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Foreword

Welcome to the second month in the new year. May God's Presence abide with you this month. You will experience increase all round in 2022 in Jesus' name!

Throughout the month of January, we have been seeking the face of God for His renewed strength, increased presence and more of Him. We continue to pray for every user of *In His Footsteps* that God's word will change you for God's glory.

You can download a pdf version of the monthly devotional on our website. This will help readers to have full upfront access to monthly devotional. In addition, you can subscribe to receive the devotional daily in your email, and you can read the devotional on our website, social media channels (particularly on WhatsApp and Facebook). Please note that the devotional is free of charge and we encourage its usage at homes, in bible study groups, discipleship classes, churches, office and any other places.

We continue to seek volunteers who are interested in writing the devotional or sharing across different platforms. For volunteer writers, we will be happy to work with you and train you on how to write effectively and for anyone interested in sharing, you can access the devotional on our website.

Finally, we included studies from the past written by some of our partners. We truly trust God that the devotional will continue to bless you, your families and your friends.

Now we commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified (Acts 20:32)

Yours in God's vineyard,

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February 1st

Let's Start with Thanksgiving

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord. Psalm 150:6 KJV

Bible Reading: Lamentations 3:22

Welcome to the second month! I believe it is a beautiful and important thing to start the new this month with thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving is giving appreciation to whom it is due. It is a heartfelt expression of gratitude. It is often said that "a grateful heart is a thoughtful heart". To be grateful involves reflecting on our past and present and acknowledge God's faithfulness in our lives. It is important to recognize God's faithfulness because they are new every morning (Lamentation 3:22).

When we show appreciation, we humbly acknowledge and recognize whatever good thing that has been done for us. It is not a coincidence that the Lord's prayer started with thanksgiving- "Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name". The prayer involves an acknowledgment of God as our heavenly Father (Matthew 6:9). It's worth thanking the Lord for giving us life, for both spiritual and physical blessings. I encourage you to appreciate Him for your life, your family, your friends, and your colleagues. Thank Him for missionaries, pastors, the church of God, our leaders, and our nations. Thank Him for what He has done, for what He is doing and for what He will yet do in the months ahead.

Dear friends, take the time to reflect on where God brought you from and His faithfulness over your life because "if it is not of the Lord's mercy, we would have been consumed". (Lamentation 3:22). At KSi, we encourage you to "count your blessings and name them one by one and it will surprise you what the Lord has done".

Action Point: Thank God by singing songs, and hymns.

Intercessory prayer: Pray for refugees in camps for God's protection and for God to sort them out.

Hymn: Count your blessings, name them one by one,
Count your blessings, see what God has done!
Count your blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord has done.

He That Dwells (I)

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. Psalm 91:1

Bible Reading: Psalm 91

One of the counsels my parents gave me while growing up is to dwell in the presence of the Lord daily. A counsel that resonates with the Psalmist's determination to '...dwell in the house of the Lord forever' (Psalm 23:6). Our reflection for the next four days will focus on Psalm 91. Psalm 91 is one of the psalms that outline God's promises to protect, secure, safe and deliver. However, it is based on a certain condition, hence the profound statement that reveal who will enjoy God's promises as written in the first line: "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High"

Did you notice that the word *dwelleth* (which can be written as dwells in present day English) is in present-continuous tense? The decision to dwell in the secret place of the Most High is a deliberate choice with implications. It is a decision that starts with believing Jesus Christ's work of redemption and accepting His love. It involves a commitment to continue to seek God and grow deeper in Him daily.

What does it mean to dwell? The word *dwelleth* is from the Hebrew word *yashab*, which means to "sit down, settle, remain, and inhabit". It means to abide, remain, and live in God. It means to actively live a godly life because to live in God is to dwell in righteousness and holiness. It is a conscious choice. It takes deep fellowship and communication; a concerted effort to walk with Him and abide in Him. Jesus Christ spoke of the same thing but in a different way in John 15:4, 'Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me'.

Whoever decides to dwell must dwell in the secret place of the Most High. God will shelter His beloved in His secret place. The secret place of the Most High is not for lazy, wicked, and apathetic people. It is a place where not just anybody can access except those who are ready and determined to seek Him. Yes, it will take diligence and hard work, but it is worth it. Dwelling in the secret place of the Most High means that we constantly seek His love, comfort, and protection. God will protect those who want to know Him more and live for Him. Ultimately, the essence of God's instruction to His people is to bring us to His secret place where we can access His wisdom, power, love, grace, and everything that pertains to life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3). Dear friend, are you dwelling in the secret place of the Most High?

Daily Confession: Lord Jesus help me to dwell in the secret place of the Most High.

Intercessory prayer: May the will of our leaders be lost in the Lord's.

Hymn: Abide with me! fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.

February 3rd

He That Dwells (II)

*Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge, even the Most High, your dwelling place.
Psalm 91:9*

Bible Reading: Psalm 91:9-13

Yesterday, we started reflecting on Psalm 91. A scripture that outlines God's promises to deliver, protect and secure His children. We noted that to dwell in the secret place of the Most High means constantly seeking God's love, comfort and protection. It is a choice that requires a conscious effort. Today, we want to reflect further on why God says He will protect and deliver His children. "Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge, even the Most High, your dwelling place" (vs 9).

Our memory scripture today reminds me of the principle of causality. It is a principle I learnt in a play writing class which refers to a genetic connection and relationship of phenomena through which one thing (the cause) under certain conditions gives rise to, causes something else (the effect). It recognizes that for any cause, there must be an effect. There is no effect without a cause. "Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place... then, "there shall no evil befall you, neither shall any plague come nigh your dwelling" (vs 10). "You shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon you shall trample under feet" (vs 13). This means you are secured from any evil, wickedness, deadly beasts, and pestilence etc. Isn't this amazing?

There are times you need to take a step back and examine yourself - what effect am I experiencing in my life today that is a product of certain cause(s) I prompted in the past? For instance, when you give your life to Christ, that is a cause that has uncountable effects even till eternity. God revealing His mind through the psalmist helps us understand that there is always something good and positive when we make God our dwelling place.

Dear friends, it is important to consider the enormous benefits we receive when we dwell in God. Since you know that when you make God your habitation, good things follow, then why won't you make Him your dwelling place?

Self-Reflection: It is wise to make God our dwelling place

Daily Confession: I am wise. I obey God's word, I receive wise counsel and I make God my dwelling place.

Intercessory prayer: We pray for individuals and families seeking God's direction about relocation, life partner, career, and other destiny matters. May they experience God's divine direction in Jesus' name.

Hymn: Oh God, our help in ages past
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast
And our eternal hope.

February 4th

He That Dwells (III)

Because He has set his love upon Me... Psalm 91:14a

Bible Reading: John 14:15-17

The verse I want us to examine today is "Because He has set his love upon Me..." Psalm 91:14a

What an interesting thing to set our love upon the Lord. To set our love upon God means God is our priority, our first love and the treasure of our heart. Where your treasure is, there your heart lies (Matthew 6:21). If you are in love with someone, you always want to spend quality time with the person. You do not only think about that person, but you also want to do everything to please the person. You give your total attention and devotion to make that person happy. This is what it means to set our love upon God. It means obedience to His command (John 14:15). Here is how Jesus puts it: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:37-39).

Dear friends, do you love God? Then keep His commandments. Did you know that "all things work together for good for those that love God and are called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28)? Did you also know that "eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him" (1 Corinthians 2:9)? At KSi, we encourage you to make Jesus Christ your only priority. And if you need to decide to accept Jesus Christ, do it today!

Daily Confession: May I set my love on Jesus; may He be the Centre of my focus and may my attention be on Him forever.

Intercessory prayer: Pray for God's love to permeate the hearts of everyone experiencing hatred, anger and bitterness in Jesus' name.

Song: Jesus at the center of it all x2
From beginning to the end
It will always be, it's always been You, Jesus

February 5th

He That Dwells (IV)

Because he has known My name. Psalm 91:14b

Bible Reading: Psalm 91

For the past three days we have been examining an amazing chapter in the Bible, Psalm 91. It is also known as 'The Psalm of protection'. Although its writer is unknown, scholars ascribed its authorship to Moses, this chapter reveals God to us as our protector, our deliverer, and our shelter. The writer testifies to God's protecting power and God assures us that He will be our dwelling place as long as we make Him our habitation. Let's conclude our reflection on this chapter by looking at the last remark by God.

Because he has known My name (vs 14b)

Knowing God is powerful. To know God for who He is, as our heavenly Father who cares and loves us is liberating and refreshing. When we know God as a merciful Father, we can "...come boldly to the throne of our gracious God to receive his mercy and find grace to help us when we need it most" (Hebrew 4:16). Most importantly, knowing God the Father through His Son, Jesus Christ gives us life. And whatsoever we ask in prayers in His name, we will receive if we have faith (Matthew 18:19). We are also enabled and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Here's God speaking to us "He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honour him. With long life will I satisfy him and shew him my salvation" (Psalm 91:15-16).

Psalm 91 challenges us to look unto God and make Him our habitation. Dear friends, as we continue in this year's journey, we encourage you to dwell in the secret place of the Most High and abide under His shadow daily. Make God your priority, seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all other things shall be added unto you (Matthew 6:33). Live in holiness and righteousness, knowing your identity in Christ Jesus.

Daily Confession: Heavenly Father I thank you for sending your only begotten son, Jesus Christ to die for my sins. Help me know you more each day and as I call upon you this year. I believe you will hear me because you are truthful to your word in Jesus' name, Amen.

Intercessory prayer: Pray that God will help you encounter Him and reveal Himself to you through His many names.

Hymn: Trust and obey
For there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus
But to trust and obey.

February 6th

Seek The Lord Wholeheartedly

“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” Hebrew 11:6 [AMP]

Bible Reading: Jeremiah 29:11-14

God is interested in those who will diligently seek Him. For the next few days, we will reflect on Jeremiah 29:11-14. One of the necessary attitudes you need to build as you seek the Lord this year is to seek Him with the whole of your heart. Many things will fight for your attention - from your phone to social media, work, and family etc. You have to be determined to seek God diligently this year. Your attention cannot be divided; you have to show care and conscientiousness in your walk with God. Your devotion has to be unto Him.

This is important because what you feed on determines your growth and what you will become. If you are truly devoted unto God, your life will be transformed. Pay attention to your walk with God and seek the Lord with the whole of your heart. If you feed on His word and meditate on it (Joshua 1:8); if you ask and think what is right (Ephesians 3:20-22; Phil. 4:8) and keep trusting God, you will see God's amazing power at work in your life daily.

Here's the point today: Love the Lord with all your heart. Seek the Lord with full attention. Let not your devotion be divided but seek God wholeheartedly. Let your fellowship with God be characterized by care, reverence, and awe. Pay attention to your walk with God and obey without any reservation.

Daily Confession: Lord Jesus thank you because Your word is true. This year 2022 I will seek God with all diligence.

Intercessory Prayer: Lord, help me to trust in you amidst all the busyness of life and let my faith in you grow stronger with each passing day.

Hymn: Knowing you Jesus, knowing you
There's no greater thing
You're my all, you're the best
You're my joy, my righteousness
And I love you Lord.

February 7th

God's Plan (I)

“For I know the plans and thoughts that I have for you”, says the Lord, “plans for peace and well-being and not for disaster to give you a future and a hope”. Jeremiah 29:11 [AMP]

Bible Reading: Jeremiah 29:11-14

The year is full of great things for you. God has amazing miracles for you. I pray that your life will experience unprecedented, and God's glorious manifestations in the name of Jesus. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever and His word is yea and amen. His plan for you this year will leave you in awe of God's power. You will encounter signs and wonders and you will testify to the goodness of God. It will happen because God has said it and His word is His bond.

God is a loving Father who loves us and wants the best for His children. In today's Bible reading, God spoke to prophet Jeremiah that He has amazing plans and thoughts for His people. What is intriguing about God's plan is that it is of peace, good and not of evil to give you a future that is hopeful, impactful, and purposeful. God does not waste His breathe; He would rather not speak than say what He cannot do. Dear friends, I encourage you to search God's word for your life and believe God's word. Let your mindset be centered on God's promise as you go in the journey of destiny. Raise your voice and celebrate God's word concerning you because you are victorious in Christ Jesus.

Daily Confession: Lord Jesus thank you for your amazing promise for my life. I believe your word and I receive your word by faith that my future is bright, that your plans for me are of peace and well-being. I believe that I am blessed, my coast is enlarged, and it is well with me on every side in Jesus' name.

Intercessory prayer: I prophecy to my city (mention the city you live) that it is well with you. The Lord shall preserve my city and righteousness will reign there in Jesus' name.

Hymn: All things are possible to him
That can in Jesus' name believe;
Lord, I no more Thy name blaspheme,
Thy truth I lovingly receive.
I can, I do believe in Thee;
All things are possible to me.

February 8th

God's Plan (II)

*"Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you".
Jeremiah 29:12 [KJV]*

Bible Reading: Jeremiah 29:11-14

Yesterday, I declared that God's plan for you this year is amazing, and He will see to it that He bring His word to pass if you can align with Him. For a reader of this devotional, I am here to let you know that you are in for the miraculous this season in Jesus name. Will God, the creator heaven and the earth, not bring to pass that which He has said concerning you? He knows you by name, He knows the number of the hair on your head, and He has your name engraved in the palm of His hands. Now that you know that God's plans for your life are glorious, there are steps you need to take to align yourself to His plan and purpose. One of the steps is to pray God's plan into fulfillment in your life.

You can't afford not to pray in the journey of this year because your life depends on it. In fact, you are to pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:16). God wants you to pray for His kingdom to come and His will to be done in your life this year. Our reading today is a continuation of God's plan which started in Jeremiah 29:11. Because you know His plan (as He has said in earlier verse), you are to pray and seek Him and He will hearken unto you. The question is are you willing to obey God's instruction to pray?

You have to understand that when you pray, you are communicating with God, and you are reinforcing His plan here on earth. You are taking authority and appropriating the victory you have in Christ Jesus. One of the weapons we have as Christians is prayer. In fact, the Bible says that '... the effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much' (James 5:16). Do not just pray but be fervent in your prayer. Effectual fervent prayer of the righteous is a prayer that is full of faith because 'the just shall live by faith' (Romans 1:17).

Dear friends, instead of complaining and speaking negative words into your situation, pray about it. Make declarations according to the word of God. Before you take any decision, pray first and I will finally say, pray, pray and pray.

Daily Confession: I choose to pray this year. I am wise this year as I appropriate my victory in Christ Jesus through prayer. I pray without ceasing. Lord help me to pray this year. I rely on the Holy Spirit to help me pray, intercede, and commit all things unto God through prayer in Jesus' name, amen.

Intercessory prayer: Lord I pray that you release the grace for supplication upon my household and the church of God to pray for your move in our city, nation, and the world.

Hymn: Oh, how praying rests the weary!
Prayer will change the night to day;
So in sorrow and in gladness,
Don't forget to pray.

February 9th

God's Plan (III)

*'Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you'.
Jeremiah 29:12 [KJV]*

Bible Reading: Jeremiah 29:11-14

You need to pray! Prayer is important to your Christian journey and to the fulfilment of our destiny. I cannot over emphasize the importance of prayer. Jesus is our example. On many instances in the gospels, we read about Jesus going to pray. For instance, in Luke 5:16, it is written of Jesus, 'And he withdrew himself into the wilderness, and prayed'. You have to learn to withdraw yourself from many things this year in order to pray. Here's Apostle Paul's admonition 'Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.' (Philippians 4:6). There will be circumstances that you will need to turn to God and pray about. When you pray to God wholeheartedly and in faith, it is a sign of trust and surrender unto God knowing that He is in full control of every situation.

Furthermore, apart from praying for yourself, Apostle Paul also admonishes, 'I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty' (1 Timothy 2:1-2). Dear friends, the pandemic has shown that we need God's intervention and His peace as the year continues. Intercede for all - from family to friends, the church of God, missionaries, cities, countries, leaders, institutions etc. Pray thus 'Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven' in Jesus' name.

Daily Confession: Lord I pray that you give unto me the spirit of supplication and the strength to tarry in your presence in Jesus' name.

Intercessory prayer: Let there be fresh fire and hunger for God in our churches and nation again. Bring revival and spiritual awakening in the lives of your people in Jesus' name.

Hymn: Oh, how praying rests the weary!
Prayer will change the night to day;
So in sorrow and in gladness,
Don't forget to pray.

February 10th

God's Plan (IV)

*'Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you'.
Jeremiah 29:12 [KJV]*

Bible Reading: Jeremiah 29:11-14

I would like us to finish up this series by reiterating that the plan that God has for you is glorious. God will always play His part because He is faithful and constant; you only need to cooperate with Him in the journey. 'Why do you always say that God's plan is glorious?' someone asked. You have to understand that God is good. He is not a wicked Father and in fact, He is merciful. Did you know that He has already gone ahead of you in the journey of life? I encourage you to hold on to God's word that you are richly blessed. No matter the circumstance you may face, confess God's word.

'What's my part?' You may ask. Your part is to decide to walk with God. There's no one that seek God diligently that will return empty-handed because He is the rewarder of them that diligently seek Him (Hebrew 11:6). Seek first the kingdom of God and its righteousness and every other thing shall be added unto you (Matthew 6:33). Put God first in all that you do and do everything as unto the Lord (Colossians 3:23). Continue to renew your mind as you meditate on the word of the Lord (Joshua 1:8; Romans 12:1); present your body as a living sacrifice and renew your mind so that you can know what the good, acceptable and perfect will of God is (Romans 12:1-2). Finally, live a life of giving.

Dear friends, let God be your God in the journey of destiny and you will see Him at work. Let the Holy Spirit be your true companion and continue to grow in the Lord. God bless you.

Daily Confession: Lord Jesus thank you for your amazing promise for my life. I believe your word and I receive your word by faith that my future is bright, that your plans for me are of peace and well-being in Jesus' name.

Intercessory prayer: Pray for those trusting God for the fruit of the womb, that God will make them joyful mother of children.

Hymn: All things are possible to him
That can in Jesus' name believe;
Lord, I no more Thy name blaspheme,
Thy truth I lovingly receive.
I can, I do believe in Thee;
All things are possible to me.

On Giving (I)

'For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise Psalm 51:16-17 [KJV]

Bible Reading: Genesis 4

While the gift is important, the giver is of utmost importance. This is because the giver is worth more than the gift. This understanding should be our guide when it comes to giving to God. God is interested first in you, the giver. In fact, the giver must be in right standing with God before his/her gift can be accepted. Ministers of God and the church of God need to be more concerned about people's walk with God as God is more interested in the person giving offering/the gift than the gift itself. Why is the giver more important? What should be our attitude to giving and why should we even give unto the Lord and His people? These questions and many more we will exploring in this series, *On Giving*.

Our Bible reading focuses on two siblings, Cain and Abel. In the course of time, Cain's offering unto God was rejected while Abel's sacrifice was more acceptable because of Abel's faith in God (Hebrews 11:4). Why did God accepted Abel's sacrifice but rejected Cain's offering? The response is in the following verses: "Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground" (Gen 4:3). "Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions" (Gen 4:4). According to Wyatt Graham, the Executive Director of The Gospel Coalition Canada, "Abel did not value his flock more than God but gave away his best. He invested his best into a sacrifice trusting that God could even resurrect the "the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions" (Gen 4:4). Abel freely gave his best to God in faith that God "exists and that he rewards those who seek him" (Heb 11:6). At the end, Cain's envy and jealousy made him kill his brother despite God's warning.

Make it a priority to give your heart completely to God. Speaking about the gift and the giver, Jesus notes in His sermon on the mount that if you are about to give an offering and you remember that you have something against your brother, reconcile with your brother first and then come and offer your gift (Matthew 5:23-24). Before anything, give your heart to God. Surrender all unto Him; let Him be the Lord over your life and make Him your Saviour.

Daily Confession: I give my heart unto You God, please teach me to continually surrender all that I have unto you and for your glory in Jesus name, amen.

Intercessory prayer: Pray for grace to give your best to God and not hold anything back from Him.

Hymn: I surrender all (x2)
All to Thee, my blessed Saviour
I surrender all.

February 12th

On Giving (II)

'For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. Psalm 51:16-17 [KJV]

Bible Reading: I Samuel 15

Today's reading buttresses the fact that God is interested in you first before your offering/gift. It is the story of king Saul's disobedience to God's instruction. God instructed king Saul through prophet Samuel to destroy the Amalekites because of the evils they have done in the past to the children of Israel. It was meant to be a holy war, a war that no war booty was taken away. King Saul on the contrary spared Agag, the king of Amalekites and the best of the sheep etc. When prophet Samuel called his attention to it, he said his people spared those things in order to sacrifice to God. This response brought about one of the famous scriptures on obedience, 'obedience is better than sacrifice and to hearken than the fat of ram' (I Samuel 15:2).

This incident and many others led to God's rejection of Saul because He was disobedient; God was interested in king Saul's obedient heart because obedience is the best proof of love (John 14:21). Also, when Saul's wrong was pointed out, he was not remorseful, rather, he shifted the blame on others. He did not take any responsibility. Dear friends, before you give God any gift, give Him your heart because that is the first step in giving God a pleasing and acceptable offering.

Daily Confession: Lord Jesus help me to surrender all unto You in Jesus name.

Intercessory prayer: Pray for God's visitation upon European countries in crisis.

Hymn: I surrender all (x2)
All to Thee, my blessed Saviour
I surrender all.

On Giving (III)

'But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. II Corinthians 9:6 [KJV]

Bible Reading: 2 Corinthians 9

If you are reading this devotional and you have given your life to Jesus Christ, I am delighted that you have given your heart to God. What a great privilege to accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour. Jesus is now the Centre of your affection. Glory to God in the highest, Amen. In case you are yet to give your life unto Jesus Christ, it is never too late. Invite Him into your heart, ask Him to forgive your sins and believe that He came to die for your sins, Amen.

Today, I would like to encourage you on the subject of cheerful giving. Make a covenant with yourself that any resource entrusted by the Lord into your hand will be used for His glory. How? By giving back both your material and non-material possessions unto God because your resources are safe and secured in His hands.

In our reading today, Apostle Paul admonished the Corinthian church to give cheerfully unto God because we reap what we sow. Why is it important to give? First, God is the giver of whatever you may have; whether you acknowledge it or not, your existence is not a product of your hands. Secondly, your success and riches are the product of grace from God. Did you know that it is God that gives you power to make wealth? (Deuteronomy 8:18). Further, when you give, you are advancing the kingdom of God. When you give unto God, you are blessed beyond measure (Luke 6:38).

Dear friends, I encourage you to give generously unto God. I don't want you to give because you want to receive, I want you to give as a sign of your love for God. Hence the Bible says that "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). Give your all unto God and hold nothing back from Him. God bless you.

Daily Confession: Lord Jesus help me to give cheerfully for your glory, amen.

Intercessory prayer: Pray that the world will experience peace in the world's aviation industry this year. Pray against plane crash across the world. Also, continue to intercede for world leaders.

Hymn: Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my king.
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold not a might would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use every power as you choose.

February 14th

On Giving (IV)

'But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. II Corinthians 9:6 [KJV]

Bible Reading: 2 Corinthians 9

I would like to conclude this series by reiterating that you cannot afford to be stingy to God. Withholding your resources from God will not help you in any way. Not paying your tithe and offering will amount to robbing God (Malachi 3:8). Who can rob God and survive it? What you need to know is that God is drawing your attention to giving because He wants to do something tremendous in your life. 'Givers never lack' as the saying goes, do you think giving to God will be different?

Dear friends, I encourage to give unto God like never before; first, daily give your heart unto Him. Surrender your will unto God and seek Him. Also, give unto God your time, expertise, money and whatever He asks of you. I do not know who this instruction is for, but God is set to do something significant in your life this season and I pray His purpose will be fulfilled in your life as you give in Jesus' name.

Daily Confession: I give my resources unto You because it is from you that all blessings flow. Amen

Intercessory prayer: Pray that your loved ones will be blessed, and their lives will be transformed this year in Jesus name.

Song: I give myself away
So, you can use me.

What's Your Time For?

'There is time for everything.' Eccl. 3:1 [KJV]

Bible Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

God is the Alpha and Omega- the Almighty who transcends time because He is not bound by time, yet He understands the importance of time and timing. More than anyone, God understands timing and He does not joke with it. He said to Abraham, "I will certainly return to you according to the time of life, and behold, Sarah your wife shall have a son" (Genesis 18:10). That was exactly what happened. How can the author of time not know its value?

Anyone that diligently seek God will have a spiritual understanding of time that will reflect on the physical. This is because timing is crucial to God's agenda. The Bible always speaks of the right time (Psalm 31:15; Romans 5:6; 1 Peter 5:6). In God's plan, there is time for everything (Eccl. 3). For instance, God was not resting when He was meant to be creating the world, neither did He commence His ministry when He was still in training. May God help you to get it right when it comes to timing like the sons of Issachar who understood the times (1 Chronicles 12:32).

Dear friends, the question worth asking is: what have you done with your time and what are you doing with it? For instance, David said, 'O God, thou art my God; early will I seek you' (Psalm 63:1a). He knew that earnestly and early seeking God is important to getting the best out of the day and being led by the Lord. Gain control of your time and you will gain control of your life. I strongly believe God is working right now, there is a need to partner with Him and be in tune with His timing. Finally, king David's prayer, 'teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom', shows that we can display uncommon wisdom if we have an understanding of time (Psalm 90:12). May God give you understanding in Jesus name.

Daily Confession: I choose to use my time wisely in Jesus' name.

Intercessory prayer: Pray for families and couples that are in misunderstanding or at the verge of break up that God will intervene; speak peace to every heart and have His way in such homes in Jesus' name.

Hymn: Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in endless praise,

February 16th

God Will Make Everything Right (I)

'And 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 [NKJV]

Bible Reading: I Samuel 24

There is something about revenge, it is a worm that eats deeps. It leaves its host lost, empty and in irredeemable regret. There are many sufferings happening in the world today that would have been avoided if revenge was given to God to handle. The reality is that as human beings, except God intervenes, we can ruin things while trying to fix it because our understanding can be limited. Our good intention can end up wrongly. But when we patiently allow God to work in and through us, things are sorted at the end.

A classic example of someone that allowed God to make things right was David. King Saul hated David. King Saul was jealous of David to the point that he attempted to kill David on many occasions, but God intervened and protected David. David who would later become the king of Israel understood that God has the capacity to make everything right. David did not revenge, rather He let God avenge his enemy. In fact, there was a time when David would have killed Saul, but he did not. Our Bible reading today is the narration of this experience. King Saul took three thousand able-bodied men to pursue David in the Desert of En Gedi. At the end of their escapade, they were unsuccessful, and decided to rest. Rather than David killing king Saul and his soldiers while they were asleep, he allowed God to handle the situation.

Our memory verse reminds us that God will make everything right even if your present situation seem otherwise. Here's God's words: 'And 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). Do not revenge because you will ruin that which you are trying to protect. If you believe God, He will make everything right in His time.

Daily Confession: Lord help me to trust you that you can make everything right and to obey you with the whole of my heart in Jesus' name.

Intercessory Prayer: Pray for missionaries and their families that God will preserve them and continually give them boldness to speak His word.

Hymn: Conquerors and overcomers now are we,
Thro' the precious blood of Christ we've victory,
If the Lord be for us, we can never fail;
Nothing 'gainst his mighty power can e'er prevail.

February 17th

God Makes Everything Right (II)

'And 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 [NKJV]

Bible Reading: I Chronicles 4:9-10

I decree God's intervention upon whatever that doesn't seem right in your life in Jesus' name. May God arise and make things right in your life. What a mighty God we serve! Whenever He steps into a situation, everything changes. He brings hope into hopeless situations, replaces darkness with light, and gives life instead of death.

Our Bible reading shows God's unwavering devotion to make things right in our lives when we call on Him. Jabez was more honourable than his brethren, yet his mother named him sorrow - something did not seem right. Jabez thoroughly examined his situation and realized something was wrong. How can an honourable man beg for food? Why would shame be synonymous with him despite his wisdom and insight? Jabez knew that there is only one Person who can save him, so he cried unto God. And God answered him.

Like Jabez, we have to learn to reflect and assess our lives and be truthful in the process. Make necessary change where needed and then call upon God. Dear friends, invite God to step into your life. When we pray unto God by faith, He is committed to His word, "Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours" (Mark 11:24). He sets things right when we bring Him into our situation. Jabez who was once cursed and full of sorrow has now been blessed and his coast has been enlarged. There is nothing impossible for God to if we call upon Him. The question is, are you ready to involve Him? Jesus is at the door of your heart knocking so that He can come into your life.

Daily Confession: Thank you God that you change situations for better whenever you intervene. Come into my life and intervene in Jesus' name, Amen.

Intercessory prayer: Pray for your pastor and those that God has placed over your life as spiritual leaders for God's wisdom and unction to function.

Hymn: Oh, how praying rests the weary!
Prayer will change the night to day.
So, when life gets dark and dreary,
Don't forget to pray.

February 18th

God Makes Everything Right (III)

'And 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 [NKJV]

Bible Reading: Luke 19:10

Your situation is not beyond God. If God could make everything right with humanity by reconciling us to Himself in Jesus Christ, then what is your situation that He cannot handle?

I have heard some people say that have made a mess of their lives and they do not think God can fix them. My response is this: if you can only give God your life, you will be surprised at what God will make of it because He is your Creator. Think about Zacchaeus in our reading today. He was a corrupt man; a tax collector who was deceptive and selfish. When he met Jesus, he got saved and his life was transformed.

God will attend to you only if you reach out to him because God does not show favoritism (Acts 10:34). When Zacchaeus met Jesus, his heart was filled with unspeakable joy and Jesus went with Zacchaeus to his house. What about Apostle Paul who persecuted Christians? God met him and changed the course of his life. In fact, the Bible is full of stories of individuals and people who were nothing before God intervened in their lives. Dear friends, God is still in the business of making things right if you can handover your life to Him.

Daily Confession: Lord Jesus, I ask that you come into my life and abide with me forever.

Intercessory prayer: Pray for the homeless in your community that God will meet their needs.

Hymn: Knowing you Jesus, knowing you
There is no greater thing,
You're my all, you're the best
You're my joy, my righteousness
And I love you Lord

February 19th

God Makes Everything Right (IV)

'And 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 [NKJV]

Bible Reading: Luke 8:43-48

An unchanging truth is that when Jesus steps into a situation everything changes, He brings light and hope when invited. There are numerous examples in the Bible that shows exactly this. For instance, at the wedding at Cana in Galilee, immediately Jesus was involved, abundance was evident. What about the man Jesus healed at the pool of Bethesda who has been lame for thirty-eight years? (John 5). How about blind Bartimaeus? He was born blind, but his sight was restored when Jesus arrived the scene (Mark 10:46-52). Divine intervention is not limited to material blessings only, it involves is an all-round visitation from the Father of lights that would bring about total transformation for the beneficiary.

Our Bible reading shows that God makes everything right. The woman with the issue of blood got hold of Jesus and she was healed forever. She would have sought ways to be healed prior to meeting Jesus because she had been with this ailment for 18 years, but nothing worked. Immediately she touched the hem of Jesus' garment, she was made whole. Dear friends, call on Jesus today to intervene. I encourage you to invite Him into that situation, and He will make everything right.

Daily Confession: Lord Jesus, I welcome You into my life; I ask that you make everything right in my life in Jesus name, Amen.

Intercessory Prayer: Pray for your church choir that God will use them for His glory to truly bring the congregation to worship God in spirit and in truth.

Hymn: Jesus is passing this way,
This way, today;
Jesus is passing this way,
Is passing this way today.

February 20th

God Makes Everything Right (V)

'And 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 [NKJV]

Bible Reading: Luke 8:43-48

For some days now we have been encouraging ourselves that God makes everything right. We examined stories of different people who experienced the raw power of Jesus to make situations right. God can make things right because He is the Almighty God - sovereign and glorious. Haven't you heard that He rules in the affairs of men? (Psalm 103:19; Daniel 4:17). When God steps into a story, it changes for the best, no matter how worse or good the story may be, God's sovereignty compels God's exceeding power to manifest because where the word of a king is, there is power (Ecclesiastes 8:4). What do you need to do for God to start working in your situation?

First, faith is important in seeking God. Faith in Jesus Christ, who rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins (Colossians 1:13-14). You can't please God without faith. Our journey in and with God is by faith in Jesus Christ (Hebrew 11:6). Faith in the person of Jesus Christ, faith in His word, faith in everything He is.

Secondly, prayer is key. It seems we are not praying enough. When we call upon God in the name of Jesus, we are inviting Him to intervene in that situation. When you pray, believe because faith is key to receiving from God (Hebrew 11:6; James 1:7). The effectual fervent prayer of the righteous avails much and we have become the righteousness of God (James 5:16; 2 Corinthians 5:21). I encourage you to go into God's presence with boldness and not timidity (Hebrews 4:16). Also, go into His presence with clean hands and a pure heart (Psalm 24:3-4)

Finally, let His word guard your heart (Psalm 119:11). God's word is true, and the Bible has hidden treasure for every situation. If we can only dig deep and find God's amazing word for every season, our lives will never remain the same. Dear friends, you cannot build a cordial relationship with the Holy Spirit without these essentials. I encourage you to hold on no matter what you may be passing through and you will see God work in your life in Jesus' name.

Daily Confession: Lord Jesus help me to hold on to your word and to believe you in all things in Jesus' name.

Intercessory prayer: Prayer for God's intervention for those who have turned away from God that God will bring them back to Himself and show forth His glory in their lives in Jesus' name.

Hymn: Jesus is passing this way,
This way, today;
Jesus is passing this way,
Is passing this way today.

February 21st

God Makes Everything Right (VI)

'And 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 [NKJV]

Bible Reading: Luke 8:43-48

God is still in the business of making beauty out of mess if handed over to Him. Dear friends, inviting Jesus into that situation is important and necessary. It is when Jesus is in the boat that you can call on Him to calm every raging storm. I would like to bring this series to a close by emphasizing that God is your heavenly Father who loves you more than any earthly Father could. He knows you by name, knows the number of the hair on your head and He has your name engraved in the palm of His hands. Be rest assured that God has made everything right through Christ Jesus. Giving all to Jesus Christ is the key and no matter the situation, He will make it right. You will testify over that situation. Songs of triumph shall be on your lips; this season will fade away and vanish like a cloud. Your morning of joy is here. God Bless you.

Daily Confession: Lord Jesus, I thank you for giving me the victory over every situation, Amen.

Action Point: Talk to Jesus today!

Intercessory prayer: Pray for those who have been diagnosed with terminal illness, that God will intervene and grant them divine healing.

Hymn: Jesus is passing this way,
This way, today;
Jesus is passing this way,
Is passing this way today.

February 22nd

Messy but Beautiful (I)

'And 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 [NKJV]

Bible Reading: Jeremiah 18:1-4

Dear heavenly Father I pray that as we start this new series, may you open our eyes to see Jesus in our circumstances, to see the beauty you are making out of our mess so that we may trust You and yield to you in Jesus' name, Amen.

God can make something beautiful out of the mess of your life if you can surrender unto Him. He is the Porter, and you are the clay (Jeremiah 18). The Bible is full of messy people whom God used for His glory. Who would have thought that Jesus would be connected to Rahab, the prostitute? (Matthew 1:5). How about Apostle Paul who devoted his life to persecuting those in the Way (Jesus Christ) before God arrested him on his way to Damascus?

In our Bible reading today, God took Jeremiah on an excursion to the porter's house to learn an important life's lesson. The porter is absolutely in control of the clay and no matter how messy, tough, porous the clay maybe, as long as the clay is fully yielded, the porter can make something good out of it. This analogy is a metaphor for us. If only we can yield ourselves unto God and set our affection on Him, He can make us into what He wants for His glory.

What do you consider a mess in your life? Is it your relationship, family, career, health etc.? Or did you make mistakes that have turned your journey into something that's not desirable? Jesus is able to give you new perspective, turn things around, and make beauty out of your ashes if you turn everything over to Him. At KSi, we encourage you to surrender unto Jesus, let Him be the Lord over your life and your Saviour.

Daily Confession: Here I am today, Jesus, remember me. I give myself unto You, make something beautiful out of my life.

Intercessory prayer: Pray for those who have given up on their lives and are contemplating on committing suicide. May God encounter their lives in Jesus' name.

Song: Be still and know that I am God (4x)

February 23rd

Messy but Beautiful (II)

He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, And set my feet upon a rock, And established my steps. Psalm 40:2 [NKJV]

Bible Reading: Colossians 1:15-18

The first mess God turned into something beautiful is humanity. When man fell in the Garden of Eden, everything turned messy. Man was disconnected from God and Man became spiritually dead. But the story changed when God sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ to die for us. Through Jesus, we were reconciled unto God. Now we are joint heirs with Christ because of His redemption. Here's how the Bible puts it: 'And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise' (Galatians 3:29 KJV). God brought divinity into humanity for our rescue; the Blood of Jesus now cleanses us from our iniquity, and we are free. What a beautiful and wonderful reality we now have. We are now a royal priesthood, a holy nation set apart for God (1 Peter 2:9). Hallelujah!

If God could do this, do you think He cannot turn your life around? Recently, I was talking to someone who served sometime in prison, and he told me how God encountered him and transformed his life from the messy that it was unto something meaningful and beautiful that it is today. Dear friends, as we develop a fellowship with Jesus Christ, we are changed because "the law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul" (Psalm 19:7).

Daily Confession: Lord Jesus thank you for turning our lives around and giving us beauty for ashes.

Intercessory prayer: Ask God to open the eyes of our heart for a deeper walk with Him.

Song: We give you all the glory,
We give you honour x2

Messy but Beautiful (III)

'...And He shall give you another comforter know...' John 14:16 [NKJV]

Bible Reading: John 14:16-18

God reconciled man to Himself through Jesus Christ. He did not stop there. He sent the third person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit. Here's what Jesus said: 'And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever' (John 14:16 KJV). Amplified version put the same verse thus: "And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor—Counselor, Strengthener, Standby), to be with you forever— the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive [and take to its heart] because it does not see Him or know Him, *but* you know Him because He (the Holy Spirit) remains with you *continually* and will be in you" (John 14:16-17).

Also, the word of God in partnership with the Holy Spirit can transform our lives because "...the letter kills but the spirit gives life" (2 Corinthians 3:6). In fact, the law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul (Psalm 19:7). Both the written (logos) and the revealed word (rhema) in union with the Holy Spirit have the capacity to transform us inside out. The Holy Spirit is not an abstract idea, but He is Person who has personality. There's no one who cannot be changed when the Holy Spirit come and the word of God. As you live by the spirit and walk in the spirit, you will realize that the Spirit of God and the word of God are powerful. Here's how Apostle Paul puts it: "Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit" (Galatians 5:24-25 NIV). This means if we walk by the Spirit, we won't gratify the desires of the flesh (see Galatians 5:16; Romans 8). Finally, "the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart" (Hebrew 4:12).

Daily Confession: I have the Holy Spirit in me. Lord help me to submit to Him so that he can work in me for God's glory.

Intercessory prayer: Pray for the hurting for God's comfort.

Hymn: Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure;
Save from wrath and make me pure.

February 25th

Messy but Beautiful (IV)

'...Trust in the Lord...Proverbs 3:5a [NKJV]

Bible Reading: Proverbs 3:5-6

You know one of the things I love about the Bible is that it is a real book with stories of God's interaction with man and how He turned people's mess into something beautiful. For instance, when God called Abraham out of his father's country to a new place, God brought Abraham from obscurity into limelight. This transformation is summarized by Apostle Paul thus: "For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins" (Colossians 1:13-14). What about the children of Israel? They were in captivity, but God raised them up and miraculously delivered them from Egypt and brought them to the promised land.

The first beauty God will make out of any mess is a changed life, a transformed heart, a renewed mind by the word, and an access to new understanding from God's perspective. This journey starts with embracing Jesus' work of redemption. The light of Christ Jesus starts shining into our heart and dispels any darkness as we walk closely with Him.

Daily Confession: Lord Jesus, I believe You turn every messy situation into something glorious. Help me to cooperate with you in Jesus' name, Amen.

Intercessory prayer: Pray that God's light will shine upon families around the world who maybe experiencing shades of hardships.

Hymn: Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure;
Save from wrath and make me pure.

Messy but beautiful (V)

'...Trust in the Lord...Proverbs 3:5a [NKJV]

Bible Reading: Mark 5:1-20

Our Bible reading today proves that God is the Potter, and we are the clay. No matter how messy the clay may be, the Potter can make the best of it. This means that God is still in the business of redeeming, transforming, and blessing lives.

This is the case of the man in our reading today. There is no better word to describe the mad man in Gerasenes than a mess. He was insane, possessed by demons and he made cemetery his home. Although we did not know his full story, I am sure he must have had a family at some point, maybe a decent house to live in; perhaps he was married with a wife and children before the predicament came upon Him. Perhaps when his situation became unbearable and unsolvable even after they had spent all their money, his family abandoned him, and he turned into full-fledged lunatic. This man's situation must have caused his family shame and unbearable pain. However, the story changed when he countered Jesus. Jesus commanded the legion of demons that were inside the man to come out and the man regained his sanity and sensibility in the name of Jesus.

Dear friends, you need to trust Jesus and speak to any mountain in your life to move in the name of Jesus. Pray concerning whatever messy situation around you and see God step in. In our story, Jesus had compassion on the lunatic, and He healed him. God is interested in your life, and He can transform your life if you call upon Him.

Daily Confession: Lord Jesus thank you for your mercy and compassion over my life. Please help me to trust you that you can do the impossible in my life in Jesus name.

Intercessory Prayer: Pray for God's intervention for the oppressed, helpless, addict and homeless. May God encounter their lives and heal them.

Hymn: Wonderful story of love!

Tell it to me again;

Wonderful story of love!

Wake the immortal strain.

Angels with rapture announce it,

Shepherds with wonder receive it;

Sinner, O won't you believe it?

Wonderful story of love!

February 27th

Messy but Beautiful (VI)

'...Trust in the Lord...Proverbs 3:5a [NKJV]

Bible Reading: Mark 5:1-20

You or someone you know may be passing through an unpleasant situation. It might be a dire need, a case of divorce, health issues or other circumstances beyond your control. I declare that God will intervene and bring forth a brand-new day out of the ashes. He will turn condemnation to commendation and night into light. I trust God that He is capable of turning your dusk into dawn and sorrow into laughter. That's God is specialty. He is the Almighty God and His name is Love (1 John 4:8).

To continue our story from yesterday, when the mad man of Gadarenes encountered Jesus, his life was transformed. In a split second, insanity turned into sanity. A lunatic turned to an evangelist sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ. Isn't that amazingly wonderful? Dear friends, no matter what you are facing right now, God is able to turn your situation around. You know why? Because every situation recognizes Jesus. The same way the foul spirits inside the man saw Jesus and recognized Him, your situation recognizes and bows to the name of Jesus. I encourage you to believe in Jesus and call upon Him today. Here's how the Bible puts it: 'Do not be anxious or worried about anything, but in everything [every circumstance and situation] by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, continue to make your [specific] requests known to God' (Philippians 4:6, AMP).

Daily Confession: My challenges bow at the mention of the name of Jesus.

Intercessory prayer: Prayer for wisdom and innovation in the health sector regarding the Covid-19 pandemic.

Hymn: The great Physician now is near,
The sympathizing Jesus;
He speaks the drooping heart to cheer,
Oh! hear the voice of Jesus.

February 28th

Messy but Beautiful (VI)

'...Trust in the Lord...Proverbs 3:5a [NKJV]

Bible Reading: Mark 10:46-52

I would like to end this series by making a bold declaration that whatever the mess maybe, God will make something beautiful out of it for His glory. Did you know that it is only in God that turn your mistake into something useful for His glory? All things work together for good for those that love God and are called according to His will (Romans 8:28). God is not a task master; He is a loving Father who cares for us beyond our imagination. In fact, God is an expert in turning messy situation and messy people into beauty for His glory.

The blind Bartimaeus out of his messy situation called unto Jesus when he realized Jesus was passing by. Bartimaeus' sight was restored. Although in his blindness, he had a possibility mindset, and he knew who has the power to produce his miracle. He looked at his situation differently - as a situation that Jesus could handle. And Jesus showed forth in blind Bartimaeus's situation. His possibility mindset influenced his attitude. In fact, when others tried to silence him, he shouted more because he knew that his response to the situation was important. Dear friends, your mindset and attitude are important because you have to cooperate with Jesus. I have seen Jesus turning lives of drug addicts around for the best. A friend shared with me how God encountered his life while he was in prison and God brought orderliness again. This person is now out of prison and has become a witness for Christ. God's faithfulness is true and even that situation that looks unbearable or irredeemable, I want you to know that God is at work. Dear friends, look unto Jesus and let your faith anchor on Him. I encourage you to add patience to your faith because God's grace and mercy will find you in that situation in Jesus name.

Daily Confession: God, I thank you for your faithfulness to heal and make whole. Turn every mess in our lives into beauty for your glory in Jesus name, Amen.

Intercessory prayer: Intercede for those dealing with mental health issues that they will come to know the love of God. Pray for parents who are trusting God for the salvation of their children that God's saving grace will find them.

Song: There is power in the name of Jesus
To break every chain (x3)