

PRAYER CHANGES EVERYTHING



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Lord we change like changing years, but you only turn with us and make changes for our good. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto us.

Have you ever had a friend who tempted to give up on myself. Lord, turned on you for no apparent reason, or changed so much from the person you knew before? You thought you were able to call on that friend in your time of need, but when you did, he or she turned their back on you. Would God do that to us? Never! As a child growing up, one of my favorite songs was and still is today, "There's a Friend for little children, above the bright blue sky, a Friend who never changes, whose love will never die; our earthly friends may fail us, and change with changing years, this Friend is always worthy, of that dear Name He bears." That friend is Jesus, and he is a friend like no other I've had. For when I was lost, Jesus found me, when I was alone, he comforted me, when I was hungry, he fed me, and when my faith wavered, he said, hold my hand and I will guide you. Lord, I am so thankful that you have been the one constant in my life, I am thankful, that you did not give up on me even when I was

tempted to give up on myself. Lord, teach me now, to show this love to someone else, show me how to be a person you knew before? You constant source of friendship, comforter, companion and encourager to someone else, for if I do it to the least of them, I will be doing it to you. Every day, Lord, lead me to opportunities where I could be a true friend to someone else, and show me how to foster those relationships. May I never be too busy to reach out to that lost sister or brother, that child who has lost a mother, the widow, or the widower, the desolate and the oppressed, those in the homes, hospitals or prisons; for at some point in my life that someone could be me. Thank you, Lord, that even though I've change like changing years, that you never changed on me, but made changes for my good. Thank you, Lord, for the many changes that you have brought to my life, and if at any time that it may seem like I am not thankful, Lord, please make me truly grateful. Amen!

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If you gained the whole world and lost your soul, where would you spend eternity?
The world will pass away, then what will you have left?

I was talking to someone the other day and he said to me, "I am not happy." So I asked him if there was one thing that he could name that would make him happy, and he said, "I just want to be free". Many people don't realize the captive situation they are in and the ties that bind them until it's too late. You see, the devil takes on many forms to deceive us, and by the time we realize it, it's too late. Before signing any document, you are advised to read the fine print, but when your deceiver gives you something that does not require you to read the fine print, you need to always ask this question; "What is this gift going to cost me?" Many times the gifts you receive have a hidden price tag, and by the time you are aware of it, you might as well have signed on the dotted line. Just as God knows our needs, so does the devil, and while God wants us to wait on him, the devil will do everything he can to entice us away from trusting in God. My brothers and sisters in Christ, God does not want us to live in captivity, He does not want us to be debtors. His word reminds us that we should owe no man anything except love. You should know, that God gives good gifts and he gives no trouble with it. Trust in the Lord, learn to wait on Him, for the things that seem right to you, in the end, is destruction. The world and all its vanity is passing away, but the things of God lasts forever. Therefore, do not try to gain the whole world and in the end lose your soul, for in that there is no profit. Seek to gain the things of God which has the reward of spending eternity with him.

Have you ever wished for anything that you lost when you gave your life to Christ?
What you have lost is nothing compared to what God has in store for you.

When I look back at my life and compare it to the life I am living today in Christ, it brings a smile to my face. I did not realize how fine a line I was walking, or just how little it took for God to bring me full circle. The reason was this; God was daily working in my life, and the changes were so subtle and therefore I took a lot for granted. But now, looking back, I could see the chain of events that happened in my life, which had the hand-writing of God all over them, but I was too blind to see, or maybe God designed it that way, so that in my reflection I would be able to give him all the glory and praise, when I see where he brought me from. Before I started walking with God, God was walking with me. I know, because when I look back at all that took place and the outcomes, I knew that if the Lord had not been on my side back then, things would have turned out differently. But when God is in the midst of your situations, the results are always positive. You may not know it, but others will realize that there is something different about you. The changes God brought to my life and is still bringing to my life does not always come in a straight line. But I am learning to ride the waves, I am learning to go through the storms, I am learning to find my way along winding roads, I am learning to read between the lines and most importantly, I am learning to trust God and let him have his own way in my life. I may falter along the way, but God is daily picking me up.

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What benefit did you gain from doing those things that you are now ashamed of?
Nothing, but sin and shame.

The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life. We read in Galatians chapter 6 and verse 8, that, whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. All of us who have been born again through God's grace, could attest to this, for all that we tried to gain to please the flesh vanished away, leaving us unfulfilled, but nothing could now compare to the fullness we have found in God. Proverbs 9:17 tells us, "Stolen water is refreshing; and food eaten in secret tastes the best!" But we all have experienced the bitter taste which comes afterward, the shame, and the disgrace. When we think of Eve, who had every fruit that she could have had, but the one fruit that God asked her not to partake of, Eve coveted, and what happened after that? She was ashamed and was disgraced, banished from the Garden of Eden, and not only herself, but she got Adam to join her. So too the devil spews his venom on one person who spreads it to as many as would receive it through forbidden fruits. When we are enticed to sow to the flesh, all thoughts of God vanishes until after we have sinned. Satan is working overtime to see how many souls he could win from God, and we have to wise up, we have to learn to recognize the bad fruits, if it looks too good, tastes too good, comes too easy, looks too attractive – that should be your signal to walk away before you are consumed. For you will notice, that you have friends to help you eat the forbidden fruit, but when the time comes to pay up, you find that you are all alone, wretched, empty and still not satisfied. Then what would you have gained from doing all those things you are now ashamed of? Nothing but sin and shame!

Iwant the whole world to know just how my life has changed, since Jesus saved me. I may falter along the way but God daily picks me up. Thank you, Lord!

I've wasted so much time trying to hold on to the things of this world that I could not keep, when I could easily have gained so much more with Christ. The places I have been to, the things I have done, the mistakes I have made, the insults I have shared, and the friends I had; were they worth more to me than the life I now live in Christ? Certainly not! Many of us have said this, "If I knew then what I know now, I would have been serving the Lord a long time ago," but we were too foolish to realize, that, in order to live in Christ we must first die to sin and the evil way. I fought so hard to hold on to things which had no gain, they seemed fulfilling at the present time, but turned out useless in the end. So, what then will be our aim, to gain the whole world and lose our souls? I know that before I gave my life to Christ, I possessed lots of things that I thought had value, but now when I look back at them all, they were just vanity. I thought I could not live without them, but now I know that what I cannot live without is Christ. I may falter along the way, but God daily picks me up. Thank you, Lord!

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Songs have a way of lifting me up when I am feeling down. Here is one of my favorites as our featured adult song:

O Jesus I Have Promised

Written by: ***John E Bode—1816-1874***

O Jesus, I have promised, to serve thee to the end; Be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend.

I shall not fear the battle, if thou art by my side, nor wander from the pathway, if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near; I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;, but Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking, in accents clear and still, above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.

O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control, O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised, to all who follow thee, that where thou art in glory, there shall thy servant be.

And Jesus, I have promised, to serve thee to the end, O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.



INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES FROM THE DESK OF JEWELLYN GREER

If you gained the whole world and lost your soul, where would you spend eternity?

Many of our failures are experienced because we are not humble.

When God is in the midst of our situations, the results are always positive.

The changes God brings to our lives do not always come in a straight line.

We may falter along the way, but God is daily picking us up.

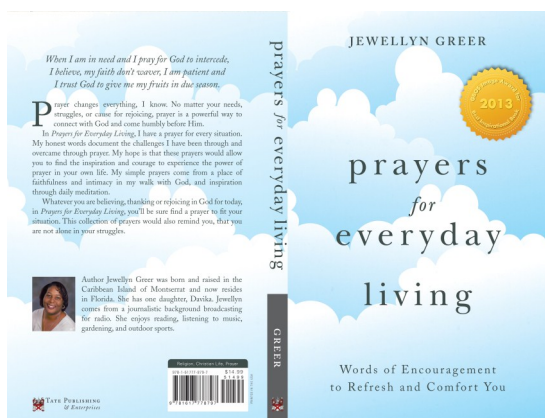
When we are enticed to sow to the flesh, all thoughts of God vanishes until after we have sinned.

I thought I could not live without vain things, but now I know that what I cannot live without is Christ.

If I knew then what I know now, I would have been serving the Lord a long time ago.

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Our Spotlight is on you. God, please give me a humble heart, so that I may be able to give unselfishly of myself and for you to bring some much needed change to my life.

I struggled for a long time with HUMILITY, and all it took was one sweep of God's divine intervention to humble me. How long will you struggle with sin and the evil way before God humbles you? Many of our failures are experienced because we are not humble. Many of our struggles are a direct result of us not being humble. Many of our heartaches, wants and needs, are realized because we lack humility. God will present situations in our lives and in many different ways, until we are broken, broken not to hurt us, but to acknowledge him, repent, and ask forgiveness for our sins. Once we have been granted the true gift of Salvation, our lives takes on new meaning. We find it easier to pray, we find it easier to forgive, we find it easier to wait on God, we find it easier to be good disciples, we find it easier to put God first, and we find it even easier to win souls for Christ. But your new life in Christ does not end there, it has only just begun. Studying God's word to understand his will for our lives should become vital to us in our walk with God, for it is in truly meditating and spending quality time with God will we become matured disciples, it is the way in which God plants seeds of goodness within our hearts that we are able to share. God never intended for us to be struggling, he wants us to be happy, and we could experience fullness of joy in Him as we come to know him more. Let us allow nothing to stand in our way of experiencing this fullness of joy in Christ; ask God to remove the stumbling blocks that have caused us to stray, that are causing us to stray, and ask him to humble us, to create clean hearts I us and to renew right spirits within us to serve him.

Children's Corner: Thanksgiving is a fun time for family, friends, and to share good food. Let us un-scrabble some of our favorite foods that will be on this year's menu.

Email me your correct answers and win an eBook

The first (5) correct responses received - WINS

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Match the correct answers to the questions

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
Which is the longest book in the Bible?	John the Baptist
How many disciples did Jesus choose?	Ruth
Who was Jesus's famous cousin?	Wisdom
How many brothers did Joseph have?	Nazareth
Who did Boaz marry?	Eve
What did King Solomon ask God to give him?	Psalms
What was the name of Adam's wife	11
Where did Jesus grow up?	12



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Childhood songs that we have learned have been passed on for generations. Let's keep it going. If you have a song that you would like to share, email it. Here is one of my favorites as our featured children's song:

O Brother Life's Journey Beginning Written by *Ira D Sankey - 1840-1908*

O brother, life's journey beginning, with courage and firmness arise!
Look well to the course thou art choosing; be earnest, be watchful, and wise!
Remember—two paths are before thee, and both thy attention invite;
But one leadeth on to destruction, the other to joy and delight.

Refrain

God help you to follow His banner, and serve Him wherever you go.
And when you are tempted, my brother, God give you the grace to say "No!"

O brother, yield not to the tempter, no matter what others may do;
Stand firm in the strength of the Master, be loyal, be faithful, and true!
Each trial will make you the stronger, if you, in the name of the Lord,
Fight manfully under your Leader, obeying the voice of His Word.

O brother, the Savior is calling! Beware of the danger of sin;
Resist not the voice of the Spirit, that whispers so gently within.
God calls you to enter His service—to live for Him here, day by day;
And share by and by in the glory, that never shall vanish away.



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