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What a time to celebrate! God loves us and cares for us and calls us His creation. Wow. What glorious opportunities we have in Him.



Just as July 4th represents independence for our nation here in the United States, I pray you make every day count as you are independent from any plan of the devil and totally dependent on our all dependable God (see page 19).

I'm so blessed to be free to not only talk about Jesus, but tell others of His saving, healing power and amazing love for us. I have an offer on page 2 that talks about SPIRITUALLY walking on water. As you listen to that message, I pray you are reminded that according to God's perfect will and as He directs, we can do all things through Christ who gives us the strength (Philippians 4:13).

I pray as you read each page you laugh, learn some new things, and rejoice in the freedom of God's love.

♡
Lindsay

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With God, nothing is impossible!

Two huge answers to prayer!

Thank you to the Abundant Life Prayer Group for praying for my great granddaughter. She had an issue with bleeding for 30 days. The day after calling the Prayer Group, the bleeding completely stopped! Also, I called three days later for prayer for my sister who was having COVID symptoms. After prayer, I am happy to report that she is walking around and is much better!

-Pearl, from Louisiana

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Lindsay's new book a blessing!

Today I received Lindsay's book, *The Company You Keep*. I opened it and read it from cover to cover in about 15 minutes! It was such a blessing! Thank you for the book!

-Rhea, from Pennsylvania



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Healing in hand after word of knowledge

I was watching *The Place for Miracles* broadcast this morning, and Richard had a word of knowledge for someone with the left hand and fingers numb, stiff and painful. He said, "If that's you, I want to hear about it." I wanted to let you know it was me, and I'm healed in Jesus' Name! **-Phyllis P.**

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Lighten Your Load

BY LINDSAY ROBERTS

Recently I had a conversation with a friend of mine about 2020 and the beginning of 2021. The conversation took an interesting turn when we started talking about living in snow country when we were children and how easy it was to be stuck in a rut and what you did to get your car out of heavy snow. And it got me thinking...

Extra weight that can bog you down can happen in many different areas of life. You could be bogged down with extra work, unexpected bills, emotional stress or something similar. And regardless of how you got bogged down, if it becomes a heaviness, the question is how do you lighten the load?

Hebrews 12:1-3 in The Message Bible talks about running the race set before us. It refers to how the pioneers before us ran their race and were able to do it successfully and how we should learn from

them *"We'd better get on with it... start running and never quit... Keep your eyes on Jesus who both began and finished this race we're in. Study how He did it. Because He never lost sight of where He was headed – that exhilarating finish in and with God— He could put up with anything along the way: the Cross, shame, whatever. And now He's there, in a place of honor right alongside God. When you find yourselves flagging in your faith, go over that story—item by item, that long litany of hostility He plowed through. That will shoot adrenaline into your souls!"*

We may have found ourselves carrying a heavy load due to the past, or COVID-19, or because of past hurts or debts, etc. For me, I'm always learning to adapt or grow and find out how to release anything that doesn't belong in my spirit, according to the Word of God. This is a spiritual check-up that I try to do often. So, I love the part of the scripture above that tells us to run the race to win. The race may be spiritual,

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or financial, or emotional, or in your family or on your job or in some other way. To me, the race is the journey set for me in life. And, as long as I'm carrying excess baggage, that journey can be much more difficult than necessary.

When I would travel overseas, the lighter the luggage, the easier it was for me to navigate the airports. I would always take what's was necessary, but often I found myself adding extras ... *just in case*. So then I would have to empty everything back out a second time and really decide what was necessary for the trip and what was just excess that was going to slow me down. Just like that extra baggage, in life I also must find what is, or isn't necessary—and that has to be assessed on a regular basis.

3 John 2 says, *I wish above all things that you prosper and be in health even as your soul prospers*. The word prosper here means a successful journey on the road of life. And who doesn't want a successful journey?

A few days after I had this

conversation with my friend, I woke up from a dream seeing a series of words that all began with the letter D. Over the years, I've come to understand that in prophetic dreams and visions like that, God is trying to say something to me to get my attention. In this case, the word devil came up. DEVIL. D'EVIL...the evil one. Then words such as desperate, depression, discouragement, debt, despair, and disorder started coming up ...one word after another.

I realized that God is not a God of disorder, but a God of order. John 10:10 says that the thief or the devil *comes to steal, kill and to destroy*. But Jesus said, *I've come that you might have life and have it more abundantly*. Instead of despair or discouragement or something similar to that, this scripture makes me think about a different D word, and that word is "*dependence*" —dependence on an all-dependable God.

I have to a go-to scriptures anytime I am feeling like I'm in a rut and need to look forward to hope in the future. One of my favorites is... Isaiah 43:18-19 which says...*Remember ye not the former things. Neither consider the things of all. Behold I will do a new thing. Shall you not know it. I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.*

The Message translation says it this way, *We are to be alert and be present. I am about to do something brand new. It's*

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1 Chronicles 20:20 says, *My son give attention to my words, incline your ears to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes. Keep them in the midst of your heart for they are life to those who find them and health to all the flesh.* To me, this says if we pay attention to the Word of God, God pays attention to us.

Jeremiah 29:11 says, *For I know the plans I have for you, they are for your good and not for evil. They are to give you a hope and a future.* I believe it's time for us to lay aside every heavy obstacle that has come

against our future. This is a spiritual faith exercise and not a natural thing. However, I believe when we establish something in the spirit, God brings it to pass in the natural, according to His Word and His will.

Proverbs 4:25 says that we are *to look straight ahead*. We are to fix our gaze directly before us. Why? I believe if we look back or to the left or to the right, we can be seeing things that could put us right back into the rut. But if we look as Psalm 121:1-2 says, we can *look to the hills from which cometh our help*. That means look up. We have a promise from God that there is help. Personally, I would rather have help than be in a rut, and there is scripture after scripture showing us that help is possible.

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PROVERBS 4:20-22

So here is my call to SPIRITUAL action...PRAYER. James 2 says *faith without works is dead* which translates... faith without corresponding action is as good as dead for it has no effect. So rather than having no effect, here are seven scriptures that I believe will help lift you up out of the rut you may find yourself in and carry you forward in your journey:

1. Hebrews 12:1-2. **THROW OFF** and **LAY ASIDE**. Throw aside any spiritual heaviness by handing it off to God and trust that He is able to take it from you.

2. 3 John 2. **BELIEVE** that *God wants you to prosper and be in health* throughout your successful journey on your road of life.

3. John 10:10. **KNOW** that Jesus came to give us life and *life more abundantly*.

4. Isaiah 43:18-19. **DECIDE** by faith to let go of negative things that want to hold you in a rut and **TRUST** that God has something new and better for you.

5. Proverbs 4:20-22. **PAY ATTENTION**. *"Pay attention to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes; keep them in the midst of your heart for they are life to those who find them and health to all your flesh."* Talk about finding life!

6. Jeremiah 29:11. **RECOGNIZE** that *God has a plan for your life...*and it's a good one.

7. Psalm 121:1-2. **LOOK UP**. I look up to the mountains; but does my strength come from the mountains? No, *my strength comes from God who made heaven, and earth, and mountains*.

So, you can start a new spiritual exercise today which can help you **Throw Off, Believe, Know, Decide, Pay Attention, Recognize and Look Up** to God to meet all your needs. As you pray these scriptures, God can spiritually remove what He has not given to you and then, you, by faith can put on all that God has planned for you... for your successful journey on the road of life.

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*Blessed are the
peacemakers,
for they will be
called children
of God.*

—MATTHEW 5:9

Are you a peace loving person? Many people I meet are. If the United States ever needed any prayer answered, it's for peace to surround us: our families, homes, cities and nation. We need the peacemakers, the people of purpose to arise.

Peace



BY
ANN PLATZ GROTON

In the Gospel of Matthew, the author lets us know that God loves peace-makers—*people who reconcile others and actively bring conflict to an end.* Matthew 5 takes place in Israel on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, one of the most beautiful places in the world. It's the place where Jesus taught the Sermon on the Mount. The teachings are known as the Beatitudes, the eight blessings that Jesus imparted.

People of peace work to attract others into their circle of harmony and love. They work to prevent and resolve conflict. How can one recognize a peace-maker?

First of all, godly peacemakers are people who exude love. They bring a sense of calm community into their mission. They seek the best in others and make an effort to include and not divide. Peace lovers are active not passive, they seek to calm and unite.

My father was an example of a peace-maker. Gifted with a calm nature, he could listen to an argument and help bring a peaceful solution. He modeled the ability to resolve situations and not carry a grudge. I never heard him gossip or put anyone down. It just wasn't his nature.

My husband is a great man of passion in his desire to structure relationships in ways to create harmony and solve problems through practices that prevent and de-escalate conflict. One of his precepts is: "fix the problem, not the blame."

Pray to develop your personal peace-making skills so that you can be effective in preventing and resolving conflict and division. It is a beautiful Godly trait. One to be desired.

In my personal ministry, I have prayed with and advised many hurting people. After a short listen, I usually say, "I call for peace!" Amazingly, peace enters and we begin to sort out the problem.

In this PRAY BIG series, we desire to understand how to pray more effectively. To pray for peace requires people of peace to come forward and activate this gift.

Who are the peacemakers in your family or your job, or of your friends? Are *you* a peacemaker in your family? Do you spread strife? Do you hold back praise? Let's pray...

*Father,
I lift up every family that has been
assaulted and hurt by conflict inside the
family or anywhere else. I pray for and
declare healing and resolution. In Jesus'
name I pray. Amen*

PRAY BIG for government leaders.
PRAY BIG for our families.
PRAY BIG for the current national
division to end.
PRAY BIG for Godly peace strategy.
PRAY BIG for love to defeat hate.
PRAY BIG for your part in keeping
the peace.
PRAY BIG for reconciliation.

Love,
Ann



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MYDC RECIPES



STRAWBERRY SPINACH SALAD

INGREDIENTS

2 bags spinach greens, washed and trimmed
2 containers strawberries, washed, trimmed
1/2 cup bleu cheese, crumbled
1/2 cup walnuts, toasted in low oven at 375°
for 5-10 minutes or until lightly browned.

Dressing:

1/2 cup sugar
1 Tbsp. sesame seeds
1 Tbsp. poppy seeds
1 1/2 tsp. onion, minced
1/4 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
1/4 tsp. paprika
1/2 cup white wine vinegar
1/2 cup oil

DIRECTIONS

Mix salad dressing ingredients and microwave 1 minute until sugar is dissolved. (Caution: ingredients may be hot.)
Shake well.

Combine all ingredients.
ENJOY!!!

JORDAN'S CAKE BROWNIES

BROWNIE INGREDIENTS

1/2 cup butter
1 cup sugar
2 eggs beaten or 2 egg replacers
Pinch salt
3/4 cup flour
2 Tbsp. cocoa
1 tsp. vanilla

Heat oven to 350°. Cream butter and sugar together until smooth.

Add beaten eggs, salt, flour, cocoa, and vanilla, and mix well.

Pour into 8x8-inch greased and floured pan. Bake for 25 minutes or till toothpick comes clean.

Frost when cooled and cut into squares.

Yields 16 small squares.

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1 1/2 cups powdered sugar
1/2 cup cocoa powder
1/2 tsp. vanilla
4 Tbsp. butter
1/2 cup warm milk

Cream powdered sugar, cocoa, vanilla, and butter. Add warm milk slowly as needed. Do not add too much milk, or it makes the batter too thin. Stop adding milk when mixture is creamy and smooth.



Refuse Bitterness

BY RICHARD ROBERTS

WHEN WE LOOK AROUND AT THE WORLD TODAY, THERE SEEMS TO BE SO MUCH INSTABILITY...SO MUCH, THAT IT'S EASY TO THINK YOU AND I MAY BE DEALING WITH SITUATIONS THAT NO ONE HAS EVER FACED BEFORE. BUT ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE AND THE STORY OF JOSEPH IN GENESIS 37-50, THAT'S JUST NOT TRUE. IF ANYONE EVER HAD A REASON TO BECOME BITTER, IT WAS JOSEPH. JUST LOOK AT WHAT HAPPENED IN HIS LIFE. WE MAY BE FACING DIFFERENT CIRCUMSTANCES BUT AT SOME POINT, UNPREDICTABILITY OR CHANGES IN LIFE CAN FEEL VERY MUCH THE SAME REGARDLESS OF WHO IS INVOLVED.

Disagreeing or dysfunctional families are nothing new. The Bible is full of dysfunctional families, and Joseph's family is no different. Joseph's father, Jacob, had children by several wives, which caused jealousy and competition in the home.

Joseph's mother died when he was young. Jacob favored Joseph over his brothers and gave him a beautiful multi-colored coat, causing great jealousy among his brothers.

In Genesis 37, we read that Joseph began having unusual dreams, including a dream where his brothers all bowed down to him. But rather than loving their brother and listening to his dreams, Joseph's brothers grew even more jealous and bitter. They rejected his dreams and hated him so much that they threw him into a pit, sold him into slavery in Egypt, and told their father he'd been killed.



And if slavery wasn't bad enough...

Joseph was bought by Potiphar, a powerful Egyptian who put him in charge of his household. But in the midst of what had begun to be an abundant blessing for Joseph, Potiphar's wife tried to seduce him. When he refused her advances, she accused him of trying to rape her, and Joseph was thrown in prison, though he had done nothing wrong.

How did Joseph keep from becoming angry at God and filled with hate in the crazy, unstable world he was living in?

Joseph refused to get bitter.

One reason I believe Joseph had emotional stability was because no matter what happened to him, he kept his eyes on the Lord and refused to get bitter. When his brothers sold him into slavery, he didn't get bitter. When he was thrown into jail for a crime he didn't commit, he didn't get bitter.

The Lord said in Romans 12:19, *"Vengeance is Mine. I will repay."* That places responsibility in God's hands and releases you from any adverse actions. And the Bible says He's more than able. Joseph understood that, and he didn't waste his time trying to get even with his enemies.

No matter what people did to Joseph, he just kept moving forward with God. I believe Joseph knew God had a purpose for his life, and he trusted Him to turn what the

devil meant for his harm into his eventual good.

He used his gift to bless others

Joseph had a gift from God to interpret dreams. One day Joseph interpreted a dream for Pharaoh, and Pharaoh was so impressed that he made Joseph the number two man in his government.

When Joseph's family ran out of food during the famine, they wound up at his doorstep, on their knees, asking for food. Joseph's dreams came to pass! Joseph's brothers were terrified when he revealed who he was. But Joseph held no bitterness in his heart. He said, *"You planned evil against me, but God used those same plans for good."* (Genesis 50:19-20).

We can have what Joseph had.

Joseph not only survived the circumstances surrounding him, he flourished. And I believe when you and I stay focused on God as Joseph did, instead of the negative effects coming out of the circumstances in our lives, we can have what Joseph had—we can find stability in the unstable world around us.

**If anyone ever
had a reason to
become bitter,
it was Joseph.**

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2 CORINTHIANS 3:17

This year Americans will celebrate the 245th anniversary of our independence as a nation. We know that the price of freedom is not free, and we give honor to the men and women who have made sacrifices for our nation in the past, and also in the present. There is another kind of freedom that can be celebrated every day—a freedom we can have when we know Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Savior. These are just some of the freedoms we can enjoy. We can be...

- **Free to call the Creator of the universe our Father.**

You received the spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God (Romans 8:15,16).

- **Free to expect good outcomes in our life.**

We know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28).

- **Free from condemnation.**

There is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus (Romans 8:1).

- **Free from the power of sin.**

The power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you through Christ Jesus from the power of sin and death (Romans 8:2).

- **Free to be overcomers.**

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?...No, in all these things

we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us (Romans 8:35-37).

- **Free to live forever.**

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him would not perish, but have eternal life (John 3:16).

Are you free today? If you have never asked Jesus to be the Lord of your life, you can do so today. Just pray this prayer:

Heavenly Father, I ask you today for freedom. I recognize that I am a sinner and I need your forgiveness. I believe what Jesus did on the cross, giving up His life and taking on my sins so that I might be free from sin and live with You forever. Then He rose from the dead. Please forgive me and cleanse me. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit and help me live my life in a way that is pleasing to You. In Jesus' Name, I ask this. Amen.

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BY ORAL ROBERTS

AND JESUS SAID TO HIM, I WILL COME AND HEAL HIM. THE CENTURION ANSWERED AND SAID, LORD...SPEAK THE WORD ONLY AND MY SERVANT SHALL BE HEALED. -MATTHEW 8:7-8

In my view, the eighth chapter of Matthew's gospel is the most powerful healing chapter in the word of God. And the healing of the Roman army captain's servant—his uncomplicated faith, which Christ called “great faith”—may be the most important healing for us to study because it contains the essential elements for us to base our faith on for our own healing.

Notice that when the centurion came to Christ and told Him about his suffering servant, Jesus said, “I will come and heal him.” That's what was foremost in Christ's mind—the deliverance of lost and suffering humanity. And I believe that's what He thinks about today. He's touched by the feelings of our infirmities. When we hurt, He

feels our hurt. And He has come to heal us.

Well, the servant was residing in a distant area, and in essence the Roman captain said, “It’s not necessary for You to come, Lord. I’m a man under authority. The head of the Roman Empire has sent me here with the occupying army of Rome, and I have a hundred men under me. When I tell a soldier to do a certain thing, he does it without questioning me because he knows that I speak in the authority of Caesar, the emperor of the Roman Empire, the mightiest force in the world. And Jesus, I know that You are a man under authority. I have the authority of Caesar, but You have total authority. Just say the word and tell this disease to leave my servant’s body. It will submit to Your authority, and my servant shall be healed.”

Jesus was so thrilled that He turned to the crowd and in essence, said, “Look at this man! I’ve been searching for faith like his all over Israel and I’ve not found it. This is what great faith is.”

Now, notice that this man was a Gentile, which at that time meant he was a pagan. But somehow God had tenderized his heart and let him see a vision of the authority of God being above all human authority.

The centurion had centered his faith upon the Man, Jesus of Galilee. Jesus sensed it and called it “great faith.” This is

encouraging because it shows we don’t have to be somebody special in order to have great faith.

Jesus turned to this Roman army captain and said, “You just go on home. I’ve spoken the Word.” And as he went, the servant was healed.

The story of the servant’s healing is one of the best experiences that you and I can share. We need to hear this passage over and over and learn that we, as believers, must center our faith upon the authority of our Lord.

This story is my story, and I pray it’s your story too. It means that when we demonstrate faith in the authority of Christ, and we release that faith, we can be healed.

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