend don’t go along with him; shut your ears. Don’t feel sorry for him and don’t make excuses for him. Kill him...” - spiritually speaking...

Oswald Chambers wrote:

***“CUT IT OFF.”  
My heart is bleeding,  
and my spirit’s wrung with pain,  
Yet I hear my Jesus pleading,  
“CUT IT OFF or all is vain.”***

**Will you DO IT ?!**

## 15 January: **Bruised?**

**Pray** “Lord, please speak to me through Your Word. Amen.”

**Read** Genesis 36-37 and Matthew 12:1-21

### **Think + write**

In Gen 39:2 we read that “the Lord was with Joseph”. At the age of 17 he worked for his father, with his brothers (Gen 37:2). He “**brought their father a bad report about them**”(v2).

Why did he do this? .....

Was he right or wrong in doing this? .....

Motivate your answer: .....

.....(Lev 5:1).

What would you have done?.....

What was the reaction of his brothers?.....

Did this change Joseph’s behaviour towards them?.....

Put in your own words how **Jesus is described** in Matt 12:18-21:

.....  
.....  
.....

I understand “**a bruised reed**” to mean: .....

A person can be bruised

by SIN (*Read Pro 6:32-3 and 2 Sam 13*).

by SOCIETY (Luk 10; and as Joseph’s brothers hurt him)

by SATAN (Luke 9:39)

by GOD (*Read Hosea 5:14-6:2*)

Have you been bruised?

Have you been broken?

Jesus came to break the strong and to HEAL the bruised and broken. In the Living Bible we read, “He does not crush the weak or quench the smallest hope” (Matt 12:20). In Isaiah 61:1 I read: “He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted.”

**Pray** “Thank you, Lord!”

**Go + Do** what is needed to be healed (Matt 12:13 and 15!).

## 16 January: **Overcome temptation!**

**Pray** “Lord, please teach me Your Way...”

**Read** Genesis 38-40 and Matthew 12:22-50

### **Think + write**

Er, Judah’s firstborn, was wicked in the Lord’s sight; so the Lord .....  
.....(Gen 38:7). I read in Romans 6:23 that “the wages of SIN is ....., but the gift of God is .....in Christ Jesus our Lord.” **Joseph** was different, he feared God and “the Lord was with him” (Gen 39:21). He was severely **TEMPTED**, but he overcame beautifully! To overcome temptation I need to do what Joseph did. He (1) ..... to sin (v8), he (2) .....away (v12), and he (3) relied on the Lord and (4) remained aware of the Lord’s Presence and that he should not sin against God. It’s very important to notice that he did not only refuse to sin with this woman (we can call her “Mrs Pot-of-fire”!), but he also refused to “even be with her”(v10). *As a young person, it’s good to **NEVER** be alone with a person of the opposite gender.* Take note, she made her final onslaught to seduce him when there was no one else in the house...(v11). Because Joseph’s **Heart** was right (v10), and his **Head** thought right (v9), and his **Hands** and **Heels** did right (v12), he escaped successfully, by God’s grace...

#### ***To Overcome Temptation***

1. **Refuse** to sin or be even near the possibility.
2. **Resist** the devil.
3. **Run** away when needed.
4. **Rely** on the Lord’s help (1 Co 10:13).
5. **Remember** His Presence.

From Matt 12 I learn that Jesus knows my .....(v25); I’ll one day give account for every idle, careless ..... I have spoken (v36), and that what comes out of my mouth overflows from my .....(v34). I also learn that Jesus “drive out demons (even today) by .....”(v28), but that they’ll come back to a person if that person’s life is not filled with God (v44,45).

**Pray** “Father, thank you that through Your Son I can overcome!”

**Go + Do** as Joseph and Jesus did.

# *Flee from Flesh, Focus on Faith*




Gen 39:9  
CEV

Joseph fleeing from Potiphar's wicked wife

# Purity Pledge

**With the Lord's help, I...**

- 
- P - Promise to stay pure, living  
God's Word**
- U - Understanding God's design**
- R - Repent of all sins and turn  
from temptations**
- I - Initiate prayer, Bible study  
and accountability**
- T - Trust God and His plan for  
my life**
- Y - Yield to Christ, surrender  
all to Him always**

## 17 January: **Fully Fruitful**

**Pray** *“Father, please make me like Joseph and Jesus.”*

**Read** Genesis 41 and Matthew 13:1-32

### **Think + write**

Though **Joseph** was far from his family and in Egypt (!), he was victorious and fruitful. Some more of the **treasures** I find in his life are :

- When he was asked a difficult thing to do (Gen 41:15), he replied: *“I cannot...”*, *“but God will...”*(v16). May I also respond like this.
- There was a different spirit in him. Pharaoh could not find any man like Joseph, “one in whom is .....”(v38).
- Despite the trauma and sufferings he went through, he said, “God has made me to .....”(v51). There are some things that only God can make us to forget. We need Him to do that for us.
- Joseph also said, “God has made me .....”(v52). I want to be like that too.

With a longing that we’ll be fruitful, in Matt 13 Jesus tells us about the **Sower**, the **Seed**, the **Soil**, and the **Spirits** that come to steal the seed.

The *Sower* is .....(see Matt 13:37)

The *Seed* is .....(see Luke 8:11)

The *Soils* are the different hearts of different people .

The *Spirits* are represented by the birds (v4,19).

*Six types of soil* are mentioned: 3 not good and 3 good. Some persons have hearts like a path (v4,19), others like rocky places (v5,6,20,21), others like thorny places ( v7,22), others like good soil (v8,23). It means that:

1. Path:.....
2. Rocky: .....
3. Thorny:.....
4. Good (30x):.....
5. Good (60x):.....
6. Good (100x):.....

***It’s very important to remember that there is another sower (Satan), with other seed (weed seed), that’ll come and sow his sin-seeds when we are passive and spiritually asleep.... See Matt 13:24-30.***

**Pray** *“Lord Jesus, sow Your good seeds in my heart, every day.”*

**Go + Do** what is needed to prepare the soil of my heart.

## 18 January: Good or Bad Seeds?

**Pray** “Lord, please help me to see myself in Your light.”

**Read** Genesis 42,43 and Matthew 13:33-58

### Think + write

It’s interesting to notice that when **Benjamin** met up with difficulties, he said, “.....” (Gen 42:36), but when **Job** faced worse difficulties and tragedies, I read in Job 1:20 that “he fell to the ground in .....”!! This is quite amazing. “Lord, when I encounter challenges, please help me to worship You.”

In Matt 13:36-43 I learn that **we are all SEEDS**. We are either “good seed” (v38) or bad seed, “weeds”(v38). The “good seed” stands for the “.....” (and daughters) of the kingdom (v38). The bad seeds are the “.....” (and daughters) of the evil one, Satan (v38). They are further described as “all who .....” (v41). Just as a seed germinates and grows down (with roots) and up (with shoots), and bears fruit, in the same way - what we *are* will be shown by what we grow into *and* by the fruit in our lives.... In the beginning it may not be visible whether we are good or bad seeds, but after some time, it will be clearly seen by our *deeds*, our actions. Those who *do* evil, the angels will throw into the “.....” “.....”, where there will be “.....”(v42). This is a reality. Jesus often spoke about a place called “hell”. See Luke 12:5, Mark 9:47 and Matt 10:28.

While the weeds (the bad seeds, the “**bad boyz**” and the “**bad girls**”) will burn in hell-fire, the true sons and daughters of God, the good seeds (by God’s work of salvation), will shine like the sun(v43).

In Matt 13:45-46 I read in the Amplified version that “the kingdom of heaven is like a man who is a dealer in search of fine and **precious pearls**, Who, on finding **a single pearl of great price**, went and sold all he had and bought it.” He gave **ALL FOR JESUS!!**

**Pray** “Lord Jesus, You are to me the most Precious Pearl...”

**Go + Do** what good seeds do: grow and bear good fruit.

## 19 January: Wicked Woman or Broken Bread?

**Pray** “Father, show me how You want me to be. Amen.”

**Read** Genesis 44,45 and Matthew 14:1-21

### Think + write

Women and men who are evil will always be irritated by the truth. This is why **Herodias** (who lived in adultery with Herod) wanted to silence the voice of John the Baptist. She had him beheaded (Matt 14:10), just like **Kali** did and still do with many of her victims. This same spirit was also in the woman called **Jezebel**. She manipulated her husband and ruled over him; she tried to kill Elijah; she “painted her eyes and beautified her head...” (2 Kings 9:30); she was involved in demonic activity; and she arranged the murder of an innocent person. Jezebel, referred to by Jesus in Rev 2:20-23, misled some of God’s servants “into ..... and the ..... ” (v20).

What made it worse in this church of Thyatira was that this woman seemed very “spiritual” and even “prophesied” in the church (Rev 2:20). Some people may appear very “spiritual”, while they are in fact very sinful and lustful, and under the influence of evil spirits... This is (unfortunately) true of both women *and* men, as well as young men and young women. ***Their only hope is to repent deeply and to come to Jesus with all their heart, and be changed by Him...***

Instead of feeding selfish, fleshly appetites and lusts, it is better to let God do with me as He did with the five loaves of bread (Matt 14:17-21). The BREAD was

- **Brought** to Jesus (v18); put in His hands...
- **Blessed** by Him (v19 in KJV)
- **Broken** by Him (v19)
- **Brought** and given to the people in need (v19)

**Have I become “broken bread”** (as Oswald Chambers said) for others and not for self?! To me, this means that: .....

**Pray** “Lord, make me broken bread for others, for You. Amen.”

**Go + Do** whatever His hands lead me to do.

## 20 January: **How to Walk on Water!**

**Pray** *“Lord, please teach me how to deal with the storms of life.”*

**Read** Genesis 46-48 and Matthew 14:22-36

### **Think + write**

Life is not easy. We all meet with different storms and difficulties, also at home and at school or at work. The question is, *“How to walk on the water - in the midst of the storm?”* The disciples were in a heavy storm in the night, out on the open sea.... Like Jesus, Peter was enabled to walk on the water and do what was (and is) humanly impossible. What made it possible?

1. Jesus was **present** (v27)
2. Jesus **called** Peter and said, “.....”(v29)
3. Peter **went overboard** (v29), which means .....
4. Peter **cried to the Lord** for help (v30) after he looked away from Jesus, saw the wind, became afraid, and started to sink...
5. Jesus ..... (v31) **helped** him.
6. He then walked, **looking to Jesus** and **holding on to Him**....

Jacob (Israel) and Joseph both learned to walk with God like this. Though Jacob had become old, he “.....”(Gen 47:31) as “he ..... on the top of his staff.” I understand that he needed the staff, because of .....

Spiritually, this means:.....

As he spoke to Pharaoh, Israel showed himself:

- **HOLY** (fully devoted and focused on God and not man, not even Pharaoh),
- **HONEST** (v9b: “My years have been few and difficult”),
- **HUMBLE** (v9c: “they do not equal the years of the pilgrimage of my fathers”), and
- **HEAVENLY** minded (v9a: “The years of my pilgrimage” on earth)

**Pray** *“Lord, please make me so too - for Your Name’s sake. Amen.”*

**Go + Do** what Jesus calls me to, even if it looks impossible.

## 21 January: "...but God"

**Pray** *"Father, please help me to see what You can do."*

**Read** Genesis 49-50 and Matthew 15:1-20

### Think + write

Before he died, Jacob said that **Joseph** would (1) be fruitful (Gen 49:22-24), (2) be near a spring (Jesus), (3) grow and extend, (4) overcome obstacles, (5) remain steady despite vicious attacks, and (6) rest "in the Strength that does not fail him" (*Ampl*). All of this BECAUSE of

.....(v24).

May it also become true in MY life. After Jacob's death, Joseph's brothers were afraid that he would hold a ..... (50:15) against them and pay them back for the evil they did to him, but he said: "**You** intended to harm me, **but God** intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives" (Gen 50:20). The Bible is full of "...**but God**" statements! See Rom 5:8, 1 Co 10:13, Eph 2:4, Phil 2:27, etc.

Sin can slay, **but God** can save...!

Self can spoil, **but God** can sanctify (and make holy)...!

Society can reject, **but God** can accept...!

Satan can destroy, **but God** can deliver...!

As long as we live, and as long as we are in God's time of grace (which is "Now"), there is always a "...**but God**"(can)!

*NO MATTER WHAT YOU HAVE DONE OR WHERE YOU FIND YOURSELF SPIRITUALLY AT THIS MOMENT - WHATEVER HAPPENED, KNOW ..... "**BUT GOD**" CAN CHANGE EVERYTHING!! PROVIDED YOU COME TO HIM WITH ALL YOUR HEART - NOW.*

In Romans 8:28 I read, "And we know that in all things.....  
..... for the good of those who ..... Him, who have been called according to his purpose."

According to Matt 15:19 a man or a woman is made UNCLEAN because of what comes out of their own ..... We cannot blame Satan or society... "but God" can CLEANSE us!!

**Pray** *"Lord, I see it is my own heart that is the root of all my problems. Please cleanse my heart and change my heart."*

**Go + Do** what God told me to do, so that He can do what He needs to do.

## 22 January: I'll go through with God

**Pray** “Lord Jesus, I praise Your Name. You can do anything!”

**Read** Exodus 1-3 and Matthew 15:21-39

### Think + write

Satan hates it when we prosper and grow in grace and fruitfulness. I read in Exodus how, gradually, over a period of many years, the people of God were enslaved by the Egyptians. The oppression and the slavery was terrible and very severe. Their ultimate deliverance was preceded by a period of **PREPARATION for DELIVERANCE**. During this time:

1. They **Cried** to God for deliverance (Ex 3:7,9);
2. God was **Concerned** about their suffering (v7);
3. He **Came** down to rescue them (v8); and
4. He **Called** and **Commissioned** Moses (after his 80 years of preparation, 40 in Egypt and 40 in the desert) to lead them out (v4,10)

During this time, God also used certain women. These **women of God** were true heroines, true soldiers of Christ, ones for whom I have the greatest respect. They:

- ..... (Ex 1:17a) and
- .....  
.....(v17b)

From this I learn that I .....

“The **fear of the Lord** is .....  
.....”(Proverbs 1:7). “The fear of the Lord is .....(Proverbs 8:13a).

**Moses' life** can be divided into the following three learning phases:

1. First 40 years: he learned he was “**Something**”
2. Second 40 years: he learned he was “**Nothing**”
3. Third 40 years: he learned **what God can do with a “Nothing”**

After he went through God's school in the desert, God told Moses: “So now, .....**you**” (3:10)

**Pray** “Oh Lord, may I find grace to go through with Your plans.”

**Go + Do** what He brings across my path - NOW.

## 23 January: No Excuses

**Pray** *“Father, I long and listen to hear Your voice.”*

**Read** Exodus 4-6 and Matthew 16

### Think + write

God wanted to use Moses, but Moses made some **EXCUSES** (Ex 3:11 and 4:10,13). Some of the common excuses people use for not evangelizing and leading others out of bondage are:.....

.....

Whatever my “excuse”, God says: “Now go; I will .....

You speak and will .....you what to say.”(Ex 4:12)

God shows us a wonderful truth in Ex 4:31. When the elders “heard that the Lord was concerned about them and had seen their misery, they bowed down and worshiped.” This teaches me that (1) God is

..... about me, and (2) ..... my misery.

God told Moses to tell Pharaoh: “This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: ‘ .....”(Ex 5:1).

When we are engaged in **spiritual warfare**, especially when we pray on behalf of people who are slaves of Satan (through sin), we can tell the forces of darkness:

*“THIS IS WHAT GOD SAYS: ‘**LET MY PEOPLE GO!!**!’”*

In Jesus’ Name, we can command those evil spirits to let God’s people go, because God says so, and because Jesus has already conquered on the Cross!! See also Matt 16:19 and 23.

God said, “I will bring you out...”, “I will free you...”, “I will redeem you...”, “I will take you as my own...”, “I will be your God...”, “I will bring you...” (See Ex 6:6-8). Despite all these promises, they did not listen (!), because of (1) .....(Ex 6:9), and (2).....

**To FOLLOW Jesus** we need to

1. ....
2. ....
3. ....(Matt 16:24)

**Pray** *“Lord Jesus, I choose to follow You and obey You, now.”*

**Go + Do** as *He will help me* to do whatever He tells me to do.

## 24 January: **Compromise**

**Pray** “Lord, teach me to pray warfare prayers. Amen.”

**Read** Exodus 7,8 and Matthew 17

### **Think + write**

Moses had to tell Pharaoh (as I have to tell Satan): “*The Lord, ...has sent me to say to you: Let my people go, so that they may worship me in the desert*” (Ex 7:16). Through the authority given to Jesus (Matt 28:18) I can now engage in **aggressive spiritual warfare** against the evil spirits that bind people and, in Jesus’ Name, command them (based on Jesus’ victory over them on the Cross) to let God’s people go - that they may worship Him. To pray like this, Jesus taught the disciples that they need ..... (Matt 17:19,20). When Pharaoh reluctantly consented, he suggested four **COMPROMISES**. Satan also always tempt us to make compromises in our service and worship of the Lord. Pharaoh said they may go, BUT suggested that....

1. They worship God while they are *still in Egypt* (Ex 8:25). This means:.....  
.....
2. They *don’t go very far*; they don’t go all the way (Ex 8:28). This means: .....  
.....
3. Let *only the men go* and let the children and young people and women stay behind in Egypt (Ex 10:11). This means: .....  
.....  
.....
4. Only *leave your flocks and herds behind* (Ex 10:24). This means: .....  
.....  
.....

Remember, “*Compromise is the language of the devil!*” “*It is impossible to compromise with sin and conquer it at the same time.*” “*It is madness for sheep to talk peace with a wolf.*”

According to Ex 9:19-20, there are only **TWO GROUPS** of people in the world:

- Those who ..... the word of the Lord, and
- Those who ..... the word of the Lord.

**Pray** “Father, please help us not to ignore Your words. Amen.”

**Go + Do** what I must - without any compromise.



# Spiritual Prayer Warfare

***“The most delicate Christian  
must become a stern warrior”***

John Bunyan

***“Prayer is a weapon,  
a mighty weapon in a terrible conflict.  
Our prayers are to be a continual, conscious, earnest  
effort of battle,  
the battle against whatever is not God’s will”***

PT Forsyth

WAIT upon God  
WATCH and PRAY  
SUBMIT myself to God  
RECOGNIZE the workings of the evil spirits  
REFUSE to accept anything from them  
REJECT the demons - consciously, verbally  
REBUKE them in Jesus’ Name  
RESIST the devil & the demons

***“Show your loyalty, o ye saints, to God,  
by a vigorous resistance of, and wrestling against,  
these spirituals of wickedness”***

William Gurnall

## 25 January: Like a little child

**Pray** “Lord, please change me to become as You want me to be.”

**Read** Exodus 9,10 and Matthew 18:1-20

### Think + write

Jesus said, “I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” (Matt 18:3). I believe this is true. To “become like little children” means I become:

- |        |        |         |
|--------|--------|---------|
| 1..... | 5..... | 9.....  |
| 2..... | 6..... | 10..... |
| 3..... | 7..... | 11..... |
| 4..... | 8..... | 12..... |

He further said: “But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.”(Matt 18:6). I can cause someone else to sin if I:

1. ....
2. ....
3. ....
4. ....
5. ....

I need to *ask myself*:

- “Will I cause someone else to stumble and sin by the type of dress or blouse or shirt or pants I wear?”
- “Will I cause someone to sin by the way I talk or text?”
- “Will I cause someone to sin by the way I sit or behave?”
- “Will I cause someone to sin by the way I do my hair or paint my face or show my muscles...?”
- “Will I cause someone to sin by the way I joke?” Etc....

**On the other hand**, irrespective of what others do, I need to make sure that MY hand or MY foot or MY eyes do not sin. If MY hand or foot or eye causes me to sin, Jesus said: “Cut it off... gouge it out... throw it away...”!! (Matt 18:8,9).

**Pray** “Lord, make me like a little child and help me not to sin.”

**Go + Do** what’ll help others NOT to sin and myself too.

## 26 January: The Blood of the Lamb

**Pray** “Lord, please open my eyes to see what You did for me.”

**Read** Exodus 11,12 and Matthew 18:21-35

### Think + write

Because of the sin and spirit activity among the people in Egypt, God decided to kill every firstborn and “bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt” (Ex 12:12). But, ...anyone who would take a lamb without defect, slaughter it, apply **the blood of the lamb** to the sides and tops of the doorframes of their homes, and eat the flesh of the lamb, ...would not die, but be saved. The one died in the place of the other. God said: “**When I see the blood**, I will .....  
.....”(Ex 12:13). This is why it was called “the Lord’s Passover”. Everyone who OBEYED and applied **the BLOOD** was saved from death and could consequently leave Egypt!

In 1 Co 5:7 I read: “For ....., our .....  
....., has been sacrificed.” He sacrificed himself for our sins once for all when he offered himself on the Cross (Heb 7:27b). In Rom 6:23 I read that “the wages of sin is .....” But, because Jesus, “the Lamb of God”, was sacrificed, His blood can now be applied in my life and save me from

✠ the penalty of sin,

✠ the power of sin, as well as

✠ the presence of sin.

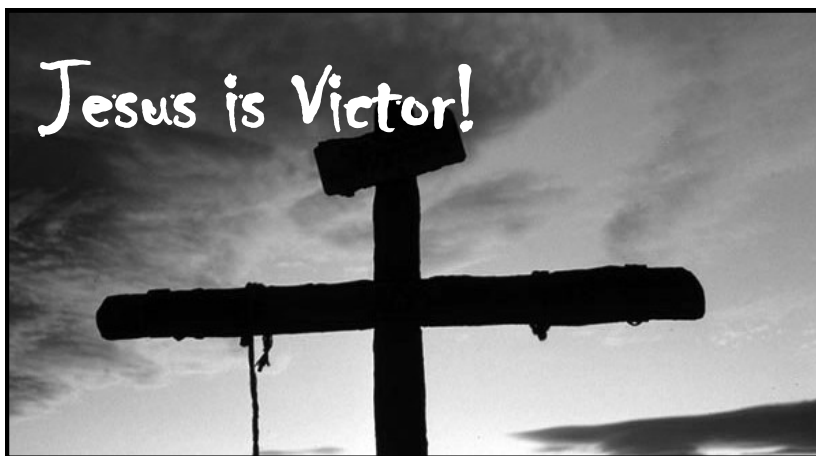
IF I walk in the light, as He is in the light, **the blood of Jesus** purifies me of all sin (1 John 1:7). **The blood of Jesus will never cover what is still uncovered!!** **Through the precious blood of Christ** I can now experience:

- Peace (Col 1:20)
- Purification (1 John 1:7,9)
- Power and victory over Satan (Rev 12:11)
- Presence of God (by entering the Most Holy Place; Heb 10:19-22)
- Eternal Life (John 6:54)

May I be one of those I read of in Rev 7:14 “who have **washed** their robes and made them white **in the blood of the Lamb**.” The question is: Have I DONE it?! Are my robes washed? Am I clean? NOW?!

**Pray** “Jesus, I’ll obey and do what you showed me to do. Amen.”

**Go + Do** that.



"DELIVERANCE  
from the power of the evil one  
comes through definite RESISTANCE  
on the ground of the CROSS"

J.O. Fraser



## 27 January : **Getting OUT**

**Pray** “Lord, lead me in Your way ...*OUT of the land of bondage.*”

**Read** Exodus 13-15 and Matthew 19:1-15

### **Think + write**

As far as **marriage** is concerned, Jesus taught that

- **GOD** has to be the one to bring and to join the two people together (Matt 19:6b)
- The man should **LEAVE** his father and mother (completely cutting the apron strings and whatever other strings); Matt 19:5.
- And **CLEAVE** to his wife (and be no longer two, but one); v5.
- They are **NEVER** to be separated (v6,8), and that “anyone who divorces his wife... and marries another woman commits adultery” (v9).

He also said that there are OTHERS who “have ..... marriage because of the kingdom of heaven” (v12) and that “the one who can accept this should ..... it.”

“With a mighty hand \_\_\_\_\_” brought the Israelites “OUT of the land of slavery” (Ex 13:14), OUT of bondage.

- They went out, “.....”(v18b). Every new Christian should understand and know this. The moment you turn your back on your old life of sin, you must be **ready for battle!!**
- You must also be **ready to be guided by the Lord**. The Lord led them “around by the desert” (v18), though there was a shorter way (v17)... The Lord led them day and night! See v21-22.
- **Be ready to face difficulties** and “impossibilities”. The enemy army pursued them from the one side and the Red Sea barred their way on the opposite side, with mountains on both the other sides... (v 9,10). Never think of going back to your old life, as some of them thought of doing (See v12).
- **Follow God’s instructions** (v13-15): (1) “Do not be afraid”, (2) “Stand firm”, (3) “You need only to be still”, for “the Lord will fight for you”, and (4) “Move on”... Go forward...
- **Listen carefully to God’s voice and obey Him** and He will not bring on you any of the diseases He brought on the Egyptians, for He says, “I am the Lord, who heals you” (Ex 15:26). This is wonderful!

**Pray and Go + Do** what He showed you to do.

## 28 January : **Bread from Heaven!**

**Pray** *“Father-God, I trust you completely. Feed me with your Heavenly Bread every day. Amen.”*

**Read** Exodus 16-18 and Matthew 19:16-30

### **Think + write**

The children of God needed food. Without food they realized they would starve to death. Without spiritual food I'll become weak spiritually. My spiritual immunity will be affected and I'll become more susceptible to infection by sin... I will also not grow as I should without proper food. God knew all of this and said: “I will rain down .....  
..... for you (Ex 16:4).

As far as this **daily MANNA** was concerned, God told them to:

1. Collect and gather it ..... day (v4).
2. Gather it in the .....(v12)
3. .... is to gather (v16)
4. Gather as much as (s)he .....(v16,18b)
5. Don't keep for the next day (v19); i.o.w. don't live today on yesterday's manna; don't live tomorrow on today's manna...

The manna can be compared to

- The ..... of God (See Matt 4:4)
- The ..... Himself (See John 6:31-58)

This means I need to:

1. ....
2. ....
3. ....
4. ....
5. ....

To do this I need to **Desire**, **Decide**, **Determine**, **Do it**, **Discipline** myself to keep on doing it, **Depend** on the Lord's help, and ultimately reach my **Destination**, as only a few of the Israelites did... Furthermore, I need to learn to PRAY as Moses did on the mountain, during the battle against the Amalekites, and God gave the victory! Ex 17.

**Pray** and lift up hands to the throne of the Lord (Ex 17:16)

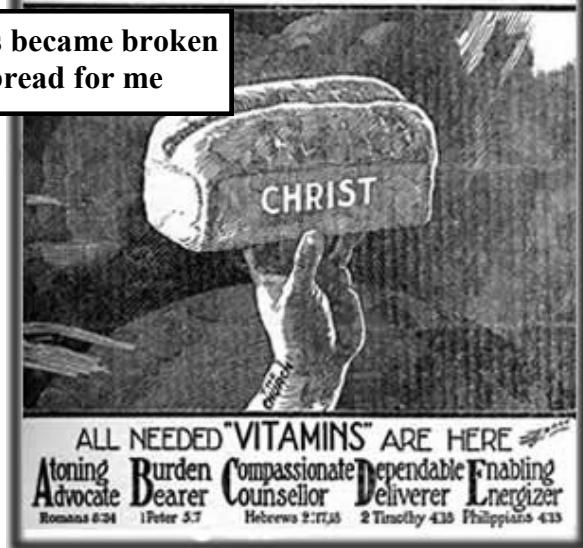
**Go + Do** daily what is needed to get & eat the Bread of Heaven.

Jesus says:  
***“I am  
the Bread  
of Life”***  
John 6:35



**“THE BREAD OF GOD IS HE WHICH  
COMETH DOWN FROM HEAVEN, AND  
GIVETH LIFE UNTO THE WORLD.”** JHN.6:51

Jesus became broken  
bread for me



*I need to “eat” Him daily...  
I need to “eat” His Word daily...*

From  
**“The Morning Watch”**,  
by Andrew Murray:

“‘And Abraham *rose up early in the morning*’ (Gen 21:14 and 22:3).

Twice we find this said of Abraham, both times in reference to what was painful to him. The first time it was to send away his son Ishmael from his home, and the second time to face the still harder task of offering up Isaac. ***His early rising was the token of his wholehearted willingness to do the will of God.***

How glorious was the reward of his early rising which Abraham received. It brought him on the third day to the mountains where the Lord appeared unto him - and favour followed upon his obedience. He gave him back his son as from the dead. He confirmed to him the promise of blessing: ‘In blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed’. Abraham learns to know his God as the worker of wonders of whom he could say, ‘The Lord will provide.’

My brother (and sister - *my addition*)! If ever a day comes when you are called upon to do what seems to you hard and difficult, do as Abraham did. ***Arise in the morning hour to meet your God in a spirit of willingness to accomplish only His will.*** If you desire to walk in Abraham’s footsteps, and ***to sacrifice all to God***, yea, even what is dearest, then go to meet God in the early morning hour. To you, too, on rising early, He will reveal Himself as the Lord and will provide. To you, too, will He confirm it by an oath, saying, ‘In blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed.’ Thus was Abraham rewarded for that early rising.”

**“Oh, how  
I love  
Your law!”  
Ps 119:97**



## 29 January: Obey fully, humbly.

**Pray** “Lord, please teach me Your Way and help me to walk in it.”

**Read** Exodus 19-21 and Matthew 20:1-16

### Think + write

After Moses went UP the mountain, God said:

- “I ..... on eagles’ wings” (Ex 19:4)
- “and .....” (v4b), and
- “you will be .....”(v5)
- “you will be for me a .....  
and .....(v6),  
on condition that you **OBEY ME FULLY** and keep my covenant (v5),  
which means: .....

.....  
In Ex 20:1 God says, “I am the Lord your God, who brought you OUT of Egypt, OUT of the land of slavery” (the land of bondage). To me this means: .....

.....  
I am spiritually, totally OUT of Egypt: Yes / No

I am NOT in slavery to anything or anyone: Yes / No

**A very important spiritual principle** in Ex 20:5 states that God will punish “the sins of the fathers to the ..... and ..... generation”. This does not mean that I will be held guilty for the sins of my parents, NO (see Deut 24:16), but it does mean that I may suffer the consequences of their sins - physically and/or spiritually. See Numbers 14:18, Exodus 34:6,7 and Jeremiah 32:18. Jesus came to also break the curse of these generational burdens! Praise His Name.

At the heart of all sins is ..... (Ex 20:17a)!! Another word for this is S \_\_\_\_\_ S !!

In Matt 20 **pride** in (even) workers of God is shown by them (1) expecting more than they received (v10), (2) talking against the owner (v11), (3) belittling others’ work (v12), (4) being critical of authority, (5) comparing themselves with others, (6) being envious (v15), (7) grumbling/murmuring (v11), (8) being unloving and unmerciful to others...

**Pray** “Father, save me from hidden pride. Amen.”

**Go + Do** what He asks of me *in humility*.

## 30 January: Restitution

**Pray** “Lord, help me to live in the fullness of Your Word. Amen.”

**Read** Exodus 22-24 and Matthew 20:17-34

### Think + write

God says, “A thief must certainly make .....”(Ex 22:3)

**Restitution** means: .....

.....  
In Leviticus 6:5 and 5:16 I learn that there is no .....  
without restitution. In doing restitution I seek (with the help of God)  
to **repair** some of the damage done by my sins, to **restore** what I have  
stolen, to **reconcile** with others, and to make **right** where I have done  
wrong to others, as far as it is in my power. Restitution should **heal**  
and **help**, and not **hurt** and **harm**....

When I compare Ex 22:6b and 23:1a with James 3:5-6, I learn that: ....

.....  
.....  
.....May I NEVER start this kind of fire!

God says: “Do not follow ..... in doing  
wrong” (Ex 23:2a). The popular things for **the “crowd”** these days are:

- (1)..... (2).....  
(3)..... (4).....  
(5)..... (6).....

Do I follow the “crowd” in any way? Yes / No

Can I truly say and sing:

***“I have decided to follow Jesus...(3x)  
no turning back, praise the Lord, no turning back”!  
The Cross before me, the world behind me...(3x)  
no turning back, praise the Lord, no turning back”!***

J.O. Sanders showed us 4 circles of **intimacy with God** in Exodus:

1. The outer circle (Ex 19:11-12): approached, but did not ascend...
2. The second circle (Ex 24:9-11): saw, but no permanent change...
3. The third circle (Ex 24:13-14): constantly seeking God’s presence.
4. The inner circle (Ex 24:15-17): face to face and shining...

I think I find myself in the following circle of intimacy:.....

**Pray** “Lord, show me your glory, teach me your ways.”

**Go + Do** as Joshua and Moses did to be near God.

## 31 January: Follow the Plan!

**Pray** “Lord, please show me how You want me to live.”

**Read** Exodus 25-26 and Matthew 21:1-22

### Think + write

God told Moses to “Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly ..... I will show you” (Ex 25:9). In Ex 25:40 I read, “See that you make them according to the pattern shown you on the mountain.” Also in Ex 26:30 God says, “Set up the tabernacle ..... shown you on the mountain.” God wants us to build our lives NOT according to our own plans and desires, but according to His Plan and His Purposes and His Pattern!

In Romans 12:2 I read I should “NOT conform any longer to the pattern of this world...” To build my life according to *the pattern of this world* means:.....

.....

To build my life according to *the pattern of the Lord* means:.....

.....

I discover God’s pattern for my life through

1. Reading and studying the Written Word (the Bible), and
2. Looking at the life of the Living Word (Jesus Himself)...

Put in other words, *the Word of God and Jesus Christ Himself is my Pattern for living*. When my life is built, following God’s pattern, I will also *become a pattern for others*. In Titus 2:7 (KJV) I read, “In all things showing thyself a *pattern* of good works... gravity, sincerity...”

I realize that I followed the pattern of the world in the following areas:

.....

I now repent of it with all my heart...

**Pray** “Oh Lord, may I follow Your pattern and not the world’s!”

**Go + Do** as Jesus would have done, as I ask myself: “WWJD?”



*Follow God's Plan  
and not the world's plan for my life!*



## READ IT THROUGH

I supposed I knew the Bible,  
    reading piecemeal, hit or miss,  
Now a bit of John or Matthew,  
    Now a snatch of Genesis;  
Certain chapters of Isaiah  
    certain Psalms (the twenty-third),  
Twelfth of Romans, First of Proverbs,  
    yet I thought I knew the word.  
But I found a thorough reading  
    was a different thing to do,  
And the way was unfamiliar  
    when I **read the Bible through**

You who like to play at Bible,  
    Dip and dabble here and there  
Just before you kneel a-weary,  
    and yawn out a hurried prayer;  
You who treat the (crown of writing)  
    as you treat no other book -  
Just a paragraph disjointed,  
    Just a crude, impatient look -  
Try a worthier procedure,  
    try a broad and steady view,  
You will kneel in very rapture  
    When You **Read The Bible Through**.

by Amos Wells

**Take my life, and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.**

Take my moments and my days;  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet, and let them be  
Swift and “beautiful” for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing  
Always, only, for my King.

Take my lips, and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold;  
Not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect, and use  
Every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine;  
It shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it *is* Thine own;  
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure-store.

**Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, ALL for Thee.**

***Take myself,  
and I will be  
ever,  
only,  
ALL for Thee.***

She later wrote that every  
“**Take**” in this poem should  
be re-written as “**Keep**...”!



Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879)

*“I am determined  
to be  
absolutely and entirely  
**for Him**  
and for Him  
alone.”*

*Oswald Chambers*