

Prayer Changes Everything!

I Believe in the Power of Prayer!

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Has your struggles affected your relationship with God either positively or negatively?

Our daily struggles make us sometimes question ourselves, and to wonder where God is in these times. Take another look around you. Do you not see Him? Do you not feel His presence? Be still! Be still and know who your God is in these times! He is ever present. While you are worrying, God is working. Have faith! He is removing locks from doors, he is cutting chains, he is grinding wheat, he is writing prescriptions, he is releasing strongholds! Do I need to convince you more? When you feel like you can't hold on, release whatever you are holding on to, release it into God's care, talk to Him, like you are talking to a friend, tell God that you are weak, but that you are confident, that You Lord are strong, and that You will see me through, that even though I don't know how or when; but that I am trusting You completely. Have faith! Your situation may have you questioning God, but you should be thanking Him in advance for all that He is about to do for you. Never allow the enemy to cause you to lose heart and lose faith in God. Do not allow your struggles to negatively affect your relationship with God. Let the struggles instead draw you closer to God. It is not easy to remain positive when everything around you is falling apart. It is not easy to trust God when you call out to him and he seems to be nowhere to be found. But be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might. Don't allow your weakened state to negatively affect your relationship with God, let the struggles instead draw you closer to God. You have come this far by faith and by faith you could go farther. So ask of God to increase your faith, because he reminds us, that, if our strength fails in the day of adversity that our faith is small. Press on! If it wasn't for the struggles you wouldn't have the strength.



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While we remain on loan to God be assured that we are constantly in his care. We must be thankful.

We sometimes take life and living for granted, but God in his infinite mercy is daily watching over us, caring for us, providing for us, guiding us; we are constantly in his care. God is faithful, and he will take care of us always, but, we must trust him. He reminds us in Isaiah chapter forty-six and verse four; “I will be your God throughout your lifetime, until your hair is white with age. I made you, and I will care for you. I will carry you along and save you.” My brothers and sisters in Christ, we must not take anything for granted, knowing that the Lord, who daily bears our burdens is keeping a record, and all of us will have to give an account of our stewardship. So before you begin complaining today about what don’t have, forgetting all of the good things that the Lord has blessed you with, give thanks to God who daily loads you with benefits unearned and undeserved. God did not bring you this far to abandon you and I. We are never alone, God is always with us, our Emmanuel is always near, he will continue to watch over us and care for us; trust in God, believe his word, that as long as we are on loan to him, that he will never leave us nor forsake us. We are reminded in Psalm one hundred and twenty-one, that, the One who watches over us, He will not allow our foot to slip; He who keeps us will not slumber; indeed, He who watches over Israel never slumbers or sleeps. The Lord himself watches over you; He watches over me! The Lord stands beside us as our protective shade. The sun will never harm us by day, nor will the moon at night. The Lord has promised, that, He will guard us from all evil; that He will preserve our souls, and that He will guard our going out and our coming in, from this time forth and forever. What an awesome, awesome, promise! Lord, we understand, that all of us are on loan to you, that we are in your care, and we thank you!

What is it, or who is it that you take for granted?

- Have you ever been accused of being ungrateful?
- Do you always feel entitled?
- Do you sometimes feel used?
- How do you confront someone who has taken you for granted repeatedly?
- What do you say to that person or how do you start the conversation?
- What are some of the things you take for granted?
- When was the last time you made an effort to say thank you to someone for something they did for you?
- Would you want someone to take you for granted?
- We should do all thing for God’s glory, but isn’t it nice to hear ‘Thanks’?



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Do you awake each day feeling blessed or stressed?

Every morning when you and I awake should be praised as a good day, because God is in it, and it's filled with his countless blessings. But instead, many of us go to bed stressed and awake stressed out, and it becomes a habit more addicted than drugs. Is this any way to live? We need to learn to retrain ourselves to awake each day feeling blessed not stressed. But how do we do this? We should begin by asking God to create in us a clean heart and to renew right spirits within us. We could start the day counting our blessings from the time we open our eyes, to the time we go to bed at night. The reason why our thoughts keeps us up at night, is because of how we spend the day. My brothers and sisters in Christ, every night I go to bed, I lay down in peace, and in the morning when I awake, God gives me a song to carry me through the day. I am able to do this because I refuse to take the worries of the day into my bed. I am careful about the conversations I have before I retire to my bed. I say a prayer thanking God for the blessings of the day, and when I awake every morning, I say this prayer: "This is another day O Lord, I know not what it will bring forth, but make me ready for whatever it may be. If I am to stand up, help me to stand up bravely, if I am to sit still, help me to sit quietly, if I am to lie low, help me to do it patiently, and if I am to do nothing, let me do it gallantly. Make these more than words Lord, in Jesus name I pray. Amen! We should seriously consider how we spend the days that God has given to us. God has given us time, none of us knows how much or when he will call us home. Do not go to bed angry, try to settle your differences before the sun goes down, carve out some reflection time prior to bedtime. When we analyze how we spend each day, and when we put a plan in place for correcting our behaviors, we will begin to awake each day blessed and not stressed.

A gentle answer deflects anger, but harsh words make tempers flare. Proverbs 15:1

Do you realize that certain explosive situations could have been avoided had you responded differently? When we are confronted by anyone, we automatically go into the defense mode, and most times we are ready to attack. In these times, all thoughts that come to mind are not soft, but harsh, and encourage tempers to flare, and that is why Scripture reminds us, to be quick to hear, slow to speak, and even slower to anger. As Christians we must learn to respond to obstacles, setbacks, and challenges, in positive ways. Too many times we lose out on opportunities because of the way we reacted to people and situations. My brothers and sisters in Christ it's always a wise thing to carefully analyze a situation before coming to the wrong conclusion. Proverbs chapter ten and verse nineteen reminds us, that, "When words are many, transgression is not lacking, but whoever restrains his lips is prudent." Therefore, I am determined to change the way I respond to people and situations going forward; keeping in mind that a soft answer turns away wrath, but grievous words stir up anger.

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Are you fearful of the unknown? Learn to relieve your fears through prayer.

When we can't see the path ahead we become anxious and afraid, because pain, fear of the unknown, and lack of faith, teaches our heart to fear; and most times not to fear God who is able, but to fear that God will not be able to help us in our times of need. Psalm forty-six reminds us, that, "God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble." We should learn to pray in these times and trust God, and in all things, believe, that he is able. There are no ifs, or maybe, that we will not face trials and tribulations, that we will not be tested; there will be difficult times, but know that for every trial we encounter, how we deal with it determines the next step. We could handle it with prayer or handle it with fear; but know that prayer relieves fear. Many of us, because of the pains we've had to bear have come to know God in an intimate way, while some of us have strayed away from God. Do not allow your situation to turn you away from God. Learn to relieve your fears through prayer. No matter what we are faced with and we become anxious or afraid, let us get into the Word of God, and meditate on Matthew chapter six verses twenty-five to thirty-one, which admonishes us about worrying. God provides! Let us pray: Dear, God, when we are anxious, worried or afraid, when we cannot see what lies ahead, or when the way seems dark, give us the will to believe, that, you are bigger, stronger, and greater, than anything problem, situation, or circumstance, we are facing, that you, O Lord, promised to be our refuge and strength, and that you are always ready to help us in times of need, because you have already established, that, we are more valuable than the birds of the air who neither sow, nor reap, nor gather into barns, yet, you provide for them. Lord, we understand, that, you are strong when we are weak, we know that you hear us when we pray, but that your way is not our way, nor your timing our timing, but that you are an on-time God; so teach us how to wait patiently on you, so that you could have your own way Lord, have your own way when we pray. Amen!

Do you live in a state of worry? Worry is not only unproductive but it is unhealthy. We cannot add a single day to our lives by worrying. Learn to pray!

- What are some of the things that cause you to worry?
- In the past, did worrying bring you a solution?
- Do you know how to take everything to God in prayer?
- How should Christians handle their worries?
- Is worrying a sign of little faith?
- How is faith increased?
- When a situation threatens to worry you, what should you do?
- Is God bigger than all of our problems?



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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. This is a hymn of assurance, be comforted.

Day by Day !

Lina Sandell —(1865)

Day by day and with each passing moment,
Strength I find to meet my trials here,
Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment,
I've no cause for worry or for fear.
He whose heart is kind beyond all measure,
Gives unto each day what he deems best,
Lovingly, it's part of pain and pleasure,
Mingling toil with peace and rest.

Every day the Lord himself is near me,
With a special mercy for each hour,
All my cares he fain would bear, and cheer me,
He whose name is Counselor and Power.
The protection of his child and treasure,
Is a charge that on himself he laid,
As your days, your strength shall be in measure,
This the pledge to me he made.

Help me then in every tribulation,
So to trust Thy promises, O Lord,
That I lose not faith's sweet consolation,
Offered me within Thy holy Word.
Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting,
E'er to take, as from a father's hand,
One by one, the days, the moments fleeting,
'Till I reach the promised land.

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INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES FROM THE DESK OF JEWELLYN GREER

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We could choose to handle our troubles with prayer or handle them with fear.

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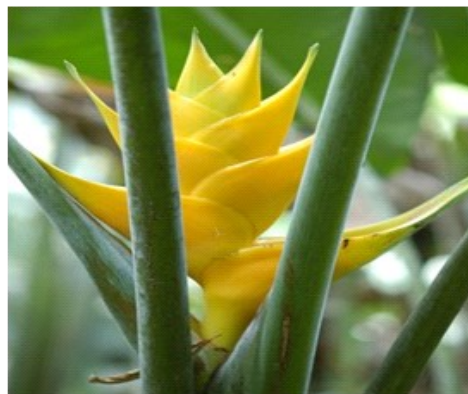
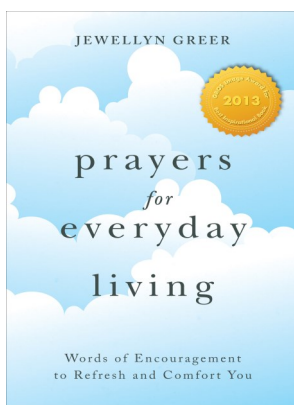
We need to learn to retrain ourselves to awake each day feeling blessed not stressed.

I am determined to change the way I respond to people and situations going forward.

I refuse to take the worries of the day into my bed.

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Our Spotlight is on you! I have chosen not to worry about the things I cannot control, but to instead trust Jesus to fix it for me.

What are you worried about? How long has this been keeping you awake? We continue to make ourselves sick, worrying about situations that need to be in God's hands. Most times our worry is the direct result of the choices that we make and the fall out that comes after. We worry because we handled a situation in a way that backfired, we worry when we feel helpless and backed into a corner, we worry when we lose control, we worry when we allow others to treat us like a necessity after we have given them top priority. Let it go! Learn from it and move on. In the past, I used to worry about the simplest things, and now, I have convinced myself, that, a situation, circumstance, or problem, needs to be in God's hands if it is taking too much of my time, if it's taking everything I have to hold on to it, if it's making me sick, if it's causing me to be moody and irritable, and most importantly, if it is causing me to question God, or have worry disrupt my intimate moments with God. We must learn to let go and let God handle the things that are out of our control, he is able.

Children's Corner: It's Summertime again — We are looking forward to having lots of fun. What are some of things that come to mind? Circle your favorites below:

Balls	Rafting	Ice Cream	Tennis	Go-Carts	Sunscreen
Sunglasses	Games	Dodge Ball	Cakes	Swimming	Mowing
Fruits	Rides	Beach	Shows	Fairs	Pizza
Travel	Cook-outs	Running	Hats	Sandals	Fire Works
Books	Bugs	Flowers	Pools	Jump Rope	Mosquitoes
Circus	Biking	Picnics	Camping	Concerts	Hula Hoop
Walks	Candy	Carnivals	Parks	Shorts	Bugs
Fishing	Vacation	Gardening	Swim Suits	Lemonade	Tents
Hot Dogs	Hiking	Sand	Bowling	Butterflies	Drinks

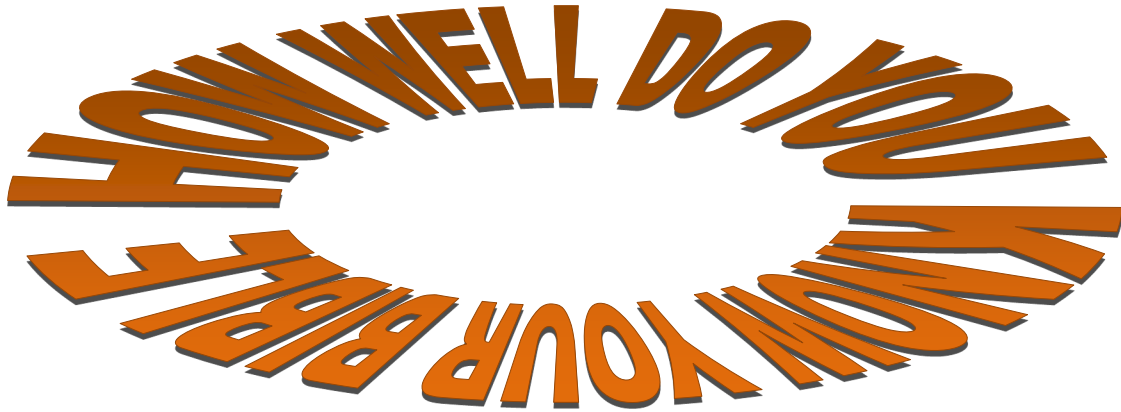


Welcome Summer!



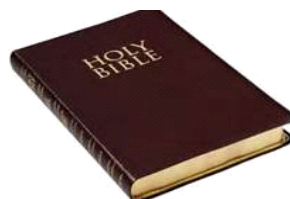
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Match the correct answer to finish the verse

VERSE	ANSWERS
If our strength fails in the day of adversity our faith is...	Trouble
He who watches over Israel never slumbers nor...	Within us
The birds of the air neither sow, nor reap, nor gather into...	Anger
When words are many, transgression is not...	Small
The sun will never harm us by day, nor will the moon at...	God is
Create in us a clean heart O God, and renew right spirits...	Sleeps
God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of...	Barns
A soft answer turns away wrath, but grievous words stir up...	Night
Be still! Be still and know who your...	Lacking



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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. Our featured song is a call to come to Jesus.

The Savior Is Waiting!

Ralph Carmichael - 1958

The Savior is waiting to enter your heart,
Why don't you let Him come in?
There's nothing in this world to keep you apart,
What is your answer to Him?
Time after time He has waited before,
And now He is waiting again,
To see if you're willing to open the door,
O how He wants to come in.
If you'll take one step toward the Savior, my friend,
You'll find His arms open wide,
Receive Him, and all of your darkness will end,
Within your heart He'll abide.
Time after time He has waited before,
And now He is waiting again,
To see if you're willing to open the door,
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