

FINISHING STRONG SERIES

God's Abundance

HIS PROMISES ARE YES AND AMEN

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We're in the last two months of the year 2019 and through the year we would all have experienced various ups and downs. Sometimes when we are constantly bombarded with issues we can lose sight of God's perspective and how much we have in Him.

This month we will look at God's promises to us, with the understanding that if He said it, He will do it. When we meditate in His word and speak it into existence, we will definitely see the impact in our lives.

Don't be weary, don't lose hope. The Lord is with you. Stay connected and be encouraged.



Day 1

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In this chapter, David extols the virtues of God's abundant generosity – how he waters the earth and causes it to be fruitful. Not only does the Lord do this, he crowns the year with His goodness, and such an abundance that His paths drip with it. Our God is so good to us!

'Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.' Proverbs 18:21

'For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.' Hebrews 4:12

The word of the Lord is living and active, but if you want to bring it into existence in your life it's not enough to read the word, you Must speak it. And beyond speaking, personalize it.

Declaration: I am blessed because you choose me and cause me to approach You, that I may dwell in Your courts. I shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house of Your holy temple. By awesome deeds in righteousness You will answer me, O God of my salvation. You who are the confidence of all the ends of the earth and of the far-off seas. You provide for me, You have prepared my way, You water the ridges of my life abundantly, You settle my furrows; You make it soft with showers, You bless my growth. You crown my year with Your goodness, and Your paths drip with abundance.

Day 2

'When my steps were bathed with cream, And the rock poured out rivers of oil for me!' Job 29:6

Here Job was speaking about the days before his trials, the days when he believed God was still with him. What Job didn't realise was that the Lord never left him, even in the midst of the challenges God was there. Oftentimes when the Lord doesn't change the circumstances around us, He's changing something inside us.

Perhaps you're also going through some challenges right now and you're wondering if God is still able to do anything about it. The answer is a resounding Yes. There's nothing too difficult for Him to do.

The first step is to ask the Lord for clarity regarding what you're going through – what would He have you do concerning it? Ask the Holy Spirit if there are things you need to repent of, and for cleansing of anything in your life that displease Him. Do not start declaring without dealing with this crucial step first in prayer.

Declaration: Lord you have promised that you will never leave nor forsake me. You watch over me and shine your lamp upon me so I can walk by your light through darkness. When you shine your light every area of darkness in my life has no choice but to respond in my favour. Your light brings me wisdom, understanding and total clarity. You counsel me so I know what to do in every situation. You bathe my steps in cream and so I move through life swiftly and with ease. You cause rocks to pour out rivers of oil for me so I am confident that every hard situation I face right now will yield to me and bring forth an overflow of your goodness in my life. Indeed I am blessed and a blessing to all you have put in my care. You clothe me with your righteousness and I am your hands and feet in every environment you place me. My life brings you glory all of my days.

Day 3

He split the rocks in the wilderness, and gave them drink in abundance like the depths.
Psalms 78:15

While the Israelites were in the wilderness, they did many things that angered God because they had forgotten His faithfulness and the many times He had delivered them. In this chapter the psalmist is recalling the many wonders God worked on Israel's behalf and the way they responded to Him.

'Yes, they spoke against God: They said, "Can God prepare a table in the wilderness? Behold, He struck the rock, So that the waters gushed out, And the streams overflowed. Can He give bread also? Can He provide meat for His people?"' Psalms 78:19-20

While we may blame the children of Israel when we read these verses, the truth is we often behave in the same way. We question God and His ability to provide for us. Sometimes we question if He even cares about us.

Some of us may be asking: Can God make a way for me out of this situation? Yes He did some things in the past, but can He do this? The Lord is the same yesterday, today and forever. If He was able to split rocks in the wilderness and bring out streams of water, He can address whatever situation you're facing now.

Declaration: Lord I declare Your strength and Your wonderful works. You divided the sea and caused Israel to pass through; You made the waters stand up like a heap. In the daytime also You led them with the cloud and all the night with a light of fire. You split the rocks in the wilderness and gave them drink in abundance like the depths. You also brought streams out of the rock and caused waters to run down like rivers. Lord you are the same yesterday, today and forever. As You showed yourself mighty to Israel, Lord show Yourself mighty in my life. I trust Lord that you will make a way for me in the wilderness. Your counsel will guide me day and night and Your counsel alone will stand in my life in the Name of Jesus.

Day 4

“being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;” Philippians 1:6

God doesn't start something and leave it halfway through, He completes everything He starts. One of His attributes is that He's the one who sees the end from the beginning so He knows how things will work out according to His plan - if we cooperate with Him.

“Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure,’” Isaiah 46:10

“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.” Jeremiah 29:11

Because of His perspective, God also knows the best time to let us have what we're asking for as it's possible that at the point we're asking we may not yet be fully prepared to handle it. Imagine giving an underage child a powerful, expensive car to drive. While the child may have asked for the car, as an adult you see the pitfalls of giving the child what was requested at that point in time. Once the child grows and matures and demonstrates the capacity to handle the car, then the car can be given.

Our Father in heaven isn't irresponsible, He knows better than we do what we can and cannot handle and when we're ready for what we're requesting. But we have this assurance, that as we yield to Him, He will help us by His grace to grow and mature so He can complete His good work in our lives.

Prayer: Father, help me see from the perspective of heaven so I can align with your will and plan for my life. Please help me keep in step with you and not try and hasten your work, but freely align with your will for my life, trusting that you know best and will complete all that you've begun in my life.

Day 5

“I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.” John 15:5 NKJV

One of the frustrations we encounter in life occurs when we know what to do but somehow we can't seem to do it, or it doesn't go the way we think it should. One of the underlying reasons for this often stems from the fact that we're trying to do things in our own wisdom and strength. We've mentally reasoned things out and either not involved the Lord at all or just asked Him to rubber stamp our plan.

“For a man shall not prevail by might.” 1 Samuel 2:9b

“Some trust in chariots and some in horses, But we will remember and trust in the name of the LORD our God.” Psalm 20:7

In the verses above we receive guidance from the Bible on how to address issues in life. The first tells us what we should not do: don't trust in your own strength (mental, physical, emotional, etc.) alone because you won't win consistently this way and chances are high you will end up exhausted and discouraged.

The second verse tells us what to do: put your trust in God. Trusting God goes beyond just acknowledging that He exists, but actually depending on Him for guidance, clarity, direction, strength, etc to see you through. If you're dependent on God, you will by extension abide in Him because He is your source. And Jesus tells us explicitly that when we abide in Him, we will bear much fruit. The beauty of this is that we will bear fruit through His strength and grace as He is the one who consistently crowns our efforts with success.

Prayer: Father please forgive me for all the times I have wasted time planning and executing without acknowledging or involving you. I pray Lord for the grace to have a lifestyle of prayer so that I can place everything concerning my life in your hands and listen to your counsel. Beyond listening Lord, I also ask for the grace to be obedient to your counsel and the strength to do what you would have me do the way you would have me do it. That your name will be glorified in my life. In the name of Jesus.

Day 6

“This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.” Joshua 1:8

Life is spiritual. When we recognise this very key fact then we will begin to understand the importance of investing time in the place of prayer and Bible study. When we meditate on God’s word, it moves from our head to our spirit and becomes real to us. When the word becomes real, then obedience becomes less of a struggle for us. This doesn’t happen automatically and there’s a price we have to pay to intentionally spend time in God’s presence.

“But without faith it is impossible to [walk with God and] please Him, for whoever comes [near] to God must [necessarily] believe that God exists and that He rewards those who [earnestly and diligently] seek Him.” Hebrews 11:6 (AMP)

There’s an earnestness and diligence required on our part when we’re seeking God. We approach Him with openness, reverence and consistency and because He is a good God, He rewards use or doing so. The mistake we often make is that we try and limit God to only catering to our material needs, forgetting that the spiritual blessings - though physically intangible - have a more lasting impact in our lives and the lives of those around us.

Prayer: Ask for the grace to seek God with diligence because of who He is. Ask for forgiveness for the times you’ve sought Him just for what you can get from Him. Ask Him how He can use you to fulfil His plans and purposes so you’re a contributor to the expansion of the will of God here on earth. Ask for grace to recognise and value His spiritual rewards and thank Him in advance for all He’s doing with, in and for you.

Day 7

“Now Elijah said to Ahab, “Go up, eat and drink, for there is the sound of the roar of an abundance of rain.”” 1 Kings 18:41

When Elijah gave Ahab an instruction in 1 Kings 18:41, he clearly was not functioning based on what his eyes could see but what he perceived in his spirit that God was going to do. At this point it hadn't rained for 3 years in Israel, but Elijah knew something was about to happen. His next steps provide a guide for us as to how to respond when we have a sense that something is about to happen, but we haven't seen it manifest yet.

'So Ahab went up to eat and drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; then he bowed down on the ground, and put his face between his knees, 'I Kings 18:42

Often when we have some inkling that God is going to do something, we stop at that stage believing that it will happen automatically. Elijah understood that he had to pray in order to make what he perceived in the spirit a reality.

'Then it came to pass the seventh time, that he said, “There is a cloud, as small as a man's hand, rising out of the sea!” So he said, “Go up, say to Ahab, ‘Prepare your chariot, and go down before the rain stops you.’” I Kings 18:44

Elijah prayed persistently. It wasn't until the seventh time that Elijah's servant confirmed that he'd seen something that suggested the manifestation was about to occur. This shows us that at times we have to be dogged and resilient in the place of prayer. Not because we don't believe God has answered but because prayer is what God uses to bring what He's already made available a reality for us.

Reflect: Elijah prayed persistently and then took action even when all he had physically seen was a cloud the size of a man's hand. To see the move of God in our lives we must pray and take steps of faith as guided by the Holy Spirit.

Day 8

“The earth is the LORD’s, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein.”
Psalms 24:1

When we come before God it should be with the understanding that He is the maker of the earth and everything that’s in it. Everything on the ground, in the waters, in the skies, He made them all. So there’s nothing we can give to God that He didn’t make available to us first. Whatever need we have He is more than capable to meet it.

“Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, The power and the glory, The victory and the majesty;
For all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, And You are exalted as head over all.” I Chronicles 29:11

Your challenges may seem huge when you look at them in isolation. But place your challenge next to the Lord who is all, knows all and owns all and see how quickly this changes your perspective on what you’re going through. It’s not something that happens automatically, you have to consciously and consistently remind yourself of who your God is. Then you must inform your challenge who your God is and command every situation in your life to align to God’s plan for you. Remember the victory is from God and He is head over all. And when the Bible said ‘all’, it meant ‘all’.

Declaration: Lord you are the maker and owner of all things. The head over all that is seen and unseen. Greatness, power and majesty are yours. You alone have all the power and you have given me victory over everything in life. You have given me dominion over all. I declare Lord that everything I have belongs to you and everything I am, I release to you. So today I command every situation in my life to line up with God’s plans and purposes for me and all that He has placed in my care, in the name of Jesus.



Day 9

'Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us' Ephesians 3:20

We have limitations as people – when we cannot clearly see the way out of a situation, we tend to believe that no way exists. But this verse tells us that we need to re-orient our belief system if that's the way we're operating. The Bible tells us that God is able to do not just what we ask but to do exceedingly, abundantly above ALL that we ask or think.

Which if we break it down further can be understood as: God is able to do to a very great degree and to large quantities over and above all that we ask now or will ever ask or even imagine now or can ever imagine.

Since we know God can do these things, why then are we not seeing the demonstration of this in our lives on a regular basis? The Bible gives us a clue to the answer: 'according to the power that works in us'. God's power is not limited in any way, but it's only in the place of a close, intimate walk with Him that we can experience the fullness of His power.

"I don't think the way you think. The way you work isn't the way I work." God's Decree. "For as the sky soars high above earth, so the way I work surpasses the way you work, and the way I think is beyond the way you think. Isaiah 55:8 MSG

A close walk with God requires that we give Him room to work in our lives as He sees fit, not as we think He should. His thought process is different from ours but in His love for us, He gives us room to have an understanding of His ways through fellowship with Him. Intimacy with God as with any relationship requires a commitment of time, openness and honesty.

Reflect: You may be seeking the demonstration of God's power in your life, but are you giving God enough room in your life to shape you from within? God is more interested in who you are becoming than what you can get from Him.



Day 10

'But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.'
Philippians 4:19

When Paul was writing to this to the Philippian Church, he was coming from the perspective of one who had experienced both abundance and lack. It wasn't guess-work for Paul because he'd experienced firsthand what God could do in his life. Let's note two things from this verse.

"You say, "I am allowed to do anything" —but not everything is good for you. You say, "I am allowed to do anything"—but not everything is beneficial." 1 Corinthians 10:23 NLT

First is that Paul notes that God shall supply all we need, not necessarily all we want. There are many things we are asking God for that not only do we not need, but they could actually be harmful to us long term either physically or in our walk with God. Remember that God looks at things from the perspective of eternity. So if giving you that thing you're asking for will have a negative impact, as the good and responsible Father that He is, the Lord might not give it to you. This is why it's important to seek His mind in all decisions because there's only so much we can see at any point in time.

"...God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;" Romans 4:17b

"For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself," Hebrews 6:13

Second is that God supplies according to His riches in glory, not according to our limitations. He is El Elyon, the Most High God. The one who created the heavens and the earth and everything belongs to Him. Which means He already owns everything you could ever possibly conceive of in your mind. He is the one who call those things which be not as though they are and creation has no choice but to line up with what He's said.

Reflect: God isn't limited in any way, shape or form. There's nothing greater than Him and doesn't need anything or anyone to provide Him with the ability to meet your need.

Day 11

'You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.' Psalms 23:5

The presence of challenges does not mean the absence of God. It would be a great tragedy to believe that life will be totally free of any kind of challenge. Because if you think that way you run the risk of believing that the presence of challenges means God has abandoned you.

'These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.'" John 16:33

One of the strategies of God is to give you abundance in the presence of challenges – He often uses challenges as a backdrop to showcase His glory. It's when the odds are stacked up against you that the miracle will be awesome. The miracle could be a reversal of the situation or it may be the inexplicable peace you feel when things seem to be going wrong.

'Therefore, put on the complete armor of God, so that you will be able to [successfully] resist and stand your ground in the evil day [of danger], and having done everything [that the crisis demands], to stand firm [in your place, fully prepared, immovable, victorious].' Ephesians 6:13 (AMP)

Therefore let us [with privilege] approach the throne of grace [that is, the throne of God's gracious favor] with confidence and without fear, so that we may receive mercy [for our failures] and find [His amazing] grace to help in time of need [an appropriate blessing, coming just at the right moment].' Hebrews 4:16 (AMP)

The key in the face of the challenges is not to deny they exist, but to consistently speak the word of God to counter what you see. The word of God has the power to change things in and around us. And because of the victory that we have in Jesus, we can freely and boldly go to the throne of grace to access the help we need.

Reflect: Have you spoken God's word to the challenge you're going through? If you haven't seen what you've spoken don't be discouraged. The Bible says having done all, to stand. This means you will keep speaking and believing until you see the performance what God's word says in your life.

Day 12

'Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.' Romans 15:13

An area that the enemy often targets is our hope. Why? Because when a person loses hope that person becomes despondent believing that all is lost. When hope is gone, it's just a matter of time before joy and peace follow suit. It's impossible for a hopeless person to be peaceful and joyful.

'...for the joy of the Lord is your strength' Nehemiah 8:10b

'But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace...' Galatians 5:22a

If we focus on the negativity going on in our minds, it's easy for the door to be opened to hopelessness, especially when there's no immediate logical way out of what you're going through. But when we allow the Holy Spirit to take charge of what's going on, the Holy Spirit will by His own power provide joy and peace because they are part of the fruit of His presence.

We cannot manufacture hope, joy and peace. If we try and do so, our efforts will be frustrated once we come across challenges that exceed our strength. But when we yield to the Holy Spirit and focus on staying in His presence, He releases His joy and peace to us. And His joy, peace and strength are unlimited. This is why we need God to fill us with all joy and peace and hope will flow from there as we believe. Because we're no longer looking at ourselves but fixing our eyes on Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.

Reflect: Have you come to the end of yourself? This is the perfect time to hand everything over to the Lord and invite Him to take over not just your challenge, but everything concerning your life.

Day 13

'When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you.' Isaiah 43:2

Note the verse did not say “if you pass through”, it says “when”. These things will happen, but we have an assurance from the Lord that we will not be overcome by whatever we face. The Lord will guide us through as we depend on Him. We live in very unpredictable times where things that seemed to have been guaranteed are no longer so. But we have an assurance in who our God is and the promises He has for us. So it doesn't matter what comes before us, we have One who sees all, knows all and has a plan for all.

'Indeed before the day was, I am He; And there is no one who can deliver out of My hand; I work, and who will reverse it?' Isaiah 43:13

Sometimes we need to remind ourselves of who our God is. All we could ever need is available in Him, every victory has been won by Him.

Declaration: Lord I will not fear because you have redeemed me by the blood of Jesus, you have called me by my name, I am Yours. When I pass through the waters, Lord You will be with me. When I go through the rivers, they shall not overflow me. When I walk through the fire, I shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch me. For You are the Lord my God, The Holy One of Israel, my Saviour. Your word says I am precious in Your sight and that You have honoured me. That I may know and believe You and understand that You alone are God. There was none before You and there will be none beside You. You are the one who makes a way in the sea and a path through the mighty waters. You are the One who does a new thing in my life. Therefore, I will not remember the former things, or consider the things of old because You Lord make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert for me. I praise your name Lord and thank you for all you have done for me. In the name of Jesus.

Day 14

'And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.' 2 Corinthians 9:8

When the Bible says 'All', it means 'All'. From this verse we see that God isn't stingy either with His grace or His sufficiency. He is willing and able to provide for us in abundance, not to meet our selfish interest, but for every good work he's called us to.

'And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure.' James 4:3

One of the principles of receiving in the kingdom of God is that it's not enough to just expect things to happen you have to ask. Another is the motive for what you're asking. Is what you're asking for going to benefit others, or is your motive simply for your personal benefit? It's not that the Lord doesn't want us to have good things – He's a good and generous father. However He also understands how easy it is for us to get consumed with our own needs and desires, at the expense of the things he would have us use the resources for.

'For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.' "And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters you were doing it to me!'" Matthew 25:35-36,40

God also has needs He wants us to fulfil and when we realise that and start seeking to be useful to Him in meeting those needs, then we will experience the grace, the sufficiency and everything we need to help us meet those needs.

Reflect: You can't feed all the hungry, clothe all the naked, care for all the sick people or visit everyone in prison in the world. But you can start with one person. Ask the Lord to show you one person whose life you can impact today. And if you ask Him every day, He will show you and also enable you as required. Remember, we're called to live a life of impact.

Day 15

'The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bear fruit in old age; They shall be fresh and flourishing, to declare that the Lord is upright; He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.' Psalms 92:12-15

Palm trees are known for their ability to exist in diverse environments, from deserts to rainforests. They are structured such that their deep roots enable them to withstand storms without breaking and reach into depths to get water for nourishment. The cedar trees of Lebanon were prized for their durability, stature and ability to grow to very great heights. So when the Bible compares the righteous to a palm tree and cedar of Lebanon, it's clear that the Lord has great ambitions for His children.

The plans God has for us aren't limited by our location, history, physical capabilities or age. The main criteria is that we are planted in the house of the Lord. Planted means we don't have a casual, unserious relationship with Him, but we are located in Him, in fellowship, in study of the word, in prayer and in all he would have us be. So it's about our positioning in Him.

'Blessed be the Lord, Who daily loads us with benefits, The God of our salvation! Selah' Psalms 68:19

When we are connected to Him, we are constantly in His presence which gives us the ability to flourish regardless of seasons and circumstances because He is our source. He gives us the grace to be fresh because he daily loads us with new benefits, so we can never run out of new ideas or solutions.

Reflect: What's your relationship with God like? Are you committed to a relationship with God or are you just visiting casually when you feel it's convenient for you?



Day 16

'The Lord your God will make you abound in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your land for good. For the Lord will again rejoice over you for good as He rejoiced over your fathers' Deuteronomy 30:9

This very powerful promise was proclaimed over the Israelites by Moses as they were getting ready to enter Canaan. He clearly did not expect them to enter Canaan and begin suffering, rather they were to abound as they dominated the environment by His help. Reading a few verses earlier, we see that the Lord had a viewpoint on the posture of the Israelites' hearts before the blessing was proclaimed.

"The Lord your God will change your heart and the hearts of all your descendants, so that you will love him with all your heart and soul and so you may live!' Deuteronomy 30:6

God's focus is always the state of our hearts towards Him. His desire is that the primary motivating force for our seeking Him is not necessarily the blessings we want, but that we're driven by love and a hunger for Him: coming to an understanding of who He is and how He thinks.

'As the deer longs for streams of water, so I long for you, O God. I thirst for God, the living God. When can I go and stand before him?' Psalms 42:1-2

When your heart is driven by a longing for God, your primary pursuit in life won't be the things you can get from God, but rather how to live a life that pleases Him so nothing takes His place in your life. And the Lord in His unlimited love and wisdom has designed a structure such that when we seek after Him, the things we would otherwise have been looking for will begin to chase us. Remember that God has promised that His goodness and mercy will follow us and not the other way around.

Day 17

'But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you' Matthew 6:33

Money, blessings, breakthroughs, abundance, grace, etc. They come under the umbrella of 'all these things' in the verse above. We were designed to seek God first and then He will add to us as He sees fit. However, what happens more often is that we seek 'all these things' first and then give God whatever time/energy/resources we have left afterwards. This shouldn't be so.

"And you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day ' Deuteronomy 8:18

'After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it.' 1 Timothy 6:7

'Don't wear yourself out trying to get rich. Be wise enough to know when to quit. In the blink of an eye wealth disappears, for it will sprout wings and fly away like an eagle.' Proverbs 23:4-5

We often forget that without God we wouldn't have the ability to enjoy the abundance we're pursuing. There are many who have pierced themselves with many sorrows because of their love for and pursuit of material things which has cost them their relationships, health and most importantly their walk with God.

'The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.' John 10:10

Reflect: Jesus did not come just so we could have material things which all have an expiry date and we will eventually have to leave behind. He came so we could have an abundant life which will speak for us both here and in eternity. He came that in addition to receiving His gift of salvation, we will also live a life of flourishing, fruitfulness, multiplication and dominion by His strength, direction and orchestration. Our primary responsibility is to seek Him, seek to spend time with Him, seek to have a heart totally yielded to Him and a life moulded by Him. So that despite whatever may come against us, we always come out victorious. Despite how old we may become we consistently add fresh value to our spheres of influence. Let's invite the Holy Spirit to evaluate our hearts and lives so that we can truly live a life that consistently demonstrates God's abundance.

Day 18

'Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.' Philippians 4:6

One of the things that the Lord would like us to have in abundance is peace. Our Father in heaven doesn't want us living a life filled with worry and anxiety because they rob us of our peace. However, most times we live as though we have the capacity to change things just by worrying about them, rather than handing the issues over to God to handle. Jesus said that He came to give us life in abundance, but worry robs us of the opportunity to experience that abundance.

Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you. 1 Peter 5:7

'From his abundance we have all received one gracious blessing after another.' John 1:16

"May God Almighty bless you, and make you fruitful and multiply you, that you may be an assembly of peoples;" Genesis 28:3

One of the attributes of God is that He is El Shaddai – the Almighty, the all sufficient One, able and willing to completely nourish, sustain, care for and satisfy all our needs. One who desires to freely bless His children with all manner of blessings. In God we have all that we could ever need. He is the One able to bless, multiply, increase us in a manner that is beneficial to us. He is the one who can give us the peace that passes all understanding. He is the one who cares for us and loves us with an everlasting love.

Reflect: When we worry, we place emphasis on our own ability to provide for ourselves, rather than tap into the abundance that God already has in store for us. We rob ourselves of peace and often make wrong decisions and take wrong turns because we're allowing ourselves to be led by our anxiety rather than by God's direction. Worry doesn't solve anything. We have a God who is more than able to do far more than we could ever ask, think or imagine. He's the one we should keep our eyes, mind and heart on.

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