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Evangelism The Heartbeat of the Church

Evangelism is not merely an optional activity or peripheral pursuit in the life of the Church; it is the pulsating core, the theological essence that animates the Body of Christ. Rooted in the eternal purposes of

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God, evangelism flows from the *missio Dei*—the mission of God Himself—who, in His sovereign grace, seeks to reconcile a fallen world to Himself through the redemptive work of Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 5:18–19). Our Lord's Great Commission stands as the climactic mandate: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19–20). This command is not a suggestion but a divine imperative, echoing the prophetic call in Isaiah 49:6 to be "a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Evangelism is not a compartmentalized department; it is the God-ordained direction of the entire Church, embodying the Gospel as God's power for salvation to everyone who believes (Romans 1:16).

Evangelism is Not a Department, but the Direction

In many contemporary churches, evangelism is regrettably relegated to a specialized ministry, akin to administrative roles or auxiliary programs. Yet, biblically and theologically, this misses the mark profoundly. The Church, as the *ekklesia*—the called-out assembly of God—is inherently missional, existing not for self-preservation but for the proclamation of Christ's lordship over all creation (Colossians 1:15–20). The Apostle Paul, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, declares, "Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!" (1 Corinthians 9:16), revealing evangelism as an inescapable vocation for every believer, not merely the clergy or evangelists.

Theologically, this direction stems from the doctrine of the priesthood of all believers (1 Peter 2:9), where every member is commissioned as

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an ambassador of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:20). The Church does not merely gather for worship and edification; it scatters as salt and light in a decaying world (Matthew 5:13–14), fulfilling its teleological purpose. As theologian J.I. Packer notes, evangelism is "the issuing of a call to turn, as well as to trust; it is the delivering of a message of some complexity, and not merely an invitation to believe." This shapes every aspect of church life— from liturgy to community outreach—ensuring that the Gospel permeates programs, budgets, and priorities, lest the Church devolve into a social club rather than a divine outpost.

Evangelism Begins with Prayer

At its theological foundation, evangelism is not a human endeavor but a participation in the divine initiative of the Triune God. It commences not with strategy or eloquence but with fervent prayer, acknowledging God's sovereignty in salvation. Jesus Himself modeled this, instructing His disciples: "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Luke 10:2). Prayer aligns the evangelist's heart with the Father's will, invoking the Holy Spirit's convicting power (John 16:8–11) to open blinded eyes (2 Corinthians 4:4).

Paul's epistles reinforce this: "Pray also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel" (Ephesians 6:19). Without prayer, evangelism risks becoming Pelagian—relying on human effort alone—ignoring the Augustinian truth that "salvation comes from the Lord" (Jonah 2:9; see also Acts 16:14, where God opens Lydia's heart). Prayer transforms evangelism into a Spirit-empowered mission, where the evangelist trusts in God's efficacious grace to regenerate sinners (Titus 3:5),

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bridging the gap between divine predestination and human responsibility (Romans 10:13–15).

Types of Evangelism in the Bible

The Scriptures reveal evangelism not as a monolithic practice but as a multifaceted expression of God's redemptive plan, characterized by proclamation, community, service, and witness. OBJ These forms are intertwined, reflecting the holistic nature of the Gospel that addresses both soul and society.

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1. Personal Witnessing The power of personal testimony lies in its authenticity, as seen in the Samaritan woman's encounter with Jesus: "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" (John 4:29). Her relational evangelism led many to faith (John 4:39–42). Theologically, this echoes the incarnational model of Christ (John 1:14), where believers embody the Gospel in everyday interactions. As in Philip's one-on-one dialogue with the Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8:26–40), personal witnessing fulfills the call to be ready "to give a reason for the hope that is in you" (1 Peter 3:15), blending apologetics with testimony.

2. Preaching to the Masses Public proclamation remains a cornerstone, exemplified by Peter's Pentecost sermon: "Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them" (Acts 2:14), resulting in three thousand conversions (Acts 2:41). This kerygmatic evangelism—bold heralding of the Gospel—aligns with Paul's charge to "preach the word; be ready in season and out of season" (2 Timothy 4:2). Theologically, it underscores the foolishness of the cross as God's chosen method (1 Corinthians 1:21), where the preached Word, empowered by the Spirit, pierces hearts en masse, as in Jonah's preaching to Nineveh (Jonah 3).

3. Evangelism Through Acts of Compassion Jesus integrated mercy with message: "Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction" (Matthew 9:35). Compassionate deeds authenticate the Gospel, as James 2:15–17 warns against faith without works. Theologically, this reflects the diaconal aspect of evangelism, where service to the marginalized embodies God's kingdom justice (Micah 6:8), opening doors for the

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Word, much like the early Church's care for widows (Acts 6:1–7) that fueled growth.

4. Evangelism Through Discipleship True evangelism culminates in maturation: "Make disciples... teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19–20). Paul's mentorship of Timothy (2 Timothy 2:2) illustrates this reproductive cycle, where converts become evangelists. Theologically, this guards against shallow conversions, emphasizing sanctification (Hebrews 6:1–3) and the perseverance of the saints, ensuring the Gospel's multi-generational advance (Psalm 145:4). Evangelism without discipleship truncates the Great Commission, failing to form a mature Body (Ephesians 4:11–16).

5. Evangelism Through Missions Cross-cultural outreach defines the Church's global scope, as in Paul's journeys (Acts 13–28) and Jesus' promise: "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Theologically, this fulfills the Abrahamic covenant to bless all nations (Genesis 12:3; Galatians 3:8), combating ethnocentrism with the universality of salvation (Revelation 7:9). Missions propel the Church beyond comfort, embodying the eschatological ingathering of peoples under Christ's reign.

Conclusion

Evangelism is the theological *raison d'être* of the Church—the outworking of God's eternal decree to redeem a people for Himself (Ephesians 1:4–6). It transcends programs, demanding the whole Church's engagement in prayer-saturated, Spirit-led proclamation. As Romans 10:14 poignantly asks: "How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without

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someone preaching?"

Let us, therefore, embrace evangelism not as an accessory but as the rhythmic heartbeat of Christ's Body, propelled by theological conviction to declare the Gospel until every knee bows (Philippians 2:10–11). In the words of Charles Spurgeon, "Every Christian is either a missionary or an imposter." May the Church arise in fidelity to this divine call, for the glory of God and the salvation of souls.



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**What the Bible will do for you, if you will let
it!**

(Part 5)

***“I will worship toward Your holy temple, and praise
Your name, for Your lovingkindness and Your truth; For
You have magnified Your word above all Your name.” —
Psalm 138:2 (NKJV)***

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Introduction

It must be emphasized that the Bible is the supreme law book by which God governs all of mankind. Just as nations and its governments have their written laws, constitutions, statutes, and regulations by which they govern their people, so too, God who is King of kings and Lord of lords, has a written law by which He governs His people and His Kingdom – the Bible.

Moreover, just as rulers of nations are subject to the very laws they themselves have instituted, so too, God is subject to the written laws, covenants, promises and prophecies that is in His Word, and that governs the heavens and the earth. This principle is set forth in this Keynote passage of Scripture, in Psalm 138:2 (see above):

We stand amazed at the idea that the Word of God is above all His Name. But when we understand that the Word of God is a synonym for the law of God, we learn that God, too, is subject to all the laws and the prophecies He has written in His own Word, through the divine intervention of the Holy Spirit. When we read the 176 verses of Psalm 119, for example, in each of more than 170 of these verses we find a reference to words such as law, precept, commandment, word, testimony, statute, etc. Each of these words is a *synonym* for the word *law*.



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In my humble opinion, the primary reason why we often don't witness the manifestation of the Holy Spirit in the body of Christ or experience the fullness of the fruit of the Spirit in our daily lives, is because we are not recognising the seriousness of the Word of God as the ultimate transformational tool to our biblical, spiritual, physical and moral framework as children of God.

If we want to be a new person, knowing and obeying the will of God and becoming more like Jesus Christ, you must spend time daily yielding yourself to the transforming truths of the Scriptures. The Holy Spirit doesn't work in a vacuum but uses the Scriptures, fellowship and prayer to minister in our lives. Simply reading assigned portions of the Bible each day, as helpful as that is, isn't enough. A truly transforming experience involves meditating on what you read (Ps.1:2), studying it carefully in the light of other verses, and then applying and obeying what God tells you to do (Josh. 1:8).

We also need to stop seeing the Old Testament and the New Testament as two separate entities, when the truth is that neither one can represent the fullness of the heart or mind of God without the other. The one not only complements the other but it also unifies (brings together) both the law of God with the love and mercy of His Grace. Grace could not have come into existence if it wasn't for Jesus Christ who abided by the laws of God when He sacrificed Himself for the sins of this world. The Bible is a 'law book' that God uses to govern the nations, and it also indicates there will be a trial to discover the guilt or innocence of those whom God governs - the whole human race. We read in 2 Corinthians 5:10:

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“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”

God has declared that this trial is to be at the end of the world. Revelation 20:11,12 describes this trial:

“Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them.” “And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before [a]God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.”

A trial requires a judge, and throughout the Bible God has repeatedly indicated that God in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ is the Judge. We read, for example in Psalm 9:7-8:

“But the LORD shall endure forever; He has prepared His throne for judgment. He shall judge the world in righteousness, and He shall administer judgment for the peoples in uprightness.”

The law of God (the Bible) also reveals the penalty that will be required of those who are found guilty. That penalty is eternal damnation. God warns in 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9:

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“...in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,”

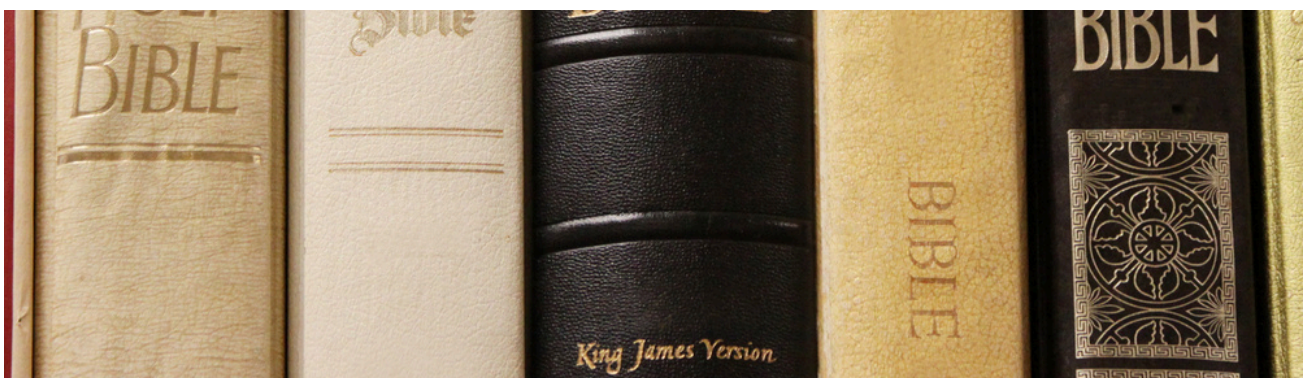
The fact that essentially the Bible is a book of law is normally not apparent to the reader of the Bible. This is because God declares His laws in the context of history, in the context of examples of peoples and nations that disobeyed His laws and suffered the consequence of their sins. God's laws are frequently hidden because God sometimes spoke utilizing metaphors and parables. But in the measure, we begin to understand these obscure passages, we always find that the basic truth being brought is the law of God. An integral part of God's law book is that He declares His purpose and plans to publish the teachings of His law book to all the world. Moreover, a most important part of God's law are the laws that govern God's 'salvation plan' — a plan that is required to maintain the integrity of God's law.

Because God is subject to the laws set forth in the Bible, He cannot have a people for Himself eternally unless their sins (their violations of the law of God) have been adjudicated (these individuals have stood for trial) and the penalty demanded by the law (eternal damnation) has been paid. Therefore, when God the Father gave to Christ those whom He had elected to salvation (John 6:37) it meant that Christ must somehow first satisfy the requirements of the law of God as it applied to these individuals. That is, the penalty for the sins of these elect individuals had to be paid before they could be forgiven so they could eternally be with Christ and be reconciled back to the Father.

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This is why Jesus had to become sin for us, be brought to trial as our stand-in, as our substitute, on our behalf. This is what the Cross is all about. Our Christ was found guilty because all of the sins of the elect were laid on Him. It was at that time God poured out His wrath on Him on behalf of those He came to save. Because God is under the same law that mankind is under, He had to suffer sufficiently so that His suffering would be perfectly equal to each of these elect persons spending an eternity in Hell. Only because He was God as well as man could God so intensify the punishment on Him that it was equal to a perfect satisfaction of the law's demands.

Once we come to the true revelation of this tremendously important principle that the Bible is not only God's Supreme Law Book but it is the very laws that brought salvation into this world. Just the truth of that Word should be enough to send trembling through the hearts of the unbeliever and should be a warning for those that live lukewarm lives in the faith. God, in the Bible, is constantly declaring the laws by which we are to live. Violation will absolutely bring about the penalty of eternal damnation. When we begin to recognise the power and might that come from abiding by the laws of God, only then will we truly understand and experience the fullness of His Glory.



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The master theme of the Bible is Jesus Christ, the Son of God, so the way we treat the Bible is the way we treat Jesus. The Bible is light (Ps. 119:105), and Jesus is light (John 8:12). Jesus called Himself “the bread of life” (John 6:48), and the Word is bread that nourishes our spirit (Matt. 4:4). Jesus is “the truth” (John 14:6), and the Word of God is truth (John 17:17). To ignore the Word of God is to ignore the Son of God. The correct responses we should have toward Jesus and the Word are given by Paul in 1 Thessalonians 2:13:

“For this reason, we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.”

The Bible is to be Obeyed

Because the Bible is God’s revelation, it is to be obeyed. God emphasizes this principle in 1 John 2:3-4, where we read:

“Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. 4 He who says, “I know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.”

The Bible is the supreme law book or rule book that presents not only the commandments, which are to be obeyed but it represents the fullness of God’s laws, precepts and statutes to the way we should conduct ourselves in life. We cannot call ourselves children of God yet wish to continue living in sin or not strive for righteousness and holiness in Christ. That would be a contradiction, because even the devil believes and acknowledges that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God who has come in the flesh to save the world from eternal damnation.

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In 1 John 4:2 we read: “By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God,” The key word is “confess.” We commonly use this word to mean a simple and open admission of truth, but the Bible’s use implies not only admission of guilt of the truth; it also implies identification with that truth. Therefore, only a child of God, a person born of the Holy Spirit, confesses the truths of 1 John 4:2-3, for only he is ready and willing to be altogether obedient to the Gospel.

When we read about the false prophets in Matthew 7:15-23, we discovered that although they claimed to identify with the Christ of the Bible, they were unsaved. In that context (verse 21), Jesus declares:

“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.”

The false prophets did not do the will of God, and therefore we know that their gospel could not be trusted. God is teaching that the true Gospel is intimately associated with obedience to the Bible, because the Bible is the record of God’s will.

Therefore, two principles can be firmly and safely stated.

1. The whole Bible is the Word of God. It is the ultimate authority and the Word of God.
2. A follower of the true Gospel is ready to be obedient to anything and everything in the Bible. It is the authority to which we are to submit. God summarizes these principles in Revelation 22:19 where He warns:

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“...and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God[a] shall take away his part from the [b]Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.”

Applying the Principles and Laws of the Word to our Lives

First, we should appreciate the Word because it is God’s Word and not “the word of men.” We should read the Bible with reverence and respect, not carelessly, the way we sometimes scan a newspaper or speed-read a book or magazine. When you open your Bible and your heart, God will open His mouth and speak into your spirit. “Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day” (Ps. 119:97). Read Psalm 19:7-9 and marvel over characteristics of God’s inspired Scriptures.

Second, we should appropriate the Word because merely having the Bible before our eyes is no guarantee we have its truths in our inner person. The Bible is like bread (Matt. 4:4), milk (1 Pet. 2:2), solid food (Heb. 5:11-14), and even honey (Ps. 19:10; 119:103), and food does us no good unless we eat it and digest it. What digestion is to the body, meditation is to the inner person. We should welcome God’s Word into our hearts and cultivate a growing appetite for spiritual truth.

Third, we should apply the Word. God’s Word is “living and powerful” (Heb. 4:12); therefore, it can work in our lives as we exercise faith and obey what God says to us. The Holy Spirit, the author of the Scriptures, lives within each Christian believer and will teach us if we are willing to learn and obey (John 16:7-15). “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves” (James 1:22).

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Reading the Bible but not obeying it is like reading the menu but not eating the meal. The Word of God can be applied to every area of our lives, and because it has divine energy, it can work deep within us and change us (Eph. 3:20-21; Phil. 2:12-13). If we honestly and humbly apply God's Word to our lives, God will share these blessings with us.

The Bible Alone is the Word of God

In facing the ultimate question: "Is the Bible alone the Word of God? Does the Holy Spirit lead men to truth by means other than the Bible? For example, is it possible for God the Holy Spirit to speak to me in a dream or in a vision?"

As we examine these critical questions, we must be guided by the biblical account of the experiences of the early New Testament church. Their Bible was what is now called the Old Testament. Occasionally, people received additional revelations of the will of God by such means as dreams, visions, or angel visitations; for instance, Peter received a vision concerning the proclamation of the Gospel to the Roman centurion, Cornelius. Peter's obedience to this vision added the information given in the vision to the written Word. The vision provided knowledge of the will of God. The Apostle Paul and the Apostle John also received information through visions. These visions provided help in knowing the will of God.



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n the church at Corinth, there were those who received additional information regarding the will of God from a phenomenon called “tongues.” Those who received the gift of tongues spoke in an unknown language, “mysteries” in the spirit (1 Corinthians 14:2). What they received from God could have been in the form of praise, prayer, or additional revelation. When this happened in the assembly, they were commanded to seek from God interpretation of the message, so that the whole congregation could be edified. They were edified, because this information was a declaration of the will of God and could be considered an addition to the written Word. The combination of the written Word and the Word received in the “tongue” gave them more complete knowledge of the will of God (to which they were to be obedient).

Therefore, the question that faces us is: “Can it be possible today that God is supplying additional revelations of His will by tongues, visions, or dreams?” The answer to this question must be found in the Bible. While the Bible was being written, additions were made to it as holy men spoke, being moved by the Holy Spirit (cf. 2 Peter 1:21). Then God completed the written Word, and when He came to the last chapter of the last book of the Bible, He declared (in Revelation 22:18):

“For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, [b]God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book;”

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With this declaration, God effectively ended the possibility of any further revelation from Himself. With the completion of the New Testament, we were given a more extensive revelation than that enjoyed by the church at Corinth. With the writing of the Book of Revelation, we have the entire New Testament and the Old Testament; and to the Old and the New Testaments, nothing is to be added. Never again would God give divine information by means of a dream, a vision, a tongue, or an angel visitation. God has given the complete account of His will.

Thus, we have another principle concerning the nature of the true Gospel: The Bible alone is the authority under which the Gospel stands. The true Gospel is circumscribed by the Bible. There is no other source of divinely articulated or verbalized truth.

We may combine the foregoing principles into one statement as the title to this sub-section in this article suggests: **‘The Bible alone and in its entirety is the Word of God.’** The true Gospel is completely identified with and has as its authority the Bible alone and in its entirety.

Some might argue, “But Revelation 22:18 speaks of “this book.” This book must refer to the Book of Revelation. Therefore, this verse does not end further additions to the Bible; rather, it limits further expansion only of the Book of Revelation.”



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A bit of reflection will show the failure of this reasoning. If we assume that the phrase “this book” refers only to the Book of Revelation, then in fact it must relate to the whole Bible. The Bible is one cohesive whole. A verse or chapter added to or taken from the Book of Revelation is added to or taken from the Bible - the Book of Revelation is an integral part of the whole Bible. In Revelation 22:7-9 we read:

“Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.” 8 Now I, John, [a]saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things. 9 Then he said to me, “See that you do not do that. [b]For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God.”

In these verses God speaks of those who “keep the sayings of this book.” We cannot keep the sayings of any part of the Bible unless we understand the meaning of those sayings. We cannot understand the meaning of any part of the Bible unless we view the verses in question in the light of the whole Bible. Thus, to “keep the sayings of this book” must mean to become involved with the teachings of the whole Bible. Therefore, “this book” must be the whole Bible.

In Closing

In closing, I would encourage every believer, if you haven’t already done so, to start by reading the entire Bible from Genesis to Revelation. I would further encourage you to start your own Study Bible Journal. Use it to write the meaning and purpose of each Chapter or special verse in the Bible.

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Try to draw comparisons between what is written in the Old to what is written in the New Testament. I firmly believe that as you grow in knowledge and understanding of God's Word, God comes and plants the seed in your heart to step out in faith and minister into another person's life. We cannot draw someone to Christ when we have nothing in our hearts to offer, but when our hearts are filled with the wisdom and revelation of God's Word, the light of Christ that is the revelation of His Word will begin to shine through us. Besides, the joy and pleasure of bringing someone to the foot of the Cross will not only strengthen your faith in Christ but will give you the much-needed clarity and understanding you need to visualise your future purpose and destiny in Christ. May God bless His Word and may His children live in victory of the gift we have in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. 17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." – Colossians 3:16-17



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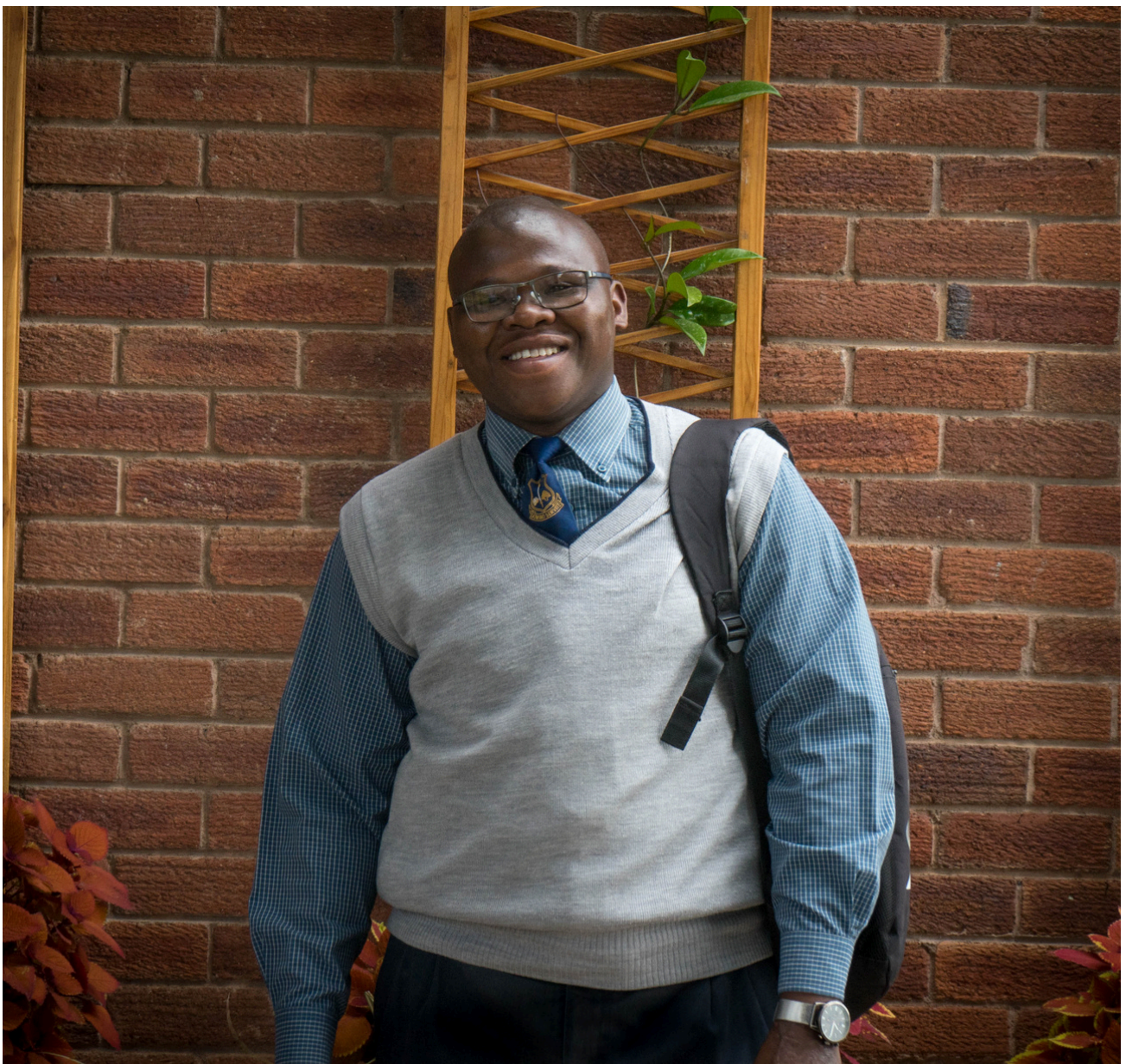
Left to navigate the world alone as a child, Khulekani Mkhize discovered a steadfast source of love and guidance in Jesus.

By Gerda Potgieter

The impact of parental abandonment on a child can be profound and long-lasting, affecting many parts of their lives. It can cause emotional and psychological issues such as feelings of rejection, worthlessness, low self-esteem, anxiety, fear of abandonment, and difficulty trusting others. Children may also act out through aggression, defiance, withdrawal, risk-taking, or self-destructive behaviours, or face problems

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at school or with authority. Unfortunately, it can also lead to developmental issues, such as delays in emotional or social growth, difficulty forming healthy attachments with others, or struggles with understanding their identity or self-worth.



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Khulekani Mkwize had first-hand experience of maternal abandonment in childhood. He was born into a Christian family, but his birth mother abandoned him and left him with his father when he was still very young. His father was unemployed, and his grandmother raised him, supporting him with the little income she received from her small business. But it was insufficient to meet his needs.

Maternal abandonment can lead a person to become distrustful, ashamed, and feel inadequate. These negative emotions often persist into adulthood and can strain our relationships with others. “When I grew older, the devil got hold of me,” Khulekani reflected. He began inhaling glue, stealing, and often did not attend school. However, he managed to stay in high school, but his situation worsened. In Grade nine, he started smoking cigarettes, then dagga, followed by mandrax. Eventually, he started smoking heroin. Khulekani quickly moved from being a petty thief to committing serious crimes such as housebreaking and robbery to fund his drug addiction. He was arrested more than five times and joined a gang. After his final conviction, he was sentenced to two years in a correctional facility, where he served during 2014 and 2015 before being released on parole.

“It was during this time that I decided that I wanted to stop my bad behaviour,” he shared. Thankfully, shortly after this decision, he discovered CYPISA and came to know of Jesus Christ. He chose to make his life right with God and accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour. By the grace of God, he was able to return to his community and make amends with them, and even repay those he had wronged for the things he had stolen.

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In 2020, he returned to school, starting at Grade Nine at the age of 28. He eventually completed his education. Having to navigate the world alone as a child, Khulekani found a steady source of love and guidance in Jesus, who became a nurturing presence in his life. Khulekani was fortunate to find a decent job, and he can support himself and his family.

Sharing real-life testimonies, such as Khulekani's, aligns with what Jesus instructed people to do in the Bible. For example, in John 9, when Jesus healed the blind man, the man was brought before the

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Pharisees for questioning: He answered and said, “Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see...” When the man was excommunicated for sharing his testimony, Jesus found him, and he declared his faith: “ 37 And Jesus said to him, ‘You have both seen Him (the Son of God) and it is He who is talking with you.’ Then he said, ‘Lord, I believe!’ And he worshipped Him.

THE INFLUENCE OF YOUTH CONFERENCES



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Khulekani attends youth conferences at the KwaSizabantu Mission. Over the years, the KwaSizabantu Youth Conference has become a vital catalyst for recruiting souls for the kingdom and helping young people with serious problems and addictions. The Concerned Young People of South Africa (CYPSA) restoration programme has since been established to address social issues such as addiction, child molestation, and human trafficking, among others. So far, they have assisted about 20,000 young people, including those addicted to drugs and alcohol, drug dealers, pimps, human traffickers, gang members, HIV-infected youths, and pornography addicts. The young people are encouraged through personal experiences. They play a vital role in warning and assisting others by sharing their stories.

CYPSA has also visited over 8,000 schools across various provinces. During their campaigns, they share personal stories and advice, guiding learners on how to escape a life of drugs and crime. The free restoration programme supports youth struggling with social ills and offers spiritual healing and recovery opportunities.

KwaSizabantu also runs a youth inclusion programme. Drug addicts often face high dropout rates from school and university. This programme provides them with opportunities to complete their secondary education or pursue tertiary qualifications. It also offers skills development and employment opportunities.

(NOTE: If the testimony of Khulekani inspires you, you can read more such inspiring stories for free in the online Devoted magazine, a strategic partner of Testify. Follow the link: <https://www.devotedmag.co.za/>)

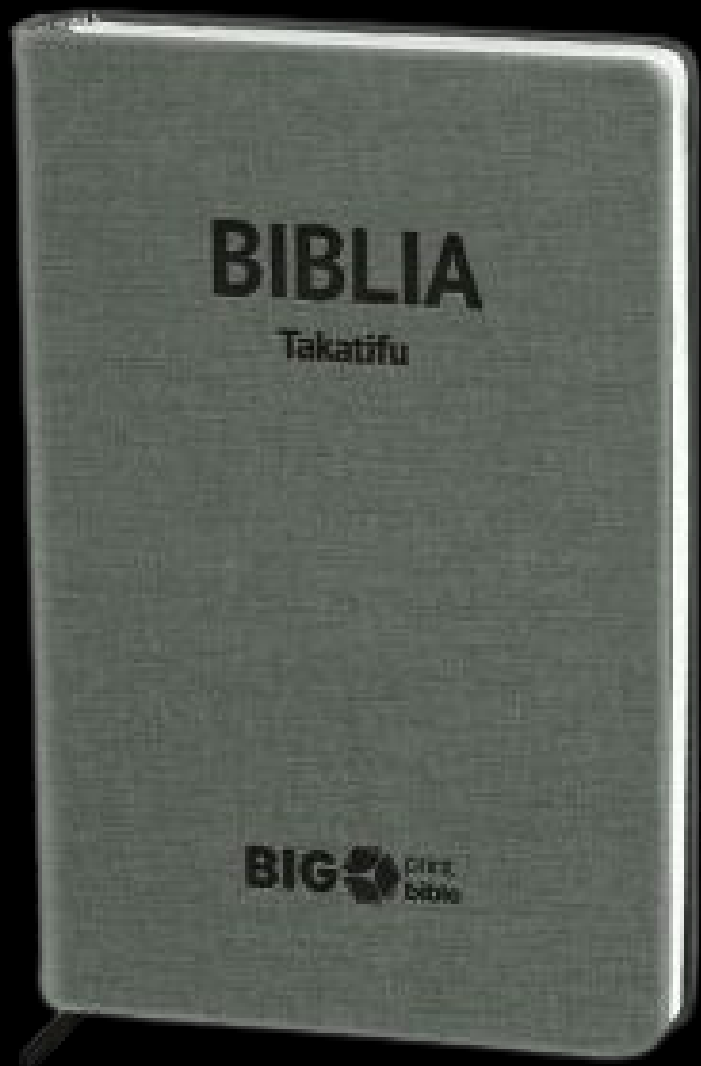
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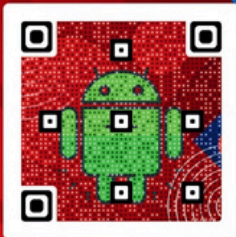
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FROM TRAUMA TO TRIUMPH

Many times I have heard the phrase and I believe you have heard it too – “bad things happen to good people” and though there is truth in this statement we cannot look away from the fact that it remains “bad things” if left unattended or unhealed. Trauma is painful in the moment and continues to hurt if left to fester even after Salvation. At the time of Salvation Holy Spirit makes us alive through our union with Christ. He seats us with Christ in heavenly places and we receive a guarantee that He will be with us always, a new man, a new creation in Christ. Truth is your body and your soul did not change at the moment of Salvation. Our salvation is a one-time event. Our sanctification, on the other hand, is a moment-by-moment process that does not end until we leave this earth. From the moment we receive God’s gift of salvation, He begins to work in our lives through Holy Spirit to make us more like Jesus. Good news!

We read in scripture that we are spirit, we have a soul and we live in a body (1 Thessalonians 5:23). Trauma affects your whole being. Trauma distorts our thinking patterns and our image of God, our Father. Instead of seeing Him as a loving Father our thoughts may be disrupted in such a way that we question God’s love for us. Where truth should reign, lies enter the minds of the victims and they question God’s protection, love and His care for them. Trauma happens because of the fall, satan’s place in this world and the works of the flesh. Scripture testifies of Godly men and women that suffered severe trauma. Isaac was nearly sacrificed by his father. Joseph was thrown into a dark pit and sold for slavery, Bathsheba was used to satisfy the desire of a king, she suffered a loss of a child because of the penalty of sin and shame. Sarah nearly lost her son Isaac, Naomi went through tremendous pain and grief, losing a

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husband and her two sons, Tamar was abused and mistreated, Daniel was taken away from a loving family and was plunged into the chaos and confusion of Babylon. The Apostle Paul was stoned and beaten under persecution, shipwrecked, thrown into prison and went through dangers from rivers, the wilderness and mighty storms on the sea. The one who suffered severely in a way our minds cannot even comprehend was our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus endured physical torment, emotional trauma, and spiritual agony. There is a deeper understanding required when we have suffered from trauma and pain. It does not leave us overnight. At times a person would need to allow themselves some space to grieve losses that occurred due to trauma. Ignoring trauma is like breaking your leg or your arm in your body and pretending it isn't broken. Healing and wholeness is not a quick fix or a one-time event it is a journey, our eyes fixed on Jesus the author and finisher of our faith. We must be emotionally, physically and spiritually healthy to embrace complete wholeness. Healing is rooted in the heart and the process of sanctification draws us closer to our Redeemer and Healer, knowing that our strength does not come from us. We draw strength from the Fountain of Life. The road to the fountain might seem far at times but that day when you encounter Jesus just like the women at the well, you will not look back through the lens of your trauma and suffering, you will rejoice in your healing and wholeness and testify of His goodness. He touched you!

In conclusion, we cannot heal our own wounds in our own strength and we don't have to. We receive healing from applying the blood of Jesus that was shed for us on the cross. It is through the ministry of Jesus

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Christ that every broken heart is mend and captives are set free. We have received a Comforter, a friend and helper that walks with us through our journey. We receive living waters from the fountain of life. We receive wholeness and healing through faith, His redemptive work on the cross and through His blood that gushed out of His wounds. Isaiah 53:5 tell us, but he was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his stripes we are healed. We receive encouragement and comfort in His Word of Truth. I end off with a promise in scripture: John 7:38: "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, "From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water". Today, receive your healing and wholeness through Faith. He who promised is faithful forever.

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HAVE YOU ACCEPTED JESUS
CHRIST?

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Romans 3:23 ESV

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,"

The abovementioned verse is an extremely well used verse and many people know it and can even quote it off by heart, but the significance of it is the reality that every single person needs to contemplate.

If you have not accepted Jesus as your Personal Saviour yet or are thin king about it, you have to start here. The reality of your sin problem cancels and disqualifies you from the very presence of God and this bars you from eternal Life. Your choices are simple here, either an eternity with God or an Eternity without God. I would think that the logical answer would be an Eternity with God. Why? Well let's look at this:

2 Thessalonians 1:9

"They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might"

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This is the reality of a choice that omits Jesus as your Personal Saviour -

= Everlasting Punishment

= Destruction

= Shut Out

= No Godly Presence

= And no Glory at all

This is not something to take lightly and by the way this is not scaring you into making a false decision, God is love, thus we as His followers are love, this means if I say I have the love of God, it is my duty to tell you the truth and point you into the right direction.

So in looking at the sin problem and the reality of this, what is the answer then? Let's look at this:

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

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What a wonderful solution to an immense problem, God has made a way and in making the way He has also made it very clear that this is the only answer to the problem. You have to accept Jesus His Son in order to obtain Eternal Life and ward off all the destruction and other bad things spoken about in the previous Bible verse.

It also makes it very clear that this can only be done through JESUS CHRIST His Son, there is no other way to salvation or Eternal life other than through Jesus, NONE!

Let's look at this too:

John 1:12-13

"But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God."

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Wow! Just look at this, not only do we get Eternal Life but we become Children of God. The impact of this is massive as it speaks to the fact that we now belong to the family of God and receive the benefits of being part of a family, and not just any family but a royal family (1 Peter 2 vs 9).

So in looking and understanding all of this, How do you accept Jesus as your Personal Saviour?

Romans 10 vs 9-10

"that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; 10 for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation."

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Let me just make one point very clear before we look at the above verses, your salvation cannot be obtained by good works, you cannot go to Heaven or be part of God's family because you are a good person, or you do good deeds, No! The Bible makes it clear, if you want to accept Jesus as your Personal Saviour then it gets done on the basis of two things. These two things are critical because it will also help you on your work with the Lord and attain righteousness and a life pleasing to God.

Firstly, you have to confess with your mouth that Jesus is your Lord, this is very important because by your confession God will know and people in the world will know. This is significant because one does not hide a light under a bowl. Everyone must see and hear that you are a child of God.

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And secondly you must believe in your heart, with your whole being and understanding that Jesus was raised from the dead and is alive and is your only Saviour.

So if you have read all of this and the Holy Spirit is directing you to accept Jesus as your Personal Saviour please pray the prayer on the next page, God loves you so much.



ACCEPTING JESUS IS EVERYTHING!

PRAYER FOR SALVATION

Dear Lord Jesus,

I understand that I am a sinner and in need of desperate saving, The Bible tells me clearly that the only answer is for me to confess with my mouth and believe in my heart. I am now confessing with my mouth that I am accepting You as my Personal Saviour and believing in my heart that you are alive and well and dwelling within me. Thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit and the fellowship of other Believers and allow me please to follow in your footsteps. Amen!

Wow! Congratulations if you have just prayed this prayer, and know that you are now part of the family of the Kingdom of God. Please tell someone about your decision, pray all the time and read and study your Bible. Find a Holy Ghost, Bible preaching church and join.

Please let us know if you have made this decision and allow us to point you in the right direction.

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**Empowering Youth and Adults Through Faith
and Purpose Into Their Calling Foundational
Scripture**

***"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."
— 1 Timothy 4:12 (NIV)***

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Who Am I in God?

The world is obsessed with labels. You're measured by grades, job titles, beauty standards, likes, and followers. Culture says, "You'll be enough when you achieve this." Fear says, "You'll fail like you always do."

Comparison says, "Look at them, you'll never measure up."

But Heaven speaks louder. God doesn't call you by what you've done; He calls you by who you are in Him.

Identity in God's Word:

Known before birth – "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart" (Jeremiah 1:5).

Loved beyond measure – "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son..." (John 3:16).

Chosen and set apart – "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession" (1 Peter 2:9).

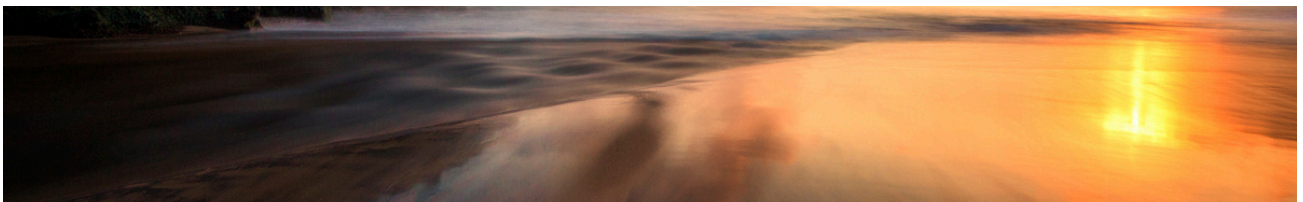
Redeemed and victorious – "In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us" (Romans 8:37).

Your existence is not an accident. You're not a mistake. You're not an afterthought. You are crafted, intentional, and eternally significant.

You are His.

Reflection: Lies vs. Truth

We all wrestle with inner voices, some planted by our past, some whispered by the enemy. Reflection is the act of dragging those lies into the light and replacing them with God's truth.



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Common Lies We Believe:

“I’m not good enough.”

“I’ll always be a failure.”

“No one really loves me.”

“God could never use someone like me.”

“If people knew the real me, they’d reject me.”

God’s Truth to Replace Them:

“You are fearfully and wonderfully made.” (Psalm 139:14)

“Though you fall, you will rise again.” (Proverbs 24:16)

“I have loved you with an everlasting love.” (Jeremiah 31:3)

“My power is made perfect in weakness.” (2 Corinthians 12:9)

“There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” (Romans 8:1)

Reflection Questions:

What lie have you carried that has shaped how you see yourself?

Which Scripture from above speaks directly to that lie?

What would change in your life if you truly believed God’s version of you?

Who can you encourage this week with the same truth God is speaking over you?

Declarations & Decrees of Identity in Christ

I declare I am not defined by the world’s labels.

The world may call me weak, ordinary, or unworthy, but I refuse to carry names that Heaven has not written over me. I am not defined by failures, opinions, or comparisons. I am defined by the Word of God that says I am fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:14). I carry the name of child of God (John 1:12), and that is the only label that has

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eternal weight.

I decree my identity is rooted in Christ alone.

My worth is not in my looks, my money, my status, or my achievements. My roots are planted deep in Christ Jesus. Just as a tree stands firm because its roots reach living water, I decree my life is grounded in the truth of who Jesus is and who He has called me to be. No storm can uproot me, no lie can shake me, no failure can redefine me. Christ in me is my unshakable foundation (Colossians 2:6–7).

I declare I am loved, chosen, redeemed, and victorious.

I declare that the blood of Jesus speaks louder than shame. I am loved with an everlasting love (Jeremiah 31:3). I am chosen for such a time as this (1 Peter 2:9). I am redeemed, bought at a high price, and set free from every chain (Ephesians 1:7). And I am victorious, not someday, but now, because Christ has already overcome (Romans 8:37).

I decree every lie of the enemy is broken off me.

Every whisper of fear, rejection, failure, or shame has no authority over my life. I decree that the power of God's truth shatters every false identity the enemy has tried to place on me. I silence the voice of comparison and accusation. I break the agreement with every curse spoken against me. I am not who the enemy says I am; I am who God says I am. From this day forward, my mind is renewed, my heart is strengthened, and my spirit is aligned with Heaven's verdict: Free, Beloved, Victorious, and His.

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Discovering Your Calling

Identity unlocks destiny.

Once you know who you are in Christ, the next step is discovering what you were created to do. God did not design anyone as a spectator; He placed you on earth with a specific assignment.

“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” — Ephesians 2:10

This means:

Before you were born, God already had tasks with your name on them.

Your calling may look ordinary to others, but it carries eternal weight.

Your destiny is not a random accident; it is Heaven’s blueprint unfolding.

Your calling may not mirror someone else’s. Some are called to lead movements, others to raise families that change the world. Some are called to heal bodies, others to write songs that heal souls. Some are called to teach, others to build, innovate, create, serve, or encourage.

No calling is “less important” than another. A hidden act of obedience in God’s eyes carries as much eternal value as preaching from a pulpit. Every calling, big or small, carries one eternal purpose: to glorify God and point people back to Him.

How to Step Into Your Calling

Walking in your calling doesn’t happen overnight. It’s a journey of prayer, obedience, and faith. Here’s how you step into it:

Pray for Clarity (James 1:5)

Ask God to reveal His plan. Pray, “Lord, show me the gifts You’ve placed inside me and how I can use them.” God delights in answering when His children ask for wisdom.

Read the Word for Guidance (Psalm 119:105)

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Scripture is your compass. God will never call you to something that contradicts His Word. Let His Word be a lamp to your feet and a light to your path.

Recognize Your Gifts (Romans 12:6–8)

Look at what comes naturally to you. Do you lead with confidence? Do you encourage others? Are you drawn to serve, teach, or create? Your calling is often hidden within the gifts God has already planted in you.

Listen for Confirmation (1 Timothy 4:14)

God often speaks through people, pastors, mentors, family, or spiritual leaders. They may notice gifts in you before you even recognize them. Pay attention when others affirm what God is already stirring in your heart.

Step Out in Faith (Hebrews 11:8)

Abraham didn't have a roadmap, only a word from God, yet he went. Sometimes you discover your calling only by taking the first step. Do something. Serve somewhere. Act in obedience, and God will reveal more as you move forward.

Reflection

For Youth:

What gift has God placed in your hand today, whether it's your voice, your ability to help, your creativity, your boldness, or your compassion, that you can use for Him right now?

For Adults:

Who are you intentionally mentoring into their God-given purpose? Whose gifts are you watering with encouragement, wisdom, and prayer? Remember, your calling often includes raising others into theirs.

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Declaration & Decree

I declare I am created with divine intention.

My life is not an accident. Every detail of my being was designed by the hand of God for His glory.

I decree that no one else can fulfill the assignment God has given me.

What God has entrusted to me cannot be stolen, replaced, or carried out by another. My calling is unique, and I will walk in it.

I declare I will walk boldly in my calling.

Fear, doubt, and comparison will not silence me. I will rise with courage, knowing the Lord is with me wherever I go (Joshua 1:9).

I decree my gifts will glorify God and impact lives.

Every talent, every skill, every resource God has given me will be used to point people back to Jesus. I will bear fruit that remains for eternity (John 15:16).

Faith: The Foundation of Empowerment

The world says, "Believe in yourself."

The Kingdom says, "Believe in God."

Self-confidence can carry you for a while, but only God-confidence will carry you through the storms of life. Faith is not blind optimism or wishful thinking; it is anchoring your entire being in the reliability of God's Word, even when everything you see screams the opposite.

"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." — Hebrews 11:1

Faith is not denying reality; it's declaring that God's truth is greater than your reality.

Faith tells the insecure girl that she is fearfully and wonderfully made, knit together in the secret place with intention and beauty (Psalm 139:13-14).

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Faith tells the rejected boy that he is chosen, adopted, and deeply loved by the Father who will never leave him (Ephesians 1:4–5).

Faith tells the weary adult that it is never too late for God to rewrite the story, restore what was lost, and breathe life into dry bones (Ezekiel 37:5–6).

Faith moves mountains (Mark 11:23).

Faith heals the sick (James 5:15).

Faith saves souls (Ephesians 2:8).

Faith keeps you standing when everything else falls.

Without faith, life becomes heavy. With faith, even the impossible becomes possible.

Reflection

Pause for a moment and ask yourself:

What situation in your life right now requires faith instead of fear?

Are you believing more in the voice of your problem, or in the voice of God's promise?

What would shift in your life if you trusted God as much as you worry about the outcome?

Write that situation down. Next to it, write one scripture that declares God's truth over it. Let that verse become the seed of your faith.

Declaration & Decree

I declare my faith is rising above fear.

Fear no longer has the final say. I will not be paralyzed by doubt, because God has not given me a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and a sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7).

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I decree I will trust God even when I cannot see.

Like Abraham who stepped out not knowing where he was going, I will step in obedience, confident that God is faithful to lead me (Hebrews 11:8).

I declare that nothing is impossible with God.

I refuse to limit Him with my human reasoning. What is impossible for man is possible for my God (Luke 1:37).

I decree I walk by faith, not by sight.

My eyes may see lack, but my faith sees provision. My eyes may see sickness, but my faith sees healing. My eyes may see obstacles, but my faith sees victory. I live by faith in the Son of God who loves me and gave Himself for me (Galatians 2:20).

Turning Challenges Into Growth

Life is rarely smooth, but every challenge carries a hidden blessing. Trials are not punishments; they are training grounds designed by God to prepare you for your destiny.

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.” — James 1:2–3

Every trial has a purpose: it stretches you, strengthens you, and shapes you into the person God created you to be.

David needed Goliath to step into his destiny as king and warrior for God. Joseph needed the pit and the prison to rise to a place of authority and save nations.

Esther needed the palace to influence a nation at the perfect time.

Your challenges are no different. Your “Goliath” may be a struggle with identity, fear, peer pressure, broken relationships, or financial uncertainty. Yet God is at work, shaping your character, courage, and

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testimony through each battle.

Trials are like a blacksmith's fire; they refine the metal of your spirit until it shines, strong, and useful for God's purposes. Every storm you face, every rejection, every obstacle is preparing you to rise higher than before.

Reflection

For Youth:

How is your struggle today preparing you to lead, inspire, or encourage others tomorrow?

What can you learn in this season that will make you stronger, braver, and wiser?

For Adults:

Which past battle in your life has become a story of victory that can now inspire or guide someone else?

Who in your sphere needs to hear that their challenges are not meaningless, but a stepping stone into destiny?

Take a moment to write your reflections in a journal. Identify at least one lesson, gift, or skill that God is building in you through this current challenge.

Declaration & Decree

I declare my trials will not break me; they will build me.

I will not be defeated by the storm; I will be strengthened. Every hardship is producing perseverance, resilience, and wisdom in me (James 1:3).

I decree my challenges are stepping stones into destiny.

No struggle is wasted. Every obstacle is strategically placed by God to

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prepare me for my next level. I will rise above and use each challenge to grow, lead, and impact others.

I declare every storm strengthens my faith.

With every trial, my trust in God increases. My faith grows deeper, my courage increases, and my spirit becomes unshakable. I am not shaken by circumstances, for God's power is made perfect in my weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9).

I decree I will come out stronger, wiser, and unshakable in Christ.

The fire of challenges refines me, the storms shape me, and the lessons of life empower me. I am emerging victorious, seasoned by trials, and fully aligned with God's plan for my life.

Living Boldly in Purpose

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." — Joshua 1:9

Boldness is not arrogance. It is confidence in the presence, power, and promises of God. It's knowing that your steps are guided by the Almighty and that you can face any situation with courage because the Creator of the universe walks with you.

To live boldly in purpose means:

Shining your light unapologetically, even when others try to dim it.

Speaking truth in love, even when it feels uncomfortable.

Walking in your God-given gifts without fear of rejection or criticism.

Leading, serving, and influencing with the assurance that God has your back.

Youth, now is your time to rise. Do not shrink back to fit in. Do not hide your gifts to avoid criticism. Your generation is called to be fearless carriers of light, showing the world the hope of Jesus Christ.

Adults, your example matters. Boldness is contagious. When you walk

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with integrity, courage, and faith, you mentor the younger generation to rise without fear, to pursue purpose, and to glorify God through every action.

Bold living is a decision every day: to trust God, to act in obedience, and to embrace your calling with confidence, no matter the opposition.

Declaration for Youth

“I will not hide my light. I will not shrink back. I will shine boldly for Jesus.”

Speak this over yourself daily. Let it rise from your heart like fire. Allow it to break every fear, every doubt, and every whisper of shame. This is your anthem of courage and identity in Christ.

Declaration & Decree (All Generations)

I declare I am strong and courageous in the Lord.

My strength is not in my abilities but in the One who equips me. I will face every challenge with the assurance that God is fighting for me.

I decree I will not bow to fear or intimidation.

No circumstance, no opinion, and no threat will make me retreat. I stand firm on God’s promises.

I declare I will live with boldness and purity.

Boldness in action, courage in obedience, and integrity in every step define my life. I will walk with honor and righteousness.

I decree my life will testify of God’s power.

Through my words, actions, and influence, others will see the Kingdom of God at work. My life will be a living witness of victory, faith, and divine authority.

A Call to Two Generations

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The Kingdom of God moves forward when youth and adults rise together, not in isolation. Each generation carries a unique responsibility and power that, when combined, brings revival, transformation, and unstoppable momentum.

Youth: You are not too young. God specifically spoke to Jeremiah, saying, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’” (Jeremiah 1:7). Your age does not disqualify you. Your voice, your energy, your vision, and your fire matter in advancing God’s Kingdom today. Step forward boldly; your obedience, even in small things, has eternal impact.

Adults: Your scars, victories, wisdom, and testimonies are treasures for the next generation (Titus 2:7). Your experiences, lessons learned, and faithful examples equip youth to navigate challenges and rise into their calling. Do not hide your story; your testimony is a roadmap of faith, courage, and perseverance.

When youthful fire meets seasoned wisdom, extraordinary things happen. God releases revival, breakthroughs, and Kingdom influence that crosses generations. The youth inspire boldness; adults impart guidance and discernment. Together, the Kingdom advances like never before.

Declaration & Decree

I declare this generation will not walk alone.

We are united by God’s Spirit, called to encourage, mentor, and lift each other in faith.

I decree young and old will unite for God’s glory.

No generation will be left to struggle in isolation; together we move in alignment with Heaven’s purposes.

I declare the fire of the youth and the wisdom of the elders will move together.

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Passion and experience will blend, releasing God's Kingdom power in communities, schools, workplaces, and nations.

I decree revival will flow from generation to generation.

This generation will see miracles, transformation, and God's hand moving mightily. The legacy of faith will continue, unbroken and unstoppable.

Practical Steps for Youth

Faith without action is incomplete. Here are steps to help youth rise boldly in purpose:

Start your day with prayer and the Word (Psalm 5:3): Ten minutes each morning sets your heart on God and establishes your day in His presence.

Read one chapter of Proverbs daily: God's wisdom is timeless, giving guidance for relationships, decisions, and personal growth.

Choose friends who uplift you (1 Corinthians 15:33): Your companions shape your character and influence your faith. Surround yourself with those who build you up, not pull you down.

Serve faithfully wherever you are (Mark 10:45): Your gifts, no matter how small, can impact your family, school, or community. Service cultivates humility and strengthens your purpose.

Write three goals that honor God and commit them in prayer: This keeps you focused on walking in your calling and encourages accountability before God.

Closing Prayer

Father,

We lift up every reader of this message before Your Throne of Grace and of Mercy, both youth and adults alike. Break every chain of false identity

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and silence every voice of shame. Awaken every God-given purpose, and strengthen their faith to stand firm in every season.

Raise up youth with courage, boldness, and purity. Empower adults with wisdom, perseverance, and vision. Unite these generations to walk together, hand in hand, in alignment with Your Kingdom purposes.

We decree and declare: this generation will rise unshakable, unstoppable, and unashamed for Jesus. They will carry Your glory, walk in their calling, and see revival flow through their lives from one generation to the next.

In the mighty name of Jesus, Amen.



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For This Cause The 8 Prophetic Processes

The first prophetic process entails discerning the voice: “Who is speaking here?” We cannot merely presume that it is the voice of God or one inspired by divine influence, for there exist numerous other voices, including that of Satan, which are designed to divert us from our connection with God. Some of these voices may appear deceptively innocuous; hence the scripture warns, “the very elect will even be deceived,” as stated in Matthew 24:24. In this quest for clarity, we must also consider the intent behind the voice: “What is the purpose behind this

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message?” Understanding the motive is crucial, as true divine communication aims to edify and guide, not to confuse or manipulate. Each utterance we encounter should be measured against the foundation of Scripture, ensuring it aligns with the nature of God’s character—love, peace, and truth. Furthermore, we are called to cultivate discernment through prayerful reflection and community dialogue, as emphasized in Proverbs 11:14, which states that “in the multitude of counselors there is safety.” The process is not merely about identification; it also demands a response. “How do we respond once we ascertain the voice?” Our reaction must stem from a posture of humility and faithfulness. This involves not only rejecting falsehood but actively embracing the truth, which manifests itself in our actions and decisions. As we navigate these complexities, it becomes crucial to cultivate spiritual awareness, enabling us to recognize biblical truths amidst the cacophony of competing voices in our lives. Ultimately, our journey in prophetic discernment shapes our relationship with God, guiding us closer to His heart.

1. The Voice.

The foundational prophetic framework, as articulated within the Abrahamic narrative in Genesis 12:1, is a profound depiction of divine communication. It is characterized by the presence of the speaker, emphasizing the significance of the message delivered to Abram by the voice of the Lord. This narrative sets the stage for understanding the essence of prophetic voices in various contexts. In 1 Corinthians 14:10, the text highlights the multiplicity of voices that permeate the world, each carrying its own weight of importance. These voices serve the purpose of transmitting messages that shape individuals’ beliefs and actions.

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Prophetic ministry hinges on the ability to discern the origin and authenticity of these voices. Failure to discern correctly can have detrimental consequences, leading to destruction in lives, homes, marriages, and businesses. For instance, individuals who blindly follow false prophetic voices often find themselves disillusioned and estranged from the things of God. On the contrary, those who heed genuine prophetic voices experience healing and restoration in various aspects of their lives. This stark contrast underscores the critical importance of discernment in navigating the realm of prophetic utterances.

Despite the prevalence of negative experiences that have tarnished the reputation of prophetic ministry, it is essential to recognize that authentic prophetic voices still exist today. It is crucial not to generalize based on past disappointments but to approach each prophetic encounter with discernment and an open heart. The diversity of voices within the prophetic landscape necessitates a careful examination of their sources and intentions. By categorizing these voices and discerning their authenticity, individuals can safeguard themselves from potential harm and embrace the transformative power of genuine prophetic guidance. In essence, for every false prophetic voice, there is a true one waiting to be heard and heeded. Let us identify a few distinctive voices:

1.1. The voice of satan.

A. The voice comes with wisdom

In accordance with the Biblical passage in Genesis 3:1, the serpent is portrayed as possessing a superior level of cunning compared to all the other creatures in the field. This cunning nature of the serpent plays a

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crucial role in shaping the unfolding narrative. For instance, imagine the serpent slithering through the lush garden, its eyes glinting with deceptive intelligence as it carefully approaches Eve. The serpent's sly demeanor sets the stage for a pivotal moment in the story where it presents Eve with a tempting proposition, wrapped in a veil of persuasive words.

The subtlety of the serpent's rhetoric acts as a powerful catalyst, igniting human curiosity and planting the seeds of disobedience in Eve's mind. This moment of temptation serves as a timeless reminder of the intricate dance between choice, consequence, and morality. As Eve grapples with the weight of her decision, the broader theme of temptation and the complexities of free will come into sharp focus. The serpent's words, laced with allure and manipulation, create a moral crossroads for Eve, highlighting the eternal struggle between following one's desires and heeding the call of conscience. Ultimately, Eve's choice reverberates through the ages, underscoring the enduring relevance of the age-old battle between temptation and righteousness.

B. The voice twists the truth.

In Genesis 3:1-5, the voice of Satan insidiously influenced Adam and Eve to transgress against God by distorting the truth, thereby instilling doubt and inciting rebellion. The adversary artfully manipulated God's words by posing the question, "Did God truly say that you must not eat from any tree in the garden?" However, in Genesis 2:16-17, God unequivocally declared that they were permitted to partake of any tree in the garden, with the singular exception of the one situated in its midst. The aim of the enemy's voice was to engender skepticism regarding God's benevolent nature and to portray Him as a God intent

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on depriving humanity of joy. The narrative unfolds as the serpent, known for its cunning persuasion, strategically tempts Eve by offering her the allure of knowledge and a heightened status. This manipulation not only marks the tragic downfall of humanity but also serves as a profound reflection on the intricate nature of temptation and the essence of sin. It is a stark reminder of how easily individuals can be swayed by deceptive promises, leading to dire consequences. The consequences of Adam and Eve's disobedience are clearly depicted, showcasing the profound impact it has on their relationship with God and the loss of their innocence. The text underscores the gradual descent into chaos that ensues following human transgression, highlighting the devastating effects of succumbing to temptation. It vividly portrays how the serpent's cunning tactics result in catastrophic outcomes, emphasizing the importance of remaining vigilant against deceitful influences in matters of spiritual stewardship. This serves as a timeless lesson on the dangers of giving in to the voice of the enemy and that we must stay true to one's principles. Furthermore, the narrative draws parallels between the serpent's manipulation of Eve and its later attempt to deceive Jesus in the wilderness. This recurring motif underscores the enduring nature of temptation and the constant need for spiritual discernment. By showcasing these parallels, the text emphasizes the universal struggle against deceptive influences and the eternal battle between good and evil. It serves as a poignant reminder of the ongoing need to remain steadfast in the face of temptation and to guard against the snares of the enemy.

1.2. The voice of people.

The second voice that plays a significant role in discussions is that of people's opinions. It is crucial to acknowledge the diversity of opinions

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among individuals, as not all opinions are of the same quality.

Some opinions has got bad intentions but there are others that has got good intentions. Like I said earlier that we shouldn't paint all prophetic voices with the same brush just because we had bad encounters with the false.

A. False Prophets. One of the stages in this voice is the voice of false prophets. A false prophet is typically defined as someone who claims to speak on behalf of God or possess divine insight, but whose message is deceptive, misleading, or contrary to God's truth. False prophets often exploit spiritual hunger and emotional vulnerability, offering easy answers or sensational revelations. But true discernment comes from testing their message against Scripture, the fruit of their life, and the witness of the Holy Spirit. Another critical aspect in recognizing false prophets is the examination of their methods. Many false prophets may rely on manipulation, emotional appeals, or charismatic displays to draw followers in, rather than facilitating genuine spiritual growth or transformation. They may establish themselves as authoritative figures, demanding unquestioned loyalty and often isolating individuals from healthy relationships and guidance. To combat this deception, believers are encouraged to cultivate a personal relationship with God through prayer and study of Scripture. This spiritual foundation empowers individuals to discern truth from lies and fosters a deeper understanding of authentic faith. Additionally, it is vital to seek the counsel of mature Christians who are grounded in Scripture for support and guidance. Moreover, the emergence of false prophets often corresponds with times of societal unrest or confusion, amplifying the need for vigilance. In these times, it is essential to remain steadfast in

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faith and committed to the truths that have been revealed throughout history. By anchoring oneself in God's Word and recognizing the signs of false teaching, individuals can promote spiritual resilience and the integrity of their beliefs.

B. Weak Prophets. Within the realm of prophetic voices, there exists a distinct category known as weak prophets. These individuals possess an understanding of the truth, yet they are susceptible to the sway of their own opinions and external pressures. Unlike the steadfast and unwavering nature of strong prophets, weak prophets navigate a more precarious path, often teetering between conviction and compromise. Examples of weak prophets are those individuals who were entrusted with delivering the divine messages but faltered in their commitment to truth because they were eating from Jezebel's table (1Kings 18:19). Despite their knowledge of what was right, they allowed personal biases and societal expectations to cloud their judgment, leading to a dilution of the intended message. Moreover, weak prophets may succumb to the allure of popularity or the fear of backlash, causing them to deviate from their initial calling. This divergence from their true purpose not only diminishes the impact of their prophecies but also erodes the trust placed in them by those who seek guidance. In essence, weak prophets serve as a cautionary tale, reminding us of the delicate balance between staying true to one's beliefs and succumbing to external influences. Their narratives underscore the importance of unwavering dedication to the truth, even in the face of adversity. It is through the contrast between weak and strong prophets that we gain a deeper understanding of the significance of integrity and steadfastness in the realm of prophecy.

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C. True Prophets. A true prophet is someone who authentically speaks on behalf of God, delivering messages that align with divine truth, inspire righteousness, and often call people to repentance, justice, and deeper relationship with God. Their authority is not self-appointed—it's divinely commissioned. True Prophets often experience unique challenges in their calling. They may face skepticism or opposition from those who reject their message, yet their conviction remains steadfast. True prophets are marked by humility, recognizing their role as vessels for God's voice rather than self-made authorities. Their messages are often rooted in Scripture, ensuring that their teachings are anchored in the word of God, which lends credibility to their claims. Furthermore, true prophets encourage communities to engage in repentance, fostering environments that promote healing and restoration. The impact of their work can lead to social change, urging society to uphold values of love, compassion, and justice. Ultimately, they inspire individuals and communities alike to seek intimacy with God, emphasizing a faith that actively transforms lives.

1.3. The Voice Of God.

The third voice is the voice of God in the area of prophecy. The voice of God can be heard through the Word of God; Spiritual leaders and mature believers

A. The Word Of God.

It is important to note that the highest form of prophecy is the Word of God and every other voice has to line up with the Word of God. Prophetic voices that diverge from Scripture can lead to confusion and misguidance.

B. Spiritual Leaders And Mature Believers.

Therefore, discernment is essential when navigating these spiritual

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messages. It is encouraged to seek confirmation through prayer and the counsel of mature believers who are grounded in the Word.

Moreover, the role of prophecy extends beyond individual direction; it serves as a means of edification for the body of Christ. The community is called to weigh prophetic words, ensuring that they resonate with biblical truths. Prophecy thrives in an atmosphere of love, humility, and accountability, fostering a spirit of unity among believers. Furthermore, one must recognize that not every impression or thought can be classified as prophetic. Genuine prophecy often carries a weight of urgency and aligns with God's character and purposes, highlighting the necessity of studying the Scriptures diligently. In this pursuit, believers are encouraged to cultivate an intimate relationship with God, as this deepens the understanding of His voice and enhances prophetic insight.

Conclusion.

Jesus View On The Voice:

In John 10:3-5, 27, Jesus articulates the distinction between two voices: that of a stranger and His own. When we attune ourselves to His voice, or to any voice that resonates with His essence, we can anticipate the following benefits:

1. You will unearth your true identity. (Jn 10:3; Mt 16:18; Is 43:1)
2. You will receive profound guidance. (Ps 37:23)
3. You will be afforded protection, safeguarding you from the deceptive allure of the stranger's voice. (Jn 10:4-5)

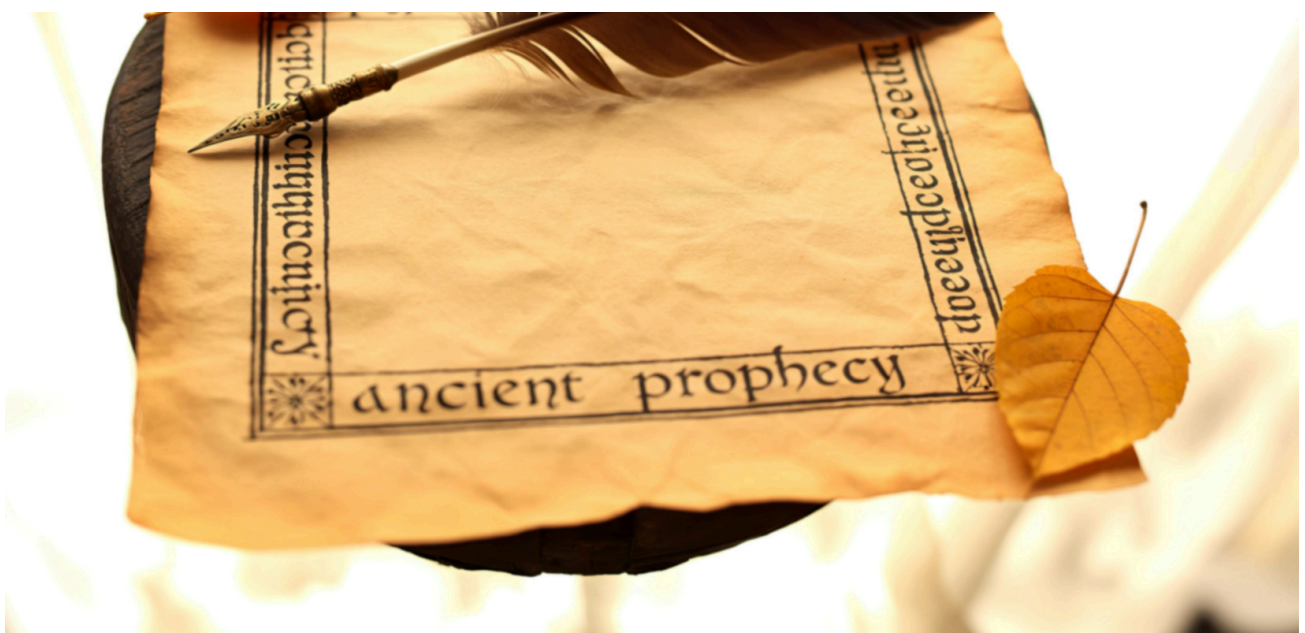
Furthermore, Jesus reiterated the importance of recognizing His voice through a relationship built on love and obedience, asserting, "If you love me, keep my commands." (Jn 14:15) In doing so, we strengthen our

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we strengthen our ability to discern against the background noise of the world, enhancing our spiritual growth and resilience in faith.

Paul's View On The Voice:

The Apostle Paul also expounded on the significance of voice in one's life. It is through the voice that faith is cultivated (Rom 10:17). His ministry was profoundly influenced by his attentiveness to the Holy Spirit. (Ac 13:2) Furthermore, he cautioned against heeding other voices. (Gal 1:8) Clarity in decision-making, as divine guidance illuminates the way forward. (Pr 16:3) A deeper sense of peace, knowing one is following the shepherd's lead, yielding a tranquil heart amidst trials. (Phil 4:6-7) The development of a community that encourages one another to listen for and follow the right voice, fostering collective faith and strength. (Heb 10:24-25) Additionally, the Book of Proverbs emphasizes the necessity of discerning the right voice amidst life's chaos, highlighting its impact on one's path. (Pr 3:5-6) By cultivating a deep connection with the divine voice, believers can experience:



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