

W O R D A T W O R K

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SUNDAY, MAY 1

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:7-10

1 Peter 2:7-10 says, *“Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, ‘The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone,’ and ‘A stone of stumbling And a rock of offense.’ They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed. But **you are a chosen generation**, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.”* We have an individual call that we have to acknowledge, embrace and walk out. But beyond the individual call, there is a generational call which we see here in 1 Peter 2. What God does in one generation usually lays a foundation stone for the purpose of the next generation. We see that Jesus entered into the earth, began that process and every succeeding generation builds on the previous. We are called, *“...a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called (us) out of darkness into His marvelous light...”* that we may be witnesses and contribute to the population in heaven that is sharing the goodness of God in our generation. In addition, there is a special harvest promise for the last days. It is referred to as the double anointing – the former and the latter rain in the same month! This should cause us to take another look at walking in faith for our generational promise.

MONDAY, MAY 2

Scripture: Hebrews 30:5-11

Hebrews 3:5-11 says, *“And Moses indeed was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken afterward, but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end. Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: ‘Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, In the day of trial in the wilderness, Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me, And saw My works forty years. Therefore I was angry with that generation, And said, “They always go astray in their heart, And they have not known My ways.” So I swore in My wrath, “They shall not enter My rest.”’”* God expects us to embrace our generational call. Here we find a generation that did not honor their generational call. They tested God, they did not accept it by faith and walk it out and consequently it cost them forty years of their lives. God said He would bring the next generation into what they had forfeited. The last thing we ever want to do is forfeit God's call in our current generation in which we live! Sometimes we spend so much time on what we are called to do individually that we do not take into account what we are called to do generationally. We cannot afford to make that error, as it is very, very costly.

TUESDAY, MAY 3

Scripture: Colossians 1:24-26

Colossians 1:24-26 says, *"I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church, of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God, the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints."* God often will bring revelation of a season to a generation so they can embrace it and begin to walk it out in the earth. Jesus did that with the understanding of Christ in you the hope of glory. The restoration of the Holy Spirit came to Topeka, Kansas and Asuza Street and went around the world. Now we have several generations that have experienced the empowering of God as a major restoration for a last day harvest. What the Lord does in one generation becomes a preparation for the next. And if we forfeit that, it can cost us a lifetime and God will pass it on to the next generation. The Lord is very serious about His generational purposes and we need to give them our full attention.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

Scripture: Colossians 2:8-10

In these verses, we find a compatible generational mandate that the early church came into. This mandate enabled them to fulfill God's call in their generation. They were warned. Verses 8-10 says, *"Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power."* They were warned to beware because philosophy, deceit and tradition were trying to destroy what God wanted to do in their generation. They were told that in Christ dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. Everyone agreed with that and had no problems. But verse 10 is the next logical step. The Greek word **play-ron-ah**, a noun, is used and means, 'Filled to the top until no space remains.' Verse 9 says, *"For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete/ **play-roo** in Him, who is the head of all principality and power."* We are the verb. We all agree that Christ is the fullness of the Godhead bodily, but once we agree to that we have to take the next step. And the next step is that, if you and I are the verb, we are the action of the Godhead in the earth. That means we have been made His representatives and have been given the power and the authority to represent Him. We are the representatives of Christ, we are His action. We are His hands, we are His voice and we are His action in the earth. If we do not do the action, it does not get done. That is utterly essential to represent Christ in the last days.

THURSDAY, MAY 5

Scripture: Acts 13:36-39

Acts 13:36-39 says, *"For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep, was buried with his fathers, and saw corruption; but He whom God raised up saw no corruption. Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins; and by Him everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses."* David served his own generation by the will of God. David had an individual call. But that individual call specifically served a generation. David became an example to not only his generation but to all the generations that followed. Everything that David accomplished in his generation became a platform for the next one. David sought God and got the architectural and operational plans for the temple. He asked God for the anointing and God gave it plus the resources to build the sanctuary. And David presented all that to Solomon for the actual building of it. So David accumulated everything that made the building of the temple possible and he passed it on to the next generation. The majority of what David did, he did for the generation following him. Can we give ourselves to God like that? Can we use our faith to become a platform, a foundation, a road that others can travel on? David did and when we have that attitude, it does please God.

FRIDAY, MAY 6

Scripture: Acts 13:40,41, Isaiah 29, Habakkuk 1:5

Acts 13:40,41 says, *“Beware therefore, lest what has been spoken in the prophets come upon you: ‘Behold, you despisers, Marvel and perish! For I work a work in your days, A work which you will by no means believe, Though one were to declare it to you.’”* Acts 13:41 was a passage quoted from Isaiah 29. Isaiah 29 makes it clear that people who do this are losing what God ordained for them in their generation. The warning in Isaiah begins in Isaiah 29:1, and is a warning of the loss of the city of Jerusalem. It goes on to say in verse 13, *“Therefore the Lord said: ‘Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths And honor Me with their lips, But have removed their hearts far from Me, And their fear toward Me is taught by the commandment of men.’”* All those who walk this path may well forfeit the cities and nations that God intends to give. Can we really afford to lose a harvest of cities and nations that God intends to give? Yet there is a warning here, that we are just about to do that. Habakkuk 1:5 uses the same Scripture over the nation of Israel. We have an issue of cities and nations we could lose if we do not embrace the pattern of David. We are exhorted to do that and we should begin preparing now!

SATURDAY, MAY 7

Scripture: Acts 13:32-35

The reason we are backing up to previous verses in Acts 13 is that these verses begin to lay the foundation for equipping us to serve our generation the way the King David served his. Acts 13:32-35 is a major part of that. It says, *“And we declare to you glad tidings—that promise which was made to the fathers. God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm: ‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.’ And that He raised Him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, He has spoken thus: ‘I will give you the sure mercies of David.’ Therefore He also says in another Psalm: ‘You will not allow Your Holy One to see corruption.’”* The reason why we should be able to present ourselves just like King David did concerning his generation is because Jesus, on Resurrection Day, guaranteed to us the very same covenant that He gave to King David. Now that in itself is astonishing and amazing. David had mighty men. He won almost every battle that he entered into. You could not be the enemy of King David and live. What does that mean for us? Are we living up to what God has made available to us? There is an important issue of faith in our generation. But faith does not help if we do not know what is available. How can we be a people of faith if we are not a people of God's Word? The whole Kingdom principle works on taking the eternal seed of God's Word and sowing it in the soil, the soil being our heart. And if we sow that seed, our hearts will produce the promise of that Word. But if do not know that God has given us the very same covenant He gave King David, how can we sow it in our heart? If we do not sow the Word, we cannot produce its fruit. If we do not know it and sow it, we will not be able to produce the fruit of David and serve our generation the way he did. But if we take that covenant and believe it, sow it, speak it and act on it, it is entirely possible we can make a contribution like King David made. It is prophesied by the prophets that we will. This passage in Acts 13 is a vital key to unlocking the power of God for an end-time harvest. And we need to spend enough time with it until that seed is firmly planted on the inside of us.

SUNDAY, MAY 8

Scripture: Acts 13:26-31

Acts 13:26-31 says, *“Men and brethren, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to you the word of this salvation has been sent. For those who dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they did not know Him, nor even the voices of the Prophets which are read every Sabbath, have fulfilled them in condemning Him. And though they found no cause for death in Him, they asked Pilate that He should be put to death. Now when they had fulfilled all that was written concerning Him, they took Him down from the tree and laid Him in a tomb. But God raised Him from the dead. He was seen for many days by those who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are His witnesses to the people.”* The first casualty of not consistently spending time in the Word

is just what is written in these verses. The first casualty is discernment. Verse 27 says, *“For those who dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they did not know Him, nor even the voices of the Prophets which are read every Sabbath, have fulfilled them in condemning Him.”* The generation that Jesus came to did not recognize Him. Does the generation we live in recognize what God has made available and are we pursuing it? The first casualty of not consistently putting the Word in our hearts is the loss of discernment. We miss things when we fail to discern, see and understand what God wants to do in our midst. If that happens, we forfeit the assignment to others. We should consistently put the Word of God in our hearts. It is God's way!

MONDAY, MAY 9

Scripture: Acts 13:19-21

Before David,, God gave a king to Israel and that king was Saul. Saul was told to go and totally destroy the Amalekites because they were longstanding enemies of God. But Saul only partially obeyed. God said to Samuel that it grieved Him so much, He had to replace Saul. God gave the Promised Land to Israel and distributed the land to them by allotment. Acts 13:19-21 says, *“And when He had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, He distributed their land to them by allotment. After that He gave them judges for about four hundred and fifty years, until Samuel the prophet. And afterward they asked for a king; so God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. And when He had removed him, He raised up for them David as king,...”* So why did God have to remove Saul? Saul did not obey His Word and did not complete God's assignment for him. Saul represents a failed generation – a generation that only partially does what God asks them to do but by and large, fails in the full purpose for their generation. We do not want to be those people and we do not have to be. We can follow the example of King David. It is available and everything that is necessary has already been given to us in Scripture. The question is, what are we going to do with it?

TUESDAY, MAY 10

Scripture: Acts 13:22-25, Revelation 22:16

Acts 13:22-25 says, *“And when He had removed him, He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, ‘I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.’ From this man’s seed, according to the promise, God raised up for Israel a Savior—Jesus— after John had first preached, before His coming, the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. And as John was finishing his course, he said, ‘Who do you think I am? I am not He. But behold, there comes One after me, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to loose.’”* David was a man after God's own heart. Why was he a man after God's own heart? When God gave David an assignment, David was relentless in doing it. He never hesitated when asked to do judgment. He did not hesitate when asked to take down Goliath. He was asked and he completed the assignment. Verse 23 says that Jesus is the seed of David. Jesus is the One who God ordained to sit on the Throne of David. And therefore, if we do not know King David and do not act like him, we do not know Jesus and do not act like King Jesus. Jesus comes from the family of King David. From David's seed, according the promise, God raised up a Savior – Jesus. Jesus is like King David. If we do not know David, we do not know Jesus! The question is, how much like King David are we? Are we fully a people after God's own heart?

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

Scripture: 2 Samuel 7:8,9

2 Samuel 7:8,9 shows us the first edge of a two-edged sword that is the covenant of Sure Mercy that was given to King David and very much responsible for all of his victories. Verses 7,8 says, *“Wherever I have moved about with all the children of Israel, have I ever spoken a word to anyone from the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd My people Israel, saying, ‘Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?’ Now therefore, thus shall you say to My servant David, ‘Thus says the Lord of hosts: “I took you from the sheepfold, from following*

the sheep, to be ruler over My people, over Israel. And I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and have made you a great name, like the name of the great men who are on the earth.”” The covenant of Sure Mercy is a covenant in which God promises that no one can be our enemy continually and persist in thwarting God's purposes for us. If they do not relent and do not turn aside, all we have to do is ask and God will cut them off. That is the promise. He did it for David and He will do it for you and I. That covenant is ours, and we have to have the faith to stand in it. Sow it in the fields of our heart, believe it, stand on it and pray it in faith. We cannot be victorious in the last days, winning cities and nations without that truth in our hearts. It is absolutely essential. And how does it become reality? We first plant it in our heart. We ponder it, consider it and think on it until it goes deep in our memory and even deeper in our heart. God calls us to rule with Christ! That is who we are and what we are called to do. But we have to plant the seed so it grows inside us and changes how we think. We should think according to the promise. No one can be our enemy and live. That is who we are, what we have and how we need to think and to walk.

THURSDAY, MAY 12

Scripture: 2 Samuel 7:13-15

2 Samuel 7:13-15 says, *“He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men. But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you.”* We contribute to the building of the house and we contribute to establishing the Throne of the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as God made Him Priest and King, He made us priests and kings. The promise is, if we have a failure, God will not take from us what He took from Saul, *“My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul.”* When God took mercy from Saul, Saul lost his office, he lost his call and he lost the anointing of the Holy Spirit to walk in the office and fulfill the call. But when David had a failure with Bathsheba and Uriah the Hittite, he did not lose his office, he did not lose his call and did not lose his anointing. As a result of not losing his call, when his son Absalom took the office, took the city and took the nation of Israel, he could not take David's call and could not take David's anointing. David prayed based on his covenant of Sure Mercy and he asked God in Psalm 143 to, *“Destroy all those who afflict my soul; For I am Your servant.”* God answered David's prayer concerning Absalom, concerning Ahithophel and concerning all those who stood with them. We have the same covenant – it is ours! And it is the foundation of all we are going to do for the Lord. Isn't it time we walked in it? It is time to accept God's mercy for our failures and then advance on - the time to start is now!

FRIDAY, MAY 13

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:8-10

1 Corinthians 12:8-10 says, *“...for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.”* Every gift of the Spirit, all nine of them, have been given to us for God's purposes. And one purpose is that you and I can walk with God in His power and demonstrate His dominion. We are His agents for establishing dominion in the earth and the gifts of the Spirit are given for that purpose. We need to know God's Word, believe it, apply our faith toward it and trust God that every manifestation that is written in the Word will operate in our lives. No one steals from us what God has given to us. We need to sow it in our hearts, walk it out and see it in manifestation.

SATURDAY, MAY 14

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:7,8a

1 Corinthians 12:7,8 says, *“But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit,...”* A “word of wisdom” is ‘A specific guidance in what to do in a

certain situation.’ Another definition is ‘seeing life from God’s perspective.’ That is a word of wisdom. The first thing we begin to do is we start seeking God for words of wisdom, ‘God, we need Your wisdom. Show us Your wisdom. You have given us the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit has nine different manifestations available to us and one of them is a word of wisdom. So Lord, we ask You for a word of wisdom to be operational in our lives. When we bump into situations where we do not know what to do, let Your word of wisdom become manifest right then. We want to know that we know that we know exactly what You are leading us to do. When we know Your will, we can act with confidence. There will be utter and total victory and Your Kingdom will be established.’ This is how we need to pray concerning a word of wisdom. We have a Helper called the Holy Spirit – and He is in us. By faith we expect these gifts of the Spirit to come out of us so that God’s Kingdom is established. It is the Holy Spirit’s job to establish the Kingdom and He is looking for people to use. If we are available and if we cultivate our hearts in preparation, He will use us. So let’s let Him know we are available!

SUNDAY, MAY 15

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:8b

1 Corinthians 12:8b says, “...to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit...” What is a word of knowledge? A word of knowledge is God communicating to us something that is happening that we are not aware of. The word of wisdom is what to do in a certain situation and a word of knowledge is having a God-awareness of what is going on so we can formulate a plan about what to do. God reveals things that we do not know so that we can formulate a response. And sometimes those words of knowledge are so that we can stop evil in its tracks. Sometimes words of knowledge are for the express purpose of preventative maintenance. God can alert us to something that is happening, unfolding or transpiring that we could not otherwise know. If God were to give us a word of knowledge about where the next terrorist attack was to occur, we could avoid it if we just wanted to save ourselves. But if we wanted to save others, we could pray to that end as well. Elijah had a tremendous gift of a word of knowledge operating in his life. And because of the Holy Spirit, words of knowledge are available to all of us. If we pursue the Lord, we can tap into words of knowledge that could potentially save many lives in the last days. Let us pray, ‘Lord, let the word of knowledge settle on us to save lives and help people in the days ahead. Let Your mercy and Your compassion, through words of knowledge, flow continually through our lives in Jesus name!’ No doubt many obedient intercessors have through their prayers brought God’s victory in situations that have never been published.

MONDAY, MAY 16

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:9a

1 Corinthians 12:9a says, “...to another faith by the same Spirit...” The gift of faith was manifest consistently in the life of Samson. The gift of faith is the supernatural ability to do anything needed in order to save lives or destroy enemies. Samson’s gift of faith destroyed the enemy over and over again. It is obvious that the gift of faith can be used in wartime, but it can also be used to save people. The gift of faith makes all things possible to us. I had a friend years ago that had a massive tree in his front lawn. And that tree dumped massive volumes of leaves on his lawn year after year, which he had to rake. He got fed up one morning, went outside, pointed at the tree and said, “You will never drop another leaf on this lawn, in Jesus name! You are done!” And on that day a freak windstorm came through his city and blew the tree down into the street. The city had to come out and remove it. They cut it into firewood and because the tree was in front of his house, piled firewood up along his fence. The gift of faith was manifest through him on that day and the Holy Spirit turned that tree into firewood. If my friend can walk in that dimension, surely you and I can listen to God’s leading and trust Him to manifest the gift of faith for His Kingdom purposes in our life.

TUESDAY, MAY 17

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:9b

Verse 9c says, “...to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit...” The gifts of healings are multiple manifestations of God's anointing to heal. They often come with a word of knowledge and sometimes simply by laying hands on someone or anointing them with oil and praying for them. We certainly need to trust the Lord for the gifts of healing to operate through our lives and specifically whenever they are needed. So we can pray like this, ‘Father, in Jesus’ name, You know that in establishing Your Kingdom, people need healing. Lord, the gifts of healing are a great tool for evangelism for people who need it. So in Jesus’ name, give me the gifts of healing and when You speak to me, I will pray for somebody and ask for Your intervention in their life and You will prove to them Who You are. So in Jesus’ name, give me the gifts of healing. Let it flow as You desire. Heal Your people and heal all those who come across my path who are in need. Lord, thank You for it, I receive it and I count it done in Jesus’ name!’

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:10

1 Corinthians 12:10 begins, “...to another the working of miracles...” The working of miracles is an awesome gift and again, it is dependent on the things that we face. Jesus and the prophets did multiple miracles in Scripture. Miracles are throughout Scripture. Walking on the water was one miracle both Jesus and Peter did. We find that anything Jesus did in Scripture, when directed by the Spirit we can do. Miracles are a part of Who God is. Whether it is a miracle of healing, a miracle of provision or making an axhead float, like we see in the book of Kings with Elijah. Miracles make all things possible and they are tremendous testimonies of God's love for people in this hour. Pray, ‘Lord, in Jesus’ name, You promised the working of miracles. You promised gifts of the Spirit and I expect the working of miracles to manifest in my life. I expect to see Your Hand produce the miraculous, in Jesus’ name. I thank You for it, I expect it, I call it forth and I count it done in the name of the Lord.’

THURSDAY, MAY 19

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:10

Verse 10 continues, “...to another prophecy...” Prophecy is a tremendous blessing in Scripture because prophecy often reveals what God wants to do or a direction to take or an issue God wants addressed. It is when the Holy Spirit moves on us to speak something specific to someone about a promise, about a coming event, about a current situation, about what God's purpose for them is or what He is about to do. Prophecy comes to encourage, edify and comfort. In 1 Corinthians 14 we are all told to seek to prophesy and we should actively seek this gift. The Bible is full of unfulfilled prophecy that we have not yet seen come to pass. We would ask God for it like this, ‘Father, in Jesus’ name Your Word says that we may all prophesy. It says to seek to prophesy so I ask You that the Spirit of prophecy would operate in my life to encourage Your people, to edify, to exhort and to bless them when they need it. So I receive the spirit of prophecy in Jesus’ name.’

FRIDAY, MAY 20

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:10

Verse 10 continues “...to another discerning of spirits...” Discerning of spirits came on Jesus continually when He would run into somebody who had a problem or needed deliverance. Discerning of spirits is when God reveals to us what the spirit world looks like in a situation or the true cause of a problem that has demonic origins. Discerning of spirits is a tremendous blessing because it enables us to speak specifically to the spiritual realm and command spirits to stop harassing people and be removed from their life, never to return. Discerning of spirits is absolutely essential in establishing the Kingdom of God in the lives of people. Pray, ‘Lord, You promised discerning

of spirits. You said we could see what the enemy was doing and that You would reveal it, make it clear and show it to us. So Lord, in Jesus' name, we ask You for the discerning of spirits. Father, alert us whenever we are even approaching a battle. We know that You gave discerning of spirits to help and protect Your people. So we thank You for it and we receive it now, in Jesus' name.'

SATURDAY, MAY 21

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:10, 1 Corinthians 14:14

Verse 10 continues "...to another different kinds of tongues..." Tongues is a prayer language. We are told in 1 Corinthians 14 that when we pray in a tongue, our spirit prays. Our mind is unfruitful but God knows exactly what we are praying for. We are praying beyond our intellect, beyond our mind and beyond our emotions. When we pray in tongues we pray God's perfect will. This gift of tongues is for public meeting and works in conjunction with the interpretation of tongues. Tongues is one of the most practical gifts God has ever given and we can ask Him for it like this, 'Father, You said You would fill me with the Holy Spirit and that I could speak in other tongues. So in Jesus' name I receive that from You. Thank You for that prayer language and bless me in it in Jesus' name.'

SUNDAY, MAY 22

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:10

Verse 10 concludes "...to another the interpretation of tongues." Interpretation of tongues is for a public meeting where somebody gives a public utterance of tongues. These two gifts work together. The interpretation of tongues is similar to prophecy. It is usually a tremendous blessing, an encouragement and an edification or a comfort. It often outlines God's perfect will in a place. May the Lord use us dramatically in all of His gifts in the days ahead. Walking in the Spirit is an issue of faith. We receive these nine gifts of the Spirit by faith and we walk in them accordingly by faith and under the unction of the Spirit.

MONDAY, MAY 23

Scripture: Hebrews 11:26,27

Hebrews 11:24-27 says, "*By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward. By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible.*" When Moses came of age, he embraced God's will and left his pleasant, easy lifestyle in Egypt. Verse 26 says he esteemed the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt. Moses made a faith-choice that going with God would be better than staying in all the position and comfort he enjoyed in Egypt. So he left for a life of obedience, service and potential suffering. And that is what faith does for us – it enables us to say, 'God, I am going to walk with You. I do not care what it looks or feels like; I am going to walk with You.' I believe if we do that, we will see some awesome things.

TUESDAY, MAY 24

Scripture: Hebrews 11:17,18

Hebrews 11:17,18 says, "*By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called."* This is in effect a picture of biblical faith in action and that is why we all struggle with it so much. Abraham walked by faith. But walking by faith had painful sacrifice in it. He was forced to sacrifice Isaac, his son, not knowing how it would turn out. The blessing came in how it turned out, how God applied it and what was birthed as a result of his obedience. People who walk in faith always receive a tremendous blessing.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

Scripture: Genesis 22: 14-17

Genesis 22 records Abraham's walk of faith with God concerning the execution of Isaac. Genesis 22: 14-17 says, *"And Abraham called the name of the place, The-Lord-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, 'In the Mount of the Lord it shall be provided.' Then the Angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, and said: 'By Myself I have sworn, says the Lord, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son—blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.'" Because Abraham walked in obedient faith, you and I have the promise of possessing the gate of our enemies. That is what King David walked in and was totally and completely victorious. Here we are – ready to walk it just like King David did.*

THURSDAY, MAY 26

Scripture: Hebrews 11:1

Hebrews 11:1 says, *"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."* Substance in the Greek is **hoop-os-tas-sis** and according to Hebrews 11:1, faith is the process of **hoop-os-tas-sis**. The Word becomes faith when it germinates and grows for a harvest. For example, we plant the promises for the gifts of the Spirit. We water those by studying them, by praying for them consistently and by expecting and asking for manifestations of them when we face something where they are needed. As our confidence grows we know that there is a harvest of the gifts of the Spirit that comes from the promise of them in the Word. Faith is really like sowing corn seed, watering it, tending it and watching as the full ear of the corn develops. Seeing the fruit that has grown and is in manifestation is a testimony of the care and attention we give the seed from the time we plant it in the soil. Faith is the hope of the harvest of seed we have sown. It is the confidence that it is coming. We act on it when we have the confidence it is there. The more seed we sow of God's Word in our heart, meditate on, speak out and believe for, the more of a faith harvest we will see.

FRIDAY, MAY 27

Scripture: Hebrews 11:8-10

Hebrews 11:8-10 says, *"By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God."* By faith, Abraham left comfort and security and moved toward Canaan. He acted on the promise that God gave him and God met him there in provision, in protection, in deliverance and in freedom. Abraham walked out his faith by embracing the promise and acting on it. Faith without corresponding action is dead. We are a people who we are called to act on the promises of God's Word, believe those promises and call them into existence.

SATURDAY, MAY 28

Scripture: Hebrews 11:24-26

Hebrews 11:24-26 says, *"By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in[a] Egypt; for he looked to the reward."* Moses made a very costly choice when he said no to Egypt and yes to God. Initially that choice brought him affliction, reproach and loss of wealth and treasure. But 40 years later, the very spoils of Egypt he gave up, he brought out and dispersed among all the people. Faith ultimately gave back everything Moses gave up and you and I should have that expectation. Faith will gain back what the enemy has taken.

SUNDAY, MAY 29

Scripture: Hebrews 11:30,31

Verses 30,31 say, *“By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they were encircled for seven days. By faith the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe, when she had received the spies with peace.”* For 7 days Joshua led God's army around the city of Jericho. On the seventh day they did it seven times. And at the end, they shouted with a great shout. And when they did, archeology tells us the wall went down just like an elevator. It did not fall over, but went straight down into the earth until it was flat. They conquered the city and so began the conquest of the Promised land. It was by faith. We take the Word, receive it, sow it and act on it by faith. By faith, we will see God bring to pass what He has promised. It is very important to understand the faith part of our eternal purpose. It is impossible to please God without faith. May we join the champions of old!

MONDAY, MAY 30

Scripture: Hebrews 11:32-35a

Verses 32-35a say, *“And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again.”* Here we have many people who victoriously use their faith.

TUESDAY, MAY 31

Scripture: Hebrews 11: 35b-40

Verses 35b-40 say, *“Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.”* In verses 32b-40 we have others who used their faith, suffered and did not get what they believed for yet used their faith for an eternal reward. Even though they did not see God's promises come to pass, they passed on the vision of what He promised. Their whole life was laid down not seeing what God had promised but passing it onto others that would one day experience it. For 400 years the children of Israel were locked up in Egypt, passing the promise of deliverance on until Moses came. And only that generation saw the deliverance. Walking in faith pleases God, establishes a testimony and even passes God's purposes onto the next generation, even if we do not see it in our life. We have to realize that for some, walking in faith means we will not see it in our lifetime, but it *will* one day be seen. If we do not see it, then we can trust it will come to pass in the lives of our children or children’s children. Walking in obedience is worth it to establish the promises for our children and grandchildren. We cannot please God without it.

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