



# God's Unchanging Hands

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# Editorial

## RETURNING TO THE PIT

With certainty I can say that at some point in life we have all been thrown into a dark place. The cruelty of life, the unfairness, it all sunk us deep. That pit we had prayed to escape, the escape we thought we had, until we found light in the darkness, the only Light this world will know – that Light is Jesus. **“This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all”. 1 John 1:5.**

For those of you who have been in that dark place, you know how hard it is to find hope. The betrayal and heartache can become unbearable. Imagine what Joseph felt when he was thrown into the pit. The thoughts that ran through his mind. I can imagine that he questioned a lot of things in that moment. So do we, we ask ourselves “how did I get here?” In that moment, there is a tremendous struggle to get out. We fight ourselves – flesh fights spirit – because we need the Light.

Joseph lost his coat, his father’s love was ripped from him. How many times do we feel like we lost God’s love? All because we were forced into a place we didn’t want to be. Joseph had a coat of many colours. Our coat of many colours consists of God’s love, grace and mercy. We may lose that coat, but we will never lose the Father’s love. Jacob was broken when he saw the coat with the blood and was told that his son, Joseph was devoured. God’s heart breaks when He sees the coat He gives us covered in sin, He weeps. The heart of the Father breaks when He loses His child, especially the apple of His eye. You are the apple of God’s eye and His heart breaks if He ever has

to lose you. There is nothing that can separate you from God’s love. **“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:38-39.** God’s love is relentless. Even when you are in that pit, His love will pull you out.

How many times do we find ourselves returning to the pit? God picks us up out of the darkness, but how many times do we return to it? We need to remember that God is Light and as long as we remain in Him, we will not go back to that darkness. We need to not keep running to the darkness. Yes I know that sometimes our circumstances pushes us down that road, but we need to trust God and remember Him always. We need to remember to never turn back to the life that He saved us from. He is God. He knows our beginning and He knows our end. God knows what’s best for us, and if He has brought us out of a situation, He would not want us back there. We need to not want to stay in a place of despair. We need to grab hold of God’s unchanging hands and allow Him to keep us out of that pit and lead us to His promise for us.

**Britney Jenine**  
**Editor-in-Chief**



# THE MIND FIXED ON JESUS

BY SELENA MUNIEN

Wow what a topic, I laughed when I received the subject of my article, having had to deal with this personally after recently losing my husband.

I know first-hand the struggles, the pain, and the battle especially of the mind when faced with challenges both great and small. I've also known the indescribable strength and breakthroughs found by focusing on HIM our Lord, our SAVIOR, our COMFORTER, our HEALER, our PROVIDER, our STRENGTH and SHIELD.

If we are truly honest, we will admit that keeping our minds fixed on JESUS when faced with great difficulty or pain can be challenging to even the most righteous of us, that's why we are human and have the free will on the path we take, physically, spiritually, mentally, and emotionally.

Sometimes our situations get so overwhelming that we may question the purpose of it all, it may seem like there is no end, no light at the end of the tunnel, no hope for you or for your situation as though God has forgotten you, or that your sin is so deep, so bad that there's no forgiveness for you. THAT IS A LIE, A LIE straight from the pit of hell and even more reason why we must keep our eyes and our minds fixed on Jesus.

No matter how many times we fall, and fall we all do, and will at times, we must be determined to get right back onto the right track, purposefully focusing on taking control of our minds. Sometimes we are

our own worse enemies because of the thoughts we entertain.

Let me remind you that God's Word says that we are saved by grace through faith in Christ Jesus and not by our own efforts or works (Ephesians 2:8-9). Grace Alone.

**Psalm 86:5 "You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you."**

So, when the enemy comes knocking, when you are down and feel alone, desperate and unworthy you need to make a determined effort to give that enemy the boot.

Think about what's on your mind! Is it the truth? Is it in accordance with what GOD says and thinks of me? It comes down to our trust and belief in Jesus, clinging onto Jesus even in our most helpless situation/s. Remembering that God says that HE would never leave nor forsake us, standing on HIS Word, HIS Promise, remembering that HE isn't man that HE should lie!

**Philippians 4:8 "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things."**

Five times in scripture God instructs us to fix our eyes on Jesus, this is no co-incidence but God knowing and equipping us for times such as this.

# THE MIND FIXED ON JESUS

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**Deuteronomy 11:18** - Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.

**Proverbs 4:25-31** - Let your eyes look straight ahead; fix your gaze directly before you. Give careful thought to the paths for your feet and be steadfast in all your ways. Do not turn to the right or the left; keep your foot from evil.

**2 Corinthians 4:18** “So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”

**Hebrews 3:1** “Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess”

**Hebrews 12:2** “Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and the perfecter of faith.”

Our faithful all-knowing God knows exactly what we need and therefore has given these instructions to equip us to empower us and help us overcome and keep our lives fixed on HIM.

There isn't anyone more precious to focus our thoughts on, no one more dependable, nothing more rewarding than focusing on our all-knowing, all loving, all kind and all merciful Lord. No one else that would sacrifice HIMSELF for you, HE's already paid that price for every sin, sickness and disease, HE's Risen seated at the right hand of the Father interceding for you and I. HIS name is JESUS and

there is none like HIM, HE's waiting for you today, cast it all to HIM fix your mind on HIM and see how you would become aligned to HIS will for your life, fulfilling your divine purpose in Jesus name.

May you be blessed and overcome, remember that you are never alone, HE's there with you always.



# God's Never Changing Hands

BY PASTOR ADRIEL REDDY

The best place to be is in the hands of God. If you look at **Jeremiah 18:6** “**O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter does? says the Lord. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel.**” you’re in and He turned you around giving you a new purpose and direction, and He placed you on solid ground. When you about your daily duties, God’s hands is always there to protect you and when you fall, His hands are right behind you to catch you.

The fact is that you are the Clay and God is the Potter, who is still working on you and shaping you into the finished product. Some of you might question the reason that you are still living but if you’re alive then God is still working on you. You might question your purpose in life but in Jeremiah 29:11 - God’s says He knows the plans that He has for you to prosper and not to harm. Being in the hands of God means that you need to trust Him. God’s hands never change when you call upon His name. He will answer but how many times do we let go of God’s hands because we’re so tired of holding on or maybe because God hasn’t answered your prayer yet? I say to all of you that are reading this trust in the Lord whole heartedly. Life will throw a lot of circumstances but hold onto His unchanging hands.

God’s hands are never too short to reach out and touch you. When you’re in the deepest of valleys, His hands will reach out and pick you up. Whilst writing this article I was reminded of a song by Maverick City called - I Thank God and one of the verses in the song says “He picked me up, turned me around and placed my feet on solid ground“. That verse has a powerful meaning that God has picked you up from whatever mess



# God's Unchanging Hands

BY LORRAINE PILLAY

Can God change? Is it possible that God can change in His promises or in His character? Can the laws that God has set in place be changed? Can we be assured that God will never change?

Change is not possible with God. He remains the same throughout eternity. God does not change His character or purpose, His fairness towards humankind, or in His promises. He is the creator of Heaven and Earth, the beginning and the end, the everlasting God.

**1 Samuel 15:29** says, **‘He who is the Glory of Israel does not lie or change His mind; for he is not man, that he should change His mind’.**

Life brings no end to ups and downs. One day, week, month or year seems great, another may be discouraging. Health issues, financial struggles, or relational difficulties will always be there but we must often remind ourselves of God's unchanging character, love and faithfulness so that we can rise above our circumstances and come out as overcomers. When we look back over the years to where we are standing right now, the only thing we can truly say, is thank you God for your goodness and faithfulness unto me. He has never failed us even in our darkest hour, even when we have given up, He has watched over us and brought us through.

His word does not always promise ease and healing, it also says we will experience grief, loss, pain and sorrow but He will always be with us through it all.

**Revelation 1:8** **“I am the Alpha and Omega-the beginning and the end; says the Lord God, I am**

**the one who is, who always was, and who is still to come – The Almighty One”.**

Regardless of the trial, situation or circumstances in our lives, it must not deter us from holding onto God's unchanging hands, because He is our strength and will always deliver us from anything no matter what. We need to acquire, nurture, and increase in our ‘FAITH’ and trust God wholeheartedly. We must have full faith and confidence in God who will never leave us nor forsake us. The more changeable this world becomes, the more we embed our dependency in God's unchanging character.

There is no external action that can be imposed upon God that will cause Him to change. God expresses different emotions as He interacts with His creation in time. But He will respond to everything according to His unchanging character. God is unchanging in His being, perfection, purposes, and promises.

**Hebrews 13:8** **“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever more”.**



# Christianity Part 1

BY BRITNEY JENINE

## Fall from Heaven

**Luke 10:18** “He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.” Satan used to be in heaven. He actually used to be one of the arch angels and he was a beautiful angel and musician. He played music and worshipped God. But then he wanted to be God, and together with some of the angels, decided to overthrow God and he along with one third of angels were kicked out of heaven. Thus, hell was created. **Isaiah 14:12-14** says “How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: ‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation. On the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’ The book of Job does show us that Satan goes to and fro the earth and has limited access to heaven, but we will discuss this in future.

## First Adam and Second Adam

We have the first Adam and the Last Adam. The first Adam, who was the first man created (found in Genesis 1:26) fell into temptation and sinned by disobeying God (found in Genesis 2). This sin brought about a curse for all of mankind. A sacrifice had to be made to atone of this sin, because God is a holy God and He can't stand sin. Man was then thought to make a blood sacrifice by slaughtering a lamb to atone of their sin. This was practiced for generations so that man could be forgiven of their sin.

Then Jesus came, and He died as the ultimate sacrifice for the sin of all mankind. That through His blood we may be atoned of our sin once and for all. His blood covers us and makes us holy and righteous before God.

**Romans 3:23-26** “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood – to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate righteousness, because in his forbearance he has left the sins committed beforehand unpunished – he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.” Jesus, the Son of God, is the Last Adam, because from Him there is new life. Through Him we can have a direct relationship with God. The only sacrifice we need to make is the sacrifice of the flesh, because we need to die to our flesh daily that we may live through the Spirit of God. If we live spiritual lives, worship flows, prayer flows, to be holy becomes a natural element. You will want to strive to be righteous, because the more you get to know God, the more you realise just who you are meant to be and live. That covering that comes from the last Adam, our Lord Jesus, gives mankind a chance to reset. He came to bring us back to God, to bring us back to our original design. To what God originally planned for us, hence His teachings and instruction and His Holy Spirit to help prepare us for His return.

Read the gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) to learn about Jesus and His teachings.

Even I am striving to be holy. **Hebrews 12:14** “**Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.**” If we can't live a holy life here on earth, how will we make it in heaven?



# Christianity Part 1

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## Called to be holy and live righteous lives

We are called to be holy and live righteous lives.

**1 Peter 1:16** “For it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.” Strive for holiness, I know it’s not easy, but remember this life on earth is not permanent, when we get to heaven it is a holy place. God is a holy God.

**2 Timothy 1:9-10** “He has saved us and called us to a holy life – not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.”

## Understanding marriage and how the church is the bride of Christ

Marriage is the union of a man and wife becoming one. They become one flesh through their eternal commitment to each other. Likewise, the church is the bride of Christ. Christ Jesus is the bridegroom and He is coming back for His bride. We will be made one with Christ in the marriage feast in heaven after the rapture takes place. We need to be ready for when the bridegroom comes to take His bride. Each of you is the church.

**Ephesians 5:25-27** “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the Church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.” That is you and me. This is how much Christ loves us, to make us holy, to cleanse us and make us clean without stains or blemish. Imagine to make us blameless. Think of your wrongs. Think of a life where you are made pure. That is what the love of Christ does. He makes you pure.

Read Revelation 21:9-27 to know more about the bride of Christ.

## Second Coming

Jesus is coming back to take His church. He is going to rapture us in the blink of an eye and take us to heaven where we will be for seven years while the tribulation happens on the earth. Within that seven years, the church is going to marry Christ in heaven as I said before. In the tribulation period, the Anti-Christ will rise and rule. At the end of the seven years, Jesus is going to return to the earth with His saints for the final battle against Satan. This is the battle of Armageddon, where Jesus will defeat Satan (Anti-Christ) (Revelation 19:11-16), He will destroy evil and establish His millennial kingdom.



# Christianity Part 1

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## New Heaven and Earth

At the end of everything, the final judgement, Satan is thrown in hell for eternity, there is going to be a new heaven and a new earth. We are going to return and live in our glorified bodies, the way God initially created mankind to be, before Adam and Eve sinned. The Garden of Eden is going to be restored.

Revelation 21:1-8 “Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. Those who are victorious will inherit all

this, and I will be their God and they will be my children. But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”

This is Christianity, this is the life we are living for. This Christian life does not end in death, because even after death, you will be part of this. The dead in Christ will rise first. The dead and living will be together in this new life. Right now, we are living with God through His Spirit and cannot see Him, but in the end, we will be living with God and seeing Him.

I’m going to end with this:

Hebrews 2:2-4 “For since the message spoken through angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment, how shall we escape if we ignore so great a salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him. God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.”



# Finding Strength in God's Unchanging Hands

BY JASON D

Life's challenges can often feel overwhelming, but the stories in the Bible remind us of people who trusted in God's unwavering support. His hands represent a constant presence in our lives, guiding and comforting us through every situation. Unlike the unpredictable world around us, God's hands provide a reliable source of strength and reassurance. They remind us that no matter what difficulties we face, we can always depend on Him. God's unchanging hands symbolize His endless love and faithfulness, giving us a firm foundation to stand on.

Consider Corrie Ten Boom, A courageous Dutch Christian who, with her family sheltered many Jews from the Nazi's during World War II, risking themselves to save others. Despite being captured and sent to a concentration camp, Corrie and her sister Betsie clung to their faith. In the midst of unimaginable suffering. They found solace in passages like **Isaiah 41:10**, which promises God's presence and strength: **'So do not fear, For I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand'**.

Even in the darkest times, Corrie felt God's guiding and supporting hands. Her sister Betsie, who remained steadfast in her Faith until her death in the camp, drew strength from their belief in God's unwavering support. After the war, Corrie shared her story worldwide, emphasizing the faith that sustained her during those difficult years. Through her books and speeches, she inspired others with her trust in God.

Corrie Ten Boom's life shows us how God remains with us through even the toughest times. Her story resonates with the timeless theme of "Hold to God's unchanging hand" penned by Jennie Bain Wilson (1857 – CA. 1913). The song's opening stanza serves as a poignant reminder:

"Trust in Him, who never leaves your side, no matter what happens or how life may ride, when friends may or drift away, stay close to Him; in His love, always stay."



# THE MEANING OF GOD'S UNCHANGING HAND

BY PADMINI GOVENDER (TOOTSIE)

“Power”, the image of God's hand is symbolic, meaning power and compassion, strength and tenderness. In **Isaiah 41:13** “**For I am the Lord your God, Who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear, I will help you.**” To be held in God's right hand is to be identified as being in the special place of honor.

Psalm 139:13-16 says that God has held us in His hands since we were in our mother's womb, and He holds us in His hands today, and He will continue to hold us in His hands tomorrow and the next day, and the next day... God's hands is our strength and will always deliver us from anything no matter what.

The spiritual meaning of God's hands can represent many things such as authority, power, blessing, worship, healing, the works of the flesh, giving, laying of hands and much more. There is the hand of God and human hand. The hand of God symbolizes strength, power and protection as well as generosity, hospitality and stability. When we go through difficult and trying times in our everyday lives we trust God by seeking truth in scripture, confess unbelief, be honest, remember God and spend time with Him.

God is bigger than your circumstances, look for things to be grateful for, walk in the Holy Spirit and wait upon the Lord. In **Isaiah 41:10** it says “**I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.**” Fear can overtake us, but God is all powerful and will give us all the strength we need.

How can we hold on to the hand of God? Put your hand out and ask for His, ask Him to guide you and take control. With our hand in the hands of God we can take Him by His promises, no matter what's happening around you, God is with you. “**Do not be afraid for I am with you**”. God will strengthen you. God will hold you. God will help you. God will give you wisdom and God can be trusted.

What moves the hand of God? Pray, Pray, Pray. You and I as believers in Christ have the power through Jesus to move the very hand of God. Those who leave everything in God's hands will eventually see God's hand in everything. Today as you continue in this journey of life place your hand in the hands of God and He will sustain you and hold you close to Him.



# God Never Leaves us!!!

BY BRADLEY JASON MOONSAMY

**“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; He will Never Leave you, Nor Forsake you.”**

**Deuteronomy 31:6**

Greetings to all the readers of YCE in the Mighty and Most High name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, As you read this article, I pray that you be encouraged. The topic of God’s Unchanging Hands speaks a lot as to how our God remains the same yesterday, today and forevermore, He never changes and always remains faithful. He is a promise keeper and never fails.

Now I want to go deeper, because often times people feel that God has left them. The times when they don’t feel anything or see results when they feel they should. They start letting doubt creep in and this allows for themselves to be deceived. I relate to this because that was me, I was in that same position where I became lost as to where I was, and I felt I couldn’t feel God in my life, and this caused me to start overthinking and to start doubting.

I started doubting God’s work in my life and this caused me to enter into a state of confusion. I am here to tell you that once you let that little voice of doubt enter your mind, you allow yourself to be deceived by the

enemy. It took me a good few weeks to actually realize what had happened to me, all the while when I thought I was far from God, that all I was doing was giving into the enemies deceitful thoughts causing me to overthink everything and confuse myself day after day,

I eventually realized that I was allowing myself to doubt and in turn pushing myself away from God, yet He was always there, even when I didn’t feel Him, He was working in my life, when I felt down and out, He gave me strength and the faith to keep pushing forward, He says in His word that He will never leave us nor forsake us.

We must also remember to be patient when we ask God for things just as Job was patient and never gave up on the Lord, and the Lord restored unto Him everything he lost, so we too must be patient as it says in the bible **“Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.”** James 5:7-8

# God Never Leaves us!!!

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God's timing is not our timing, He has perfect timing, so when things don't go our way or if our prayers don't get answered when we want them too, we must remember that the waiting period for our miracle/breakthrough is our test of faith and where there is faith, there must be no doubt. For in **2 Corinthians 5:7**, the apostle Paul says, **"We live by faith, not by sight"**

So even when we don't see it God is working in our lives, and we must trust in Him and His promises and plan for our life. When doubt and overthinking starts to creep in I urge you to read God's Word. Remember His promises and keep the faith to know He never fails and His love is eternal. He will never leave you. He is always with you, all you need to do is trust in Him and let Him take full control in your life. Surrender your all to Him and don't allow yourself to be deceived but put on the full armor of God daily and pray. Stand firm in your Faith in Him.



# Called to Witness

BY BRITNEY JENINE

**“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8.**

We have experienced a great love. A great power has captivated us. The power of Jesus, the life-changing power of His hand at work in our hearts and our lives. There is nothing in this world that can compare to Him. Nothing that can bring the fulfilment that He can. The amazing power of His Spirit ebbing away the unclean parts in our hearts and cleansing us with the precious blood of Christ Jesus.

We have been made a new man and woman in Christ. The old nature has passed away and we who have accepted Him are no longer bound to the past sin. We have been given the freedom to live a God-fearing, Christ-centered lifestyle. A life soaked in His love, enriched in His mercy and grace and forever growing closer to Him as we prepare to one day be with Him for eternity.

This has come with a cost, a cost that our Jesus paid for us. We have received this new life through our encounter with Jesus and learning from witness testimony written in the Word of God as well as the testimonies and spirit-inspired messages shared among believers. We learnt about God’s love for humanity and His plan for His children hearing His Word. Our faith grows by hearing the Word of God. This hearing is made possible through the people of God witnessing and testifying of His goodness.

You and I are called to witness! If you have experienced God in your life, you are called to share it, to testify about our living God that others may believe. Jesus left us with the Holy Spirit and His Word says that when the Power of the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you will be God’s witnesses. It doesn’t matter whether you are outspoken or quiet, because when His power comes upon you, you will not want to hold it in. The joy you will feel, you will want to share. Don’t hold back. It like the analogy that says when your fire is burning you can light another and that one will light another. It leaves a ripple effect. The bible calls us to be the light of world. **Matthew 5:14-16** says **“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.”** When God lights a fire within you, it is meant to shine as a light to everyone around you. A fire can be easily recognized in darkness that is why it is needed that you let your fire shine in the darkness. You will never know who may need some of your light to get out of their darkness. Your little flame can show them the Ultimate Light who is Jesus and this can change their life.

Wouldn’t you want someone to experience what you experience in your relationship with God? Wouldn’t you want someone to know our God? You may ask what do I need to witness? All you need is a fire in your heart for Jesus.

# Called to Witness

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You need a passion for Him and His people. You need compassion in your heart and you need to be spirit-filled which you will be as you know God more. You shift from one level to the next spiritually as you grow in faith. You don't need to bible-punch the gospel for them. All you need to do is stand as a witness and testify of what God has done for you. You don't necessarily need a pulpit or a title. You just need to pray and share. God will lead you. You need to trust God and allow His Spirit to work through you.

Spend time with God, spend time in His Word, in worship and learning about Him so that when you are presented with an opportunity to share, you can. There is power given to you by God Himself to equip you to share the gospel. In whatever small or big way, just know that if you impact one person towards Jesus, then you are winning in this race we are on. God is real and God is enough. God is enough is His goodness, mercy and love and is so much more than the miracles He can perform. He is enough to share with someone out there to encourage them in their faith, to give them the truth for their souls, to lead them in the path of righteousness. A new believer is often the most ready to get involved and share the gospel because they have just experienced the transforming power of God. Don't get cold on God. Let your faith and hunger for God be even more intense as it was when you converted to following Him. Take up your cross and follow Him. It will be worth it at the end.

**“Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”**  
**Matthew 28:16-20.**

The Great Commission instructs us to go out there to make disciples. The gospel doesn't end with you and I. We are called to tell someone about Jesus, just like everyone in the bible shared with us what they witnessed through the Power of the Holy Spirit. This is the task of every believer. I can tell you today that God is alive and real just by what He has done for me. Don't be afraid to share what He has done for you. His Spirit is within you and He will help you witness. Remember the bible says in **Proverbs 11:30 that “The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, And he who wins souls is wise”**. The fruit of your labour will speak for itself and a wise man knows the value of a soul. Heaven is waiting. Let's come together and populate the right place. Testify and Praise our God in heaven, till we meet Him in glory.





# POWER VERSES

## **1 Chronicles 16:34**

“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! His faithful love endures forever.”

## **Deuteronomy 31:8**

“Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord will personally go ahead of you. He will be with you; He will neither fail you nor abandon you.”

## **Psalms 145:8**

“The Lord is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.”

## **Isaiah 40:28**

“Have you never heard? Have you never understood? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth. He never grows weak or weary. No one can measure the depths of His understanding.”

## **Revelation 1:8**

“I am the Alpha and the Omega—the beginning and the end,” says the Lord God. “I am the one who is, who always was, and who is still to come—the Almighty One.”

## **Romans 8:38 - 39**

“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

## **Hebrews 13:8**

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”

# BIBLE STORIES

## God's Covenant with Abraham

### (Genesis 17)

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers."

Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. The whole land of Canaan, where you now reside as a foreigner, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God."

Then God said to Abraham, "As for you, you must keep my covenant, you and your descendants after you for the generations to come. This is my covenant with you and your descendants after you, the covenant you are to keep: Every male among you shall be circumcised. You are to undergo circumcision, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and you. For the generations to come every male among you who is eight days old must be circumcised, including those born in your household or bought with money from a foreigner – those who are not your offspring. Whether born in your household or bought with your money, they must be circumcised. My covenant in your flesh is to be an everlasting covenant. Any uncircumcised male, who has not been circumcised in the flesh, will be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant."

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God also said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her."

Abraham fell facedown; he laughed and said to himself, "Will a son be born to a man a hundred years old? Will Sarah bear a child at the age of ninety?" And Abraham said to God, "If only Ishmael might live under your blessing!"

Then God said, "Yes, but your wife Sarah will bear you a son, and you will call him Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him. And as for Ishmael, I have heard you: I will surely bless him; I will make him fruitful and will greatly increase his numbers. He will be the father of twelve rulers, and I will make him into a great nation. But my covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear to you by this time next year." When he had finished speaking with Abraham, God went up from him.

On that very day Abraham took his son Ishmael and all those born in his household or bought with his money, every male in his household, and circumcised them, as God told him. Abraham was ninety-nine years old when he was circumcised, and his son Ishmael was thirteen; Abraham and his son Ishmael were both circumcised on that very day. And every male in Abraham's household, including those born in his household or bought from a foreigner, was circumcised with him.

# GAMING TIME!!!

## Bible Riddles



1. First was the fruit, then the trespass to earn; paradise lost, humanity stern. What am I?

2. I ran from my task, to the sea I fled; swallowed whole, in a fish's belly I was led. What am I?

3. On stone, they were etched, high upon Sinai's crest; ten rules by which all lives are blessed. What am I?

4. On Calvary's hill, I was raised high, a symbol of love, where He did die. What am I?

5. I showed mercy where others walked by, in a tale told to teach us why. What am I?

6. In whirlwind and fire, I was swept above, in a chariot of flames, not alone, but with love. What am I?

7. On a mount, He spoke, with blessings, He taught, a lesson in life our hearts have sought. What am I?

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