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GRACE UNFOLDED!

Grace Unfolded

This is a new year, the old is past and we're being given a whole new opportunity – fresh unused... We need a new heart attitude to make the best of the new opportunity. Old thinking will just mean a change of date and not a change of lifestyle.

How often do we misunderstand God's grace...

In essence, grace is God's commitment to renew fallen humanity, not to endorse human rebellion.

Grace is an invitation to a higher, freer life—a life that reflects the love and holiness of God, not a life of confusion that abuses His grace. Understanding this helps maintain the delicate balance between embracing grace and living responsibly.

True grace empowers us to overcome sin. It is not a passive acceptance of wrongdoing but an active force that teaches and moulds us. **Titus 2:11-12** - For the grace of God has been revealed, bringing salvation to all people.

12 - And we are instructed to turn from godless living and sinful pleasures. We should live in this evil world with wisdom, righteousness, and devotion to God. (NLT)
Therefore, grace is not just about forgiveness; it's about growth and transformation.



There is a scarlet thread that runs through

the Bible from Genesis to Revelation – God’s love unfolding His grace to humanity. The Bible records Father God’s commitment to humanity. It was God’s desire to have a family, that’s why He created us. The Scripture is about God’s love story to and for us! God so loved that He gave His only Son Jesus – Jesus didn’t come to condemn the world, but to save us.

The challenge is that people struggle to really believe that God loves them. Most people are far more inclined to believe that God will punish them – God’s grace unfolded is a redeeming quality, bringing wholeness, not a restricting factor.

What happens when I mess up?

Let’s discuss the concept of being corrected but not condemned. Correction is an act of love, condemnation on the other hand implies that there is no hope. Condemnation implies rejection. Condemnation is an action of sentencing someone to punishment and worthlessness.

Prov 3:12 - For the LORD corrects those he loves, just as a father corrects a child in whom he delights. (NLT) God’s discipline comes from a place of love and delight, not disdain. He corrects to restore, not reject! What does Jesus do to the woman caught in adultery? He says – **“Go and sin no more, neither do I condemn you” –**

John 8:11. Jesus here displays a balance between correction and condemnation. He acknowledges her sin but offers her grace to start fresh. **Jesus here models for us that correction is not about labelling the person as unworthy; its about offering them a path to transformation.**

The transgression was obvious – the religious rules demanded condemnation – Jesus shows how to move from transgression to transformation – it is called grace unfolded! The religious system leaders showed contempt, Jesus demonstrates compassion... Jesus shows leaders how to bring correction and not condemnation, its truth wrapped in love!

Somehow redemption and respect connect. Jesus restores, respect – religious disdain must move over for His delight.

Think of correction in the sense of a gardener pruning a plant. He cuts away what is not useful. He prunes it not to harm it, but to ensure it grows healthier and bears fruit. What is God pruning in your life right now? Can you see His hand as a loving, necessary correction for growth?

Important to remember – The disrespect of other people shown to you has nothing to do with your worth. That is their opinion. What does God say – have you asked Him, or are you just accepting the opinions by which you are judged?

Any loveless action usually means that God is absent. **The love of God is the absence of judgement.** Notice the difference between conviction and condemnation. **Conviction** is the work of the Holy Spirit; He will prompt you to turn away from sin. **Condemnation** is the voice of the accuser, who wants to paralyze you with shame. Condemnation puts people into bondage. Condemnation will continue to steal your worth until you realize that there is no condemnation in Jesus Christ.

Conviction and correction lead to life, condemnation leads to guilt, despair, and hopelessness. Correction is an opportunity for growth rather than dwelling on the shame of the same mistake. Jesus looks beyond the contempt and sees a clean person, forgiven clean slate – accusation nullified.

What makes the difference?

2 Cor 5:21 - **For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ. (NLT)** At the cross there was a divine exchange that took place. Our sin was left there at the cross, guilt was removed, forever gone, shame was washed away by His blood, and we walk away with God's righteousness. The eternal price for our freedom was paid in full. Jesus said – **"It is finished"** – John 19:30. Finished means nothing outstanding!

People fear correction because they confuse it with rejection. God's correction is His way of helping us grow into the fullness of who we are meant to be. We believe in a god who will punish us, but we forget that God is love. We end up on the wrong side of love due to our unbelief

and rebellion.

“A person must be big enough to admit their mistakes, smart enough to profit from them, and strong enough to correct them” – John Maxwell.
We grow through discomfort – correction often makes us feel uncomfortable, but it is the pathway to maturity.

Remember when God corrects us, he is drawing us closer to Him, not pushing us away. **“God’s greatest gift to us is Himself”** - Francis Chan.
We come to Jesus the way we are, nevertheless we are loved and accepted by Him.

Psalm 103:10 – “He doesn’t treat us as our sins deserve, nor pay us back in full for our wrongs. 11- As high as heaven is over the earth, so strong is his love to those who fear him. 12 - And as far as sunrise is from sunset, he has separated us from our sins. 13 - As parents feel for their children, GOD feels for those who fear him. 14 - He knows us inside and out, keeps in mind that we’re made of mud. (MSG)

Here we see grace and mercy in action. When He can condemn us, He corrects and forgives us. God wants relationship with you, do want relationship with Him?

Prayer – Lord, thank you for your loving correction. Help me to embrace it as a step toward becoming more like you... Lord, thank you for your loving correction, thank you for unfolding Your grace to me.

I renounce the condemnation of others, and I refuse to speak self-condemnation over myself. Thank you that I can experience your acceptance, rejection has been dealt with by Jesus Christ. Thank you for loving me, I surrender to your love. Building a better future starts with today’s actions.

As a leader, will you adopt the Jesus way of wrapping the truth in love when bringing correction? Challenge the behavior but do not condemn the person.

When the correction is over, will the person stand strong in their identity as a believer, or would the harsh criticism destroy the person Jesus gave His life for?

Extend grace to others the way that Jesus extends His grace to you. True forgiveness opens the door for restoration.



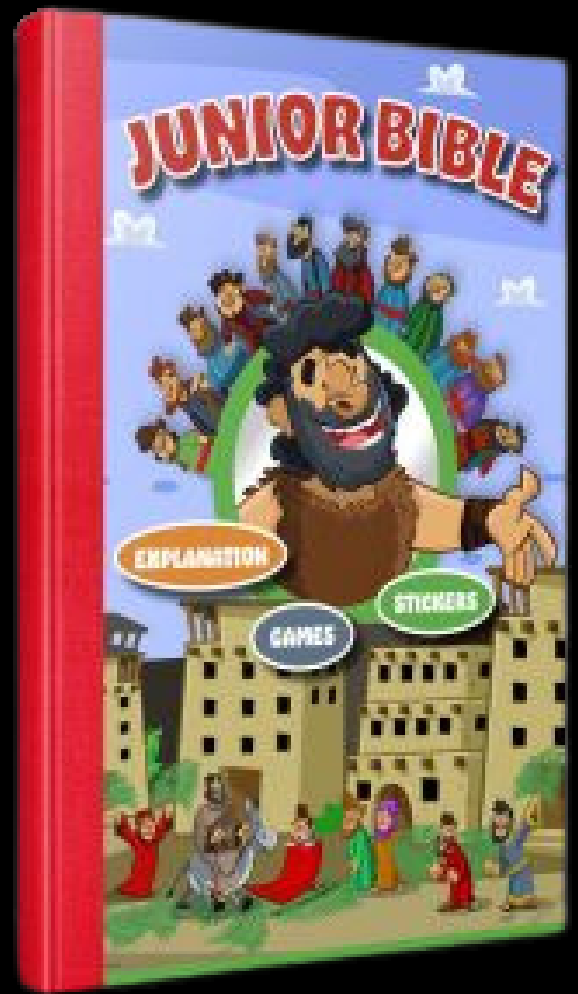
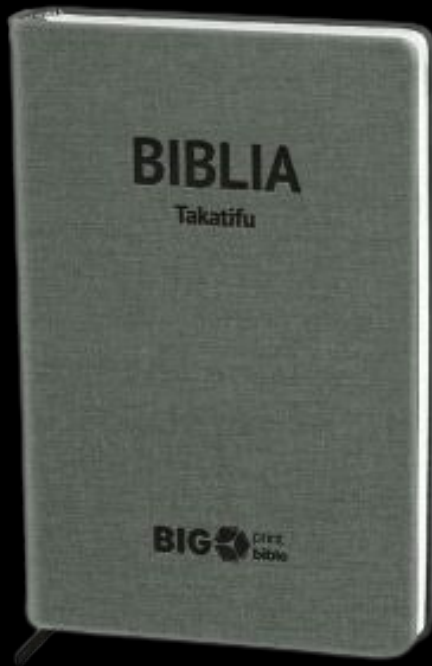
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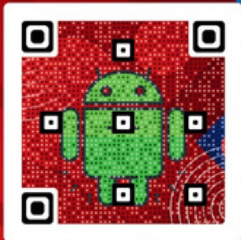
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SPIRITUAL AWAKENING

“Our Victory is in Christ!”

“But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.” — 1 Corinthians 15:57(NKJV)

Introduction

In other translations of the Bible, they use the words “Splendour” and “Glory” and “Eminence” is in Christ. In the Complete Jewish Bible this word is referred to as the “Eternal One” and “Victory” of Israel. The first mention of the word “victory” in the whole Bible is found in 1 Samuel 15:29. There it says that victory will not lie nor repent. The victory of Israel is neither an experience nor an event; it is a Person. I am sure we all know who that Person is. Ironically, even a large portion of the Jewish nation has still not yet come to the full revelation of that truth—that their victory is in Christ and Christ alone! This is who and where our Victory lies, not only for Israel but for the entire world. Hence our success (or victory), whether in our homes, our marriages, our businesses, our ministries or in our own achievements does not reside in our own strength, nor is it our own accomplishments or power.



Victory is ultimately in the Person of Christ—living inside of you and me. The key to achieving or acquiring that victory would depend on two primary objectives, (1) It starts by repenting of our sin and surrendering our lives to Christ; and (2) start by developing a relationship with Christ. We can thank God everyday of our lives that our victory does not depend on our own strength, power or abilities. Praise God, our victory in this life and for evermore is in Christ. The minute we try to take our eyes off who is more important in this life and why we are here, that's when we have already lost the battle over sin and death.

According to the Word of God, the nature of a 'victorious life' is many-sided. But I shall only describe a few of its many characteristics. The meaning of this life—is not a 'changed life,' but an 'exchanged life.' Victory is not that I or you have changed for the better, but rather that we have been exchanged by the sacrifice Christ made for us on the cross. One verse which is most familiar to us is **Galatians 2.20: "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."** It is critical that we as believers understand that doctrinal principle.

What is meant by this verse? It has only one meaning: the life spoken of is an "exchanged life." Basically, it is no longer "I," for it has absolutely nothing to do with me or you. It is not that the bad I had in me has now suddenly become good because of what "I" did by turning towards God or accepting Christ. Or that "I" went searching for Christ and my salvation. Or that "I" decided to 'change my life' and become a better person. None of these things is correct. It is simply not true and if you have believed that kind of doctrine or teaching then you need to have an immediate paradigm shift in your understanding of "who you are in Christ." It is not "I," it is Christ. If you honestly believe and know that you are a child of God — and how would you know that? Well, its very simple, ask yourself these honest questions: Did you at any point surrender your life to Christ and accept Him as your personal Lord and Saviour? If the answer is YES, then you are a child of God. Secondly, have you turned from your old sinful ways and tried to live a more holy and righteous life? Let me be clear on this, living a more holy life is not going to get you into heaven but what it does do, is it helps you develop a closer relationship (bond) to your Heavenly Father and as a result you will

acquire the ability to walk in the fullness of God's glory. This will result in more positive things happening to you than negative. It will also create an environment for you to receive knowledge, wisdom and revelation from Lord through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. In principle, you are giving God more space to move and have His way in your life.

Note, that I did not ask whether your life was perfect—that is not going to happen, no matter what you do. There is a 'process of sanctification' (the journey of life) that we all need to walk before we eventually die 'in the flesh' but by God's grace our spirit continues to live on through our inherence in Christ of receiving everlasting life. The 'glorification' will be complete after Judgment Day when we will enter heaven and be in unity with our Heavenly Father.

It is therefore vitally important that we understand this process and that as believers we need as the body of Christ come to understand that we cannot simply sit back and say, because we have received our salvation through Christ we can simply carry on sinning in the flesh. It is critical that we need to strive to take on the nature and character of Christ? Continuously asking yourself, have I changed my sinful and evil ways to allow for the Holy Spirit to come and reside in me? For example, did you suffer from forgiveness, anger, bitterness or maybe you lost your temper easily and you would lash out at others at the drop of a hat or maybe you had an addiction problem and after surrendering your life to Christ, your addiction was removed, and you never had those desires anymore? These are the kind of 'transforming' characteristics that need to be witnessed and observed.

When you sin, do you feel convicted of that sin and do you immediately repent by confessing that sin to Christ and asking Him to forgive you of that wrongful behaviour or ungodly actions. Today people make a serious mistake in thinking that victory is progressive, and defeat is retrogressive—that if a person is able to control his temper or maintain an intimate fellowship with God, then he is victorious. Not so. Of course, if and when you decide to follow a routine of Godly principles and virtues, you will soon find that your life will become a lot more pleasant and the people around you will be drawn to your new nature. But let me assure you, those spiritual or religious 'acts of obedience' is not what has made you into a better

person. The only ingredient or element in this equation to go from being a sinner to being saved by grace is Christ. He will place the light on your path and give you the wisdom, understanding and revelation that you need to walk in obedience to God. We must get out of this mindset that there are certain things that you need to do or achieve to become more righteous or holy because there is nothing. It all depends on Christ. How much of your life are you willing to surrender to Him and how much are you willing to sacrifice of this world that will allow God to move and have His way over your life.

Let us forever keep in mind that victory has basically no relation to one's own self. One brother confessed with crying to me one day that he could not overcome certain strongholds in his life. I frankly told him that he indeed could not overcome them – no matter what they were. He continued to say he could not overcome them. How could I help him? I said to this brother: “God has never demanded that you overcome anything. He has never asked you to change your bad temper to a good temper, your hardness to gentleness, or your sorrow to joy. The way of God is simply to exchange your life for “another life,” which therefore has absolutely nothing to do with you.

Suddenly the proverbial penny dropped, and he understood what I was saying. Yes, he could overcome anything he wanted but not in his own strength or frame of thought or power of the mind. It required of him to surrender that ‘stronghold’ to Christ and accept that he was totally dependent on Christ to overcome it for him. A sister one day complained that it appeared easy for others to overcome, but it was very difficult for her to do so. As she explained, because of her temper which was worse than other peoples, and because of her thoughts that were dirtier and eviller, and her disposition was more artful than most, therefore, she explained, she just could not control herself.

My answer to her was this, “In truth, it is not only hard for you to overcome, but also that it would be impossible for her to do so. Do you really think it would be much easier to overcome if you by nature were a little more honest, a little better, or maybe a little more intelligent or had a little less temper, and a little cleaner in thought maybe? Let me tell you,

there is no such thing, because no matter how gentle and holy or perfect a person is, he/she cannot overcome anything unless you as “a person” is removed from the equation and let Christ move into that vessel (which is your ‘spirit’) and take control of your life or your situation. Similarly, a person who is even worse and more evil or sinful and more defective can experience victory only when he/she would allow for the Holy Spirit to move into your body and spirit and allow for the Holy Spirit to take control of your life.

Victory in Christ has nothing to do with you and me. Once I met a sister whom I considered to be the most difficult among sisters to find victory in her life. It required two hours for her to relate to me her defeats and failures from childhood till fifty years of age. She had no way to overcome her pride and ill-temper. She suffered defeats all the time. I had never met a person who desired victory as much as she, nor had I seen anyone who found victory so elusive as she. She moaned over her failures. She even thought of suicide because of her defeats. She found herself so helpless.

As she was relating her story to me, I began to laugh. “Today” I said, “the Lord Jesus has met an ideal patient whom He can heal!” This sister was so full of the sense of her own sins—pride and ill temper—that she would surely contaminate you by what she told you if you did not know what real victory meant in Christ. You would probably agree with her that there was no hope. But from God’s Word there come glad tidings of great joy—because though you cannot change, you may nevertheless be exchanged! The life that wins is an exchanged life. If it were up to you, you would never make it; but if it is a matter of Christ, there is absolutely no problem for you and me to achieve victory today, irrespective of how bad our situation might be or how far removed we have become to the true understanding of God’s Word and the blessing He has for you today.

The question is: who overcomes, you or Christ? If it is Christ, then it does not matter how you are by nature or character, even though you may be ten times worse than others. I ask you, what is victory? It is not you overcoming, it is Christ who overcomes for you and indeed has already overcome. The beauty of this victory is that the battle over sin, shortcomings, failures, and even death has already been won. The

Scriptures teaches us of only one kind of victory, and I am going to repeat it because we sometimes read this passage of Scripture but do, we really believe it? **Galatians 2:20 declares: “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”** Praise to the Lord that I have not changed, but I have been exchanged! What was death in this world, has now become life through Christ. We no longer live but Christ lives in us as believers. Can you say this right now and believe it in your heart or do you still have doubt and fear that you are not quite sure whether you have victory or life in Christ? If you have doubt, then I urge you my brother and sister to repent! Repent and ask God to open your spiritual eyes that you might see the error of your ways, and you’re thinking or understanding of Scripture and God’s Word. It is so important that we have a clear understanding of our salvation because when we don’t then usually this is because of sin in our lives. And if there is sin or any other obstacle that blocks that clarity and freedom between you and God then it needs to be irradiated from your mind, heart and life.

One sister asked me what the difference was between changed and exchanged. I used the following illustration. Suppose I held in my hand a copy of an old worn-out Bible. If I wanted to change it, I would add a new cover, apply some glue, and imprint upon the cover in gold the letters spelling “Holy Bible.” Furthermore, if any letter within its pages was missing, I would print it with ink; or if a letter was not clear, I would ink it more plainly with a pen. I do not know how long this process would take me, nor was I certain if it would come out well. If, however, I decided to exchange it for a new Bible, this could be done in a matter of minutes. And in that case, I could give my worn out copy to a second-hand bookstore and hopefully exchange it for a new Bible, or I would have to buy a new Bible for myself. It is the same in our spiritual life. Since God has given His Son to you and me, we need not spend any effort in trying to fix it, simply give Him your worn-out life in exchange for His Son’s resurrected Life. 5 Let me use another illustration. Several years ago, I bought a watch with a guarantee on it of two years. But as it turned out this watch was in my house for far less time than it was at the company’s premises; for it began to run inaccurately after a while. As a result, it had to be taken to the

the company many times for repair—once, twice, even ten times. I was tired of taking it back, and moreover, the watch remained inaccurate. Hence, I requested the company to exchange it for another watch. They replied, however, that they could not do so because their company policies and regulations did not allow for this. But since they guaranteed the watch for two years, they told me they would continue to repair it within the warranted period of the watch.

This went on for eight months, yet the company still refused to exchange it for a good or new watch. Finally, I grew so tired of this that I left my watch at the company permanently. This illustration can serve to show that man's way is always one of repairing. Repair, repair, and repair again within the guarantee period of our lives. Man has no way for exchanging our lives for a new one. Even in the Old Testament time of Bible history, we find that God's way was never to repair, nor to change, but to exchange. Note this passage, for example: **“To console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified” — Isaiah 61:3.**

To substitute is God's way. He does not change ashes but instead gives a “garland for ashes.” Neither does He change sorrow in the slightest; He instead gives the “oil of gladness” for sorrow. Nor does He change the heaviness into praise but gives the “garment of praise” in exchange for the spirit of heaviness. “Change” is never God's way; His way is always “exchange.” All these years I have not been able to change myself from the person I once was, yet God has exchanged me and made me into the person He had created me to be. This is holiness, this is perfection, this is Victory through Christ, and this is the life of experiencing God's Glory! Hallelujah! If and when the body of Christ starts to understand this Truth and live according to this Truth then we will see signs and wonders and yes even miracles because it would not be as a result of our hard work, or effort or even gifts and talents but it will be as a result of the understanding that we have been exchanged for the power and strength we have in Christ. The healing, deliverance, signs and wonders and even miracles will come from Christ who resides in us and not as a result of anything we did. Henceforth the gentleness of Christ is my gentleness: the holiness of Christ is my

gentleness: the holiness of Christ is my holiness: the prayer life of Christ is my prayer life: the communion of Christ with God is now my communion with God. No sin is too big that I cannot overcome it. No temptation is too severe that I cannot prevail. For the life that has victory over sin is in and of Christ, not in or of ourselves. Will Christ ever be fearful of committing a small or big sin?

No. Will He be afraid of being tempted by the devil? No. Praise God, I don't need to worry about any of that because I know that Christ has already overcome all of these things and as a result of His perfection, my imperfections are being washed away, and I am being made whole. We now have the gift of reconciliation, redemption and everlasting life through Christ. Having had such revelation from God I now no longer need to be fearful of 6 whatever comes my way in this life. I no longer am afraid because I know that even if I fall short of that which God has planned for me, His love, mercy and grace abides in me through Christ. I also have no fear of death because hereinafter it is not I who lives but Christ who lives in me. But let me make this clear, do I fear God, absolutely!! 100%. I don't fear Him because He is God, I fear Him because I do not want to disappoint my heavenly Father and so I will continuously try to walk in obedience to His will, that is not I but the Christ that now resides in me which is His Holy Spirit that leads and guides my path and convicts me every step of the way.

The principle of this life is—a Gift, Not a Reward. There is one thing we must understand in all this, which is, that victory is a gift from Christ and not a reward. What is a gift? It is something which is freely given to you. You haven't earned it, and you most certainly don't deserve it but nevertheless it is given. That which you earn through work is a reward. A gift, on the other hand, asks for no effort on your part. It is that which is given gratuitously with no requirement placed upon the receiver, whereas a reward demands that someone work for it. The life that wins which we talk about does not require any effort of yours: **“Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 15:57).** If you are still in doubt, thinking, how can I overcome temptation? How can I overcome my pride? How can I overcome my jealousy? Just think for yourself...How much time and effort have you spent trying, maybe your

level best to destroy these strongholds or weaknesses in your life, and still you have fallen short or you would try and maybe for a short period of time you seem to have gained success but before you know it, it seems like you are back to where you started. The only reason this has been happening my brother or sister is because you have been trying all this time fighting these demons of the flesh in your own strength. But I have a message from the Gospel to present to you today, which is this: that the gentleness, the holiness, the prayer life, and all that is in the Lord Jesus Christ are given to you freely. As you receive Him, His ALL is yours. Not just His redemption, not just His punishment, not just His salvation.

All that is within Christ was given unto you and me, we walk in that freedom, knowing that the price was already paid, and we now have communion (meaning, we are in fellowship) with God. When we begin to see God, our Saviour Jesus Christ in this light, we begin to realise how much we should be thankful for and how much more we could do to give Him all the glory and the honour for what He really did for us on the cross. It wasn't just a man that sacrificed his life for another, it was God who by His divine intervention, sent His Only Son to bear the pain and the suffering for all that was, all that is and is still to come.

There is a passage of Scripture that sums up this entire teaching of living in victory through Christ and it comes from **Romans 6:12-17** **"Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace. What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not! Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, 7 whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness? But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered."**

May God bless His Word and may God's children live in victory of the gift we have in Christ Jesus our Lord.

To all our brothers and sisters in Christ, may I also use this opportunity to inform you of my latest book that has just been published called "Mending Hearts, Transforming Lives: A Biblical Guide to Practical Christian Living."

The book will be coming available on Amazon.co.za (South African) within the next few weeks. Currently it has been sold on Amazon.com in America, UK and other international territories. I trust this book will give you much blessing and understanding of God's Word as I cover numerous topics both controversial and relevant to the body of Christ.

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Orietta Whittaker

My Journey as a Youth Pastor

My name is Orietta Theodora Whittaker. Born and raised in Nigel, I spent my childhood in a pastoral home, where I faced challenges that prepared me for my future in ministry.

After completing my schooling, I enrolled in bible school, initially planning to stay for three months. However, I ended up staying for three years. Despite graduating, I still had reservations, but my work with women at risk in Cape Town deepened my love for ministry.

Following my father's passing, I joined my mother and brother in ministry. I was impressed by my mother's determination to lead the youth ministry, and when she handed over the reins to me, I eagerly accepted the challenge.

As a Youth Pastor, I've learned to be adaptable and open-minded, recognizing that each generation has unique strengths and weaknesses. Navigating the challenges of being a single female Youth Pastor has deepened my understanding of my purpose.

Overcoming Challenges

To overcome the challenges I've faced,



I've learned to:

1. Understand my true identity and let it radiate.
2. Ground myself in the word and let it be my rock.
3. Ignore criticism that diverts me from my calling.
4. Persevere.
5. Take breaks and recharge.
6. Foster meaningful relationships with those I lead and serve.
7. Teach the youth how to worship.
8. Focus on holistic development (spiritual, academic, athletic).
9. Be a shining example.
10. Stay connected and aware of my appearance.
11. Make an effort to understand the youth's culture and language.

Impact Youth

God gave me the name "Impact Youth" to motivate young people to be change-makers, having a profound impact on the world. I will continue to encourage my youth to fulfil their destiny.



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HAVE YOU ACCEPTED JESUS
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THE GOSPEL MESSAGE

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"

NASB

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."

NASB

What a wonderful solution to an immense problem, Go gas 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."

NASB

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).

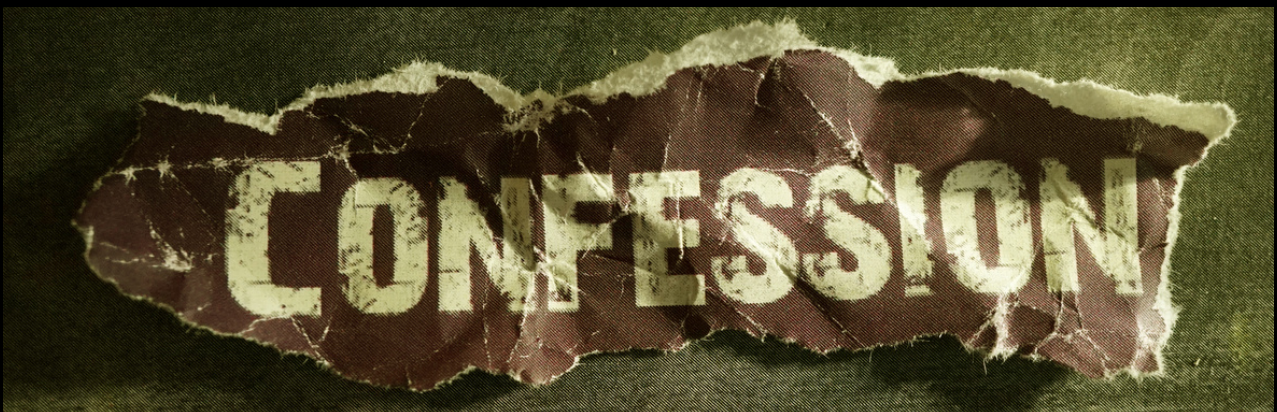
So in looking and understanding all of this, How do you accept Jesus as your Personal Saviour?

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."

NASB

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.

BELIEF

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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EXCLUSIVE

Divan and Vicky Koen are now turning their inspiration into action as they pay it forward.

Research indicates that broken families often serve as the root cause of troubling behaviour among young people. The impact of being raised in a fractured home can be profound and long-lasting, influencing various aspects of a person's life. Children from these environments frequently struggle with feelings of inadequacy and may develop significant social and behavioural issues such as addictions. Divan and Vicky Koen, a couple who have navigated similar paths, understand intimately how the scars of a broken home can shape a person's journey and lead them to drug abuse. Both faced the harsh realities of life within unstable households and grew up



under challenging circumstances. Their teenage years were marred by the lure of drugs, introduced to them at a disturbingly young age. Chasing the fleeting thrills of wealth, pleasure, and material possessions—like extravagant homes and luxurious cars—they found that these superficial markers of success could not fill the deep void within their hearts. As they stumbled through life, each poor decision piled on another, leading them down a dark and painful road. Ultimately, their choices led to losing everything they once valued: their belongings, relationships, and the essence of who they were. For nearly two years, they endured life on the unforgiving streets of northern Pretoria, grappling with the harsh realities of homelessness and striving to find a way back to something resembling stability and hope.

Life on the streets was not easy, and they went through many bad experiences and did things they were not proud of. They were in a bottomless pit from which they could not escape! But deep inside, they knew only God could deliver them. By 2019, their lives were heading for destruction, but they heard about how the KwaSizabantu Mission in KwaZulu-Natal helps youngsters with similar problems free of charge. They realised it was their only hope and deliberately chose to seek help at the Mission. It was time for them to change their lives for the good.

A STEP OF FAITH



In February 2020, they took a massive step of faith. They took what they could carry and started to walk from Pretoria to Kranskop in KwaZulu-Natal, more than 500 kilometres. It took them seven days to reach the mission station, but the journey was not without challenges and hardship. On day three of the journey, they woke up to heavy rain, and two of their four bags were stolen while sleeping under a train bridge. At that point, they felt like they had reached their end and cried out to the Lord, asking Him why He allowed this to happen to them. Couldn't He see that they wanted to be helped?

Divan remembers saying, "Lord, we are going to turn back to Pretoria if You're not going to come through for us right now!" Vicky knew that if they turned back, the cycle of addiction would surely destroy and ultimately kill them, and she started praying. She told Divan the Lord was busy testing them to see if they would change their lives. Hearing her words, Divan knew it was the Lord speaking to him, so they took the two remaining bags and headed towards the highway again.

The Koens experienced a surprising turn of events when a Zulu couple offered them a ride. After discussing their destination, the woman mentioned her familiarity with KwaSizabantu, as it was near her family home. The couple generously hosted them in their home in Vosloorus for two nights and provided them with bus tickets to Durban. Upon arriving in Durban late afternoon, they had to wait until the following morning to catch a train. Consequently, they spent the night at the police office at the train station. The following day, they boarded the train to Stanger and completed their journey to KwaSizabantu by taxi. Upon their arrival at the mission station, they made a conscious decision to leave behind their addictions symbolically at the security boom gate as they sought true deliverance that they felt the world could not provide. Initially, they were booked in as visitors for two weeks, during which they attended daily church services, engaged in Bible reading, and listened to old sermons from the media room. Each was assigned a mentor who provided spiritual guidance. Through confession and repentance of their sins, Divan and Vicky were able to break down the barriers between themselves and their faith in Jesus Christ, leading to their deliverance from the spirit of addiction. They said, "We experienced new life that only the cross of Calvary and the price the Lord Jesus Christ paid for us can give to a dying soul."

Towards the end of the Koen couple's time in CYPISA's restoration programme, the mission station had to institute a lockdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic. By God's grace, they were "locked down" at the mission for as long as the Lord decided! In May 2020, they were assigned to assist with a renovation project, and in November, they went home and made right with the people they had wronged in the past. They returned to the mission station in Kranskop in December 2020.

NEW BEGINNINGS

Getting hired as a recovered addict is not easy because many have disrupted their schooling or have questionable employment histories. Many employers are reluctant to employ recovered addicts for different reasons. However, recovered addicts often

emerge as motivated, loyal, and dedicated employees, embodying resilience and a deep appreciation for second chances. Many are profoundly grateful for the opportunity to earn a living, especially given the struggles they have faced in their pasts. This gratitude drives their work ethic and fosters a desire to impact others positively. They begin to see life as a precious gift, filled with potential for transformation, believing that their past mistakes can serve as valuable lessons that enable them to navigate their challenges better and assist others along the way.

One inspiring example of this transformation can be found in the lives of Divan and Vicky Koen, who discovered new hope through Kwasizabantu's Youth Inclusion Program (YIP). In February 2021, Divan stepped into a new role on the Mission's construction team, while Vicky joined the Mission's workforce in May of that year. Admitting to being a recovering addict requires an incredible amount of courage. Yet, it also holds the potential for profound empowerment—serving as a beacon of hope to others facing similar battles. The Koen couple carries a powerful message for those still entrenched in struggles reminiscent of their past: “All glory to God for His grace upon our lives and the life-giving gospel preached at the KwaSizabantu Mission! For anyone seeking deliverance and true salvation, as articulated in John 8:36, CYPISA at the KwaSizabantu Mission stands ready to offer genuine help at no cost. After all, Jesus said, ‘Freely you have received, freely you should give.’” This heartfelt declaration reflects their commitment to healing and uplifting others on their journeys towards recovery.

FAMILY DYNAMICS

Addiction profoundly affects not just those grappling with substance abuse disorders but also resonates deeply within families and communities, often leaving a trail of emotional turmoil and conflict in its wake. Trust becomes a fragile commodity, strained under the weight of substance-related issues, leading to painful rifts that can irrevocably damage relationships between loved ones and friends.

Since its inception 55 years ago, KwaSizabantu Mission has opened doors to hundreds of families from diverse racial backgrounds, creating a vibrant and supportive community. Over the years, this mission has transformed into a sanctuary for thousands, fostering a shared faith that binds its members

together. The mission's grounds are alive with activity, featuring thriving farmland, various educational institutions ranging from schools to an academic college, a bustling retail shop, and a spacious auditorium for gatherings and events.

Moreover, KwaSizabantu is not just a place of refuge; it also spearheads numerous outreach initiatives and humanitarian projects tailored to uplift both its residents and the surrounding community. Many of these endeavours are pivotal in providing stable employment and improving livelihoods, particularly in a region where job opportunities are scarce. The Mission thus serves as a beacon of hope and a cornerstone of economic stability for those it serves. KwaSizabantu helps rebuild relationships as part of the healing process. It expands families and brings others into the family circle. The management team does not get involved in family life unless asked to help with a problem or challenge. However, they support the families one hundred per cent and are available when there is a cry for help. The Koen's journey is intricately tied to the KwaSizabantu Mission's family unity and community engagement mission. In September 2021, a pivotal moment occurred when Divan's son from a previous marriage was welcomed to live with them, marking a beautiful reunion and reestablishing their family bonds. Vicky was previously married and is the mother of three children. The family grew apart because of her previous circumstances and lifestyle, and Vicky had no contact with her children for many years. But Vicky deliberately decided to change her life for good and permanently. With the help of the KwaSizabantu support team, she reunited with her children, and now the relationship is restored. Vicky enjoys having her grandchild in her life and her role in helping raise Divan's son. Vicky's mother now also stays with them – another relationship restored.

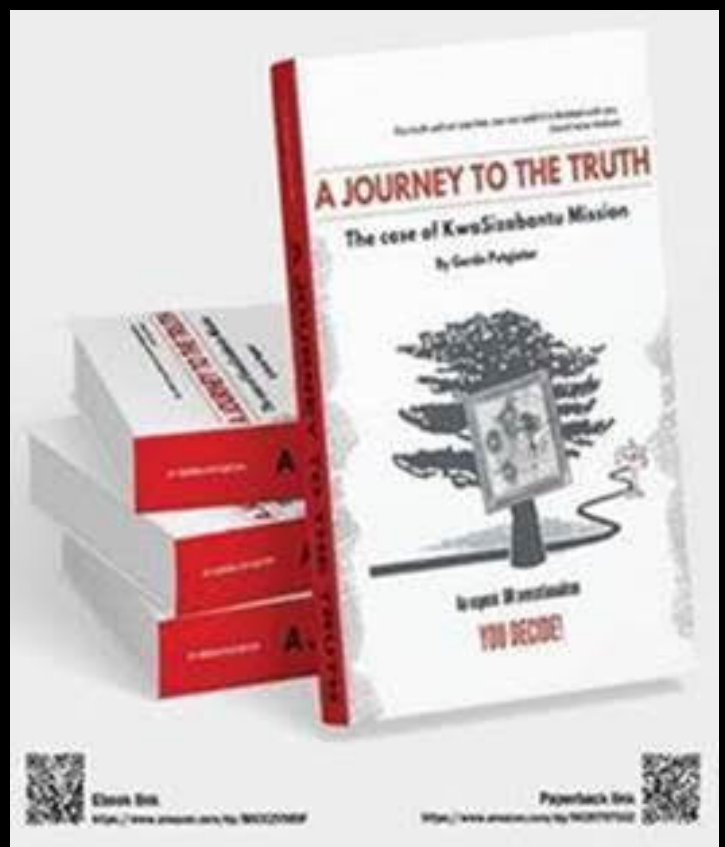
The Koen family now resides at a branch of KwaSizabantu in Pietermaritzburg, KwaZulu-Natal, called Claridge Congregation. They are actively involved in KwaSizabantu's outreaches and regularly travel to help with events such as the bi-annual youth conferences and the ministers' conference every second year. They serve the Claridge Congregation in various ways, including restoring and maintaining the building, which includes the historical Bible House. From shattered beginnings to renewed hope, their life's journey inspires many. The Koens are keen to make a new

contribution to the community and make the most of their second chance. They now focus on missionary work.

Note: Since 2009, the KwaSizabantu Mission has been running a restoration program (not a rehabilitation program) called the CYPsa restoration program to help those with addiction issues and social ills. CYPsa stands for the Concerned Young People of SA, and the program stands firm against the devastation caused by drugs, immorality, HIV/Aids, human trafficking, crime, prostitution, pornography and abuse. It raises awareness for these issues by visiting schools, communities, and prisons. Over 20,000 young people have been helped through this program since it was founded. CYPsa has, in collaboration with the KwaSizabantu Mission, started a skills development program to give them a better chance to obtain employment. For more inspiring stories and testimonies about restored lives, see the following websites: www.devotedmag.co.za and www.cypsa.org.za

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GIRLS ON THE MOVE FOR JESUS HYBRE KIVEDO

Scripture:

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.
— Proverbs 3:5-6*

My Journey: Healing, Reflection, and Surrender

As I sit in reflection, I am overwhelmed by the undeniable presence of God in my life. A few weeks ago, I underwent surgery to remove a tumour and an ovary—an experience that tested me physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Through it all, I encountered Jesus in a profound way, realizing that even in my weakest moments, He remained my unwavering strength. The most defining moment of this journey came during my recovery when the medical team struggled to wake me after the operation. In that stillness, I felt the overwhelming presence of the Lord, embracing me in His peace. He whispered, "I am here with you, my daughter. I will carry you through this. I will never leave you." It was in that sacred moment that fear gave way to peace, and weakness was replaced with divine strength. **"The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit."** — Psalm 34:18



The emotional aspect of this journey was perhaps the most unexpected

challenge. I have always been a strong, independent woman—accustomed to giving, serving, and handling everything myself. But this experience forced me to confront my vulnerabilities. In the quiet moments of recovery, I wrestled with fear, uncertainty, and the desire to control the outcome. Yet, I also found peace, comfort, and joy in surrendering it all to Jesus.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

— Philippians 4:6

Recovery has been a humbling journey of learning to lean on others. Accepting help is difficult for someone used to self-reliance, but through it, I discovered the beauty of community and the love of those around me. My parents, particularly my father—who is also battling cancer—became a pillar of encouragement. His unwavering faith and reckless trust in God, despite his condition, inspired me. He did not crumble under the weight of his diagnosis or the sorrow of witnessing others succumb to the same illness. Instead, he stood firm, taking God's Word as absolute truth and living with the certainty that Jesus remains the Great I AM—the same yesterday, today, and forever. Through this, I have come to understand that our strength is not found in our own abilities but in Christ alone. So often, as women, we feel the pressure to be strong, to handle everything, and to be the constant pillar for others. But the Lord never asked us to bear the weight alone. He calls us to surrender, to rest in His promises, and to trust in His perfect plan.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

— Philippians 4:13

Surrender is not a sign of weakness—it is the ultimate act of faith. It is trusting that the same God who parted the Red Sea, who healed the blind, who raised the dead, is the same God who walks with us today. He is still our healer, our provider, our peace.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

— Matthew 11:28

As women, we are created by the Lord to be emotional, relational, and

nurturing. We are designed to be caregivers, friends, and partners. But this also means that we are more susceptible to emotional fluctuations, mood swings, and stress.

To the men who seek to understand us: Know that we are emotional beings. We feel deeply, love deeply, and hurt deeply. We need you to listen, to validate our emotions, and to offer us support and encouragement.

To my sisters in faith: Know this—you were never meant to carry the weight of the world alone. Jesus is inviting you to lay it all at His feet. Let go of the need to control, release the burdens of worry, and step into the peace that surpasses all understanding. He is our refuge, our healer, and the lover of our souls.

As I move forward, I do so with a heart full of gratitude—not only for the healing I have received but for the deeper revelation of who Jesus is. My prayer is that my testimony serves as a beacon of hope, a reminder that no matter how broken, weary, or lost we may feel, we serve a God who restores, redeems, and renews.

He is still the Great I AM, the same One who calls us to trust, to surrender, and to walk boldly in His love and grace.



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The Dying Generation

In the previous article, it was discussed how Jesus chose Peter, James, and John to accompany Him into the chamber where He dealt with the situation of Jairus' deceased daughter. This scenario was paralleled with the necessity of having specific types of leadership when addressing the challenges presented by the current declining generation. It was also observed that Jesus included the parents in the room with Him.

Contrary to common belief, the Kingdom of God prioritizes the restoration, rather than the separation, of families. There is a prevalent notion that the church is causing divisions within families, such as parents expressing concerns about their children spending excessive time at church, husbands feeling neglected as wives devote significant time to church activities, and children lamenting the lack of parental attention due to their involvement in church affairs. This 'Church Vs Family' dichotomy is being perpetuated. Now, while we do acknowledge that such incidents occur, it is not the stance of the church. However, there is also a contrasting perspective where families should not hinder or act as an obstacle for individuals to dedicate themselves to serving God. If the family proves



to be a hindrance in your devotion to God, Scripture permits such separation, although often it is their own actions that lead to the disconnect. The separation here does not mean divorce; leaving the house but rather taking a stance to serve God and serve in the local church irrespective of their dislikes. As a believer, you must continue to have faith that God will bring reconciliation within your family, allowing you to serve Him together. This principle is exemplified in Mark 5:18-19, where a man who had been possessed wished to follow Jesus after being freed, but Jesus advised him to go back home. Moreover, in Mark 5:40, we see Jesus inviting the girl's parents into the room, demonstrating His inclusive nature. The divine purpose of the Kingdom of God is for families to unite in serving Him, as reiterated in Joshua 24:15.

The Blessing Of Serving God Together As A Family.

Note the sequence in which the author Mark wrote in Mark 5: 40, that Jesus took the Father first and then the Mother.

Fathers Need To Step Up.

If we are to positively impact this diminishing generation, it is imperative for fathers to rise to the occasion. The significance of a father's role cannot be overstated, as he imparts to his son the principles of manhood, leadership, and partnership. For instance, a father who exemplifies integrity and hard work teaches his son the importance of honesty and diligence. Through shared activities like fishing trips or sports games, fathers bond with their sons and pass down essential life lessons. Similarly, he bestows upon his daughter a sense of worth, identity, and a blueprint for the qualities she should seek in a partner. A father who respects and cherishes his daughter sets a high standard for how she should be treated by others. By being actively involved in his daughter's life, a father shows her the importance of mutual respect and love in relationships. For example, a father who regularly takes his daughter out for special outings demonstrates to her what a healthy and loving partnership should look like. Within the family dynamic, the father assumes multiple crucial roles.

Father Serves As A King:

He serves as the King, instilling structure, discipline, and sustenance. Just like a king governs his kingdom with fairness and authority, a father establishes rules and boundaries that create a stable and nurturing

environment for his family. By setting expectations for behavior and responsibilities, a father teaches his children valuable life skills that will serve them well into adulthood. As a King he:

1. Provides and protects.
2. Leads and guides
3. He nurtures by showing affection, empathy, compassion but also mentors by sharing his knowledge, skill and experience.
4. He also disciplines them by establishing boundaries, rules, teaching them about consequences for wrong decisions, teaching them responsibility and accountability. He also corrects by addressing mistakes and offering constructive feedback and guidance for improvement.
5. He provides a positive role model for his family.

Father Serves As A Prophet:

He also acts as a Prophet that is a visionary, guiding the family with Divine purpose. Through his wisdom and foresight, a father helps his family navigate challenges and make decisions that align with their values and beliefs. As a Prophet he:

1. Provides spiritual guidance. This is where he imparts faith in his family and teaches them the importance of prayer and intercession.
2. Provides vision and direction. This is where he reveals God's vision for the family and provide wisdom on how to navigate life's challenges and make informed decisions.
3. Provides encouragement and edification. The reason for doing that is to build the families confidence. He speaks life to his family.
4. He also makes the Word of God plain to his family by teaching them the Scriptures and spiritual principles.
5. Declares blessings and protection over his family.

Father Serves As A Priest:

Furthermore, he functions as the Priest of the household, leading family devotions and encouraging attendance at church services. Fathers play a crucial role in shaping their children's character and values. By prioritizing spiritual growth and moral development, a father fosters a sense of unity and faith within the family. Through prayer, worship, and participation in religious activities, a father instils in his children a strong foundation of spiritual values that guide them in times of joy and adversity. As the

spiritual leader of the family, a father sets an example of humility, compassion, and service to others, inspiring his children to live a life of purpose and meaning. As a Priest he:

1. Leads in all spiritual matter by leading them in family devotion and he also prays for his family.
2. Puts his family's needs before his own, he also models humility, accountability.
3. Teaches and guides them in spiritual growth.
4. Provides spiritual guidance and counsel to his family.
5. Blesses and consecrates his family.

Mothers Need To Step Up.

Of late, in the media, there have been reports of women who have endured significant trauma and consequently have chosen to forsake their families, particularly their children. It is imperative to acknowledge the intricacies and trials that women face when dealing with trauma, as it can have a profound impact on their mental and emotional well-being. It is vital for society to exhibit empathy and comprehension towards women who have undergone trauma, rather than passing judgment or criticism. Establishing a supportive environment where women feel secure to divulge their experiences and seek assistance is crucial in promoting healing and recovery. It should be our desire to see women healed.

Whenever God speaks of the role He plays in the lives of His people, He also references the functions and roles akin to those of a mother e.g. "Just as a mother nurtures and cares for her children, God provides guidance and protection to His people." The unconditional love and compassion of a mother mirror the divine love and mercy that God bestows upon His followers. In times of trouble or distress, God offers solace and comfort, much like a mother soothing her child's fears. The nurturing aspect of God's role reflects the tender care and support that a mother offers to her loved ones. Through these parallels, we can understand the profound depth of God's relationship with His people, mirroring the timeless bond between a mother and her children. But we can also grasp what the responsibility of a mother should be. Expanding on this idea, we can look at the sacrificial nature of a mother's love, where she willingly puts her children's needs above her own. Similarly, God's sacrifice of sending His

son to redeem humanity showcases the depth of His love and commitment to His people. Just as a mother's love is unwavering and enduring, God's love is constant and unfailing, always there to guide and protect.

Furthermore, the nurturing qualities of a mother, such as patience, forgiveness, and understanding, are also reflected in God's interactions with His followers. He patiently waits for them to turn to Him, forgives their shortcomings, and understands their struggles. This compassionate and empathetic nature of God strengthens the bond between Him and His people, just like a mother's understanding strengthens the bond with her children.

In essence, the relationship between God and His people mirrors the timeless and unconditional love between a mother and her children. It is a bond built on love, care, guidance, and protection, illustrating the profound depth of God's love for humanity but also depicts the role of a mother with her children. Through the nurturing and compassionate aspects shared between a mother and God, we can truly appreciate the divine connection that sustains and uplifts us in times of need. When mother is healed, she becomes a transformative presence in the lives of her family, community, and society.

Functional Roles Of A Healed Mother:

1. Nurturing And Caregiving: "She offers emotional support; physical nourishment and spiritual guidance.
2. Empowerment And Role Modelling: "She is a great confidence builder; she demonstrates great resilience and knows how to set proper boundaries."
3. Community Building And Socialization: "She is concerned about building her community and a great destiny helper, helping people reach their destiny by also setting them up in great positive networks.
4. Personal Growth And Development. "She believes in her personal growth; ever learning and developing."
5. Healing And Restoration: "As someone who has gone through great trauma she would also want to reach out to the hurting and bleeding to see them whole."

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walk on water



Story Time

After feeding the large crowd Jesus sent the disciples to go ahead of Him and take the boat to the other side of the lake. Wanting to spend some time alone in prayer He went to the hills after everyone went home.

On the lake the disciples was caught within a big storm. The winds were strong and the waves were big. They were scared. It was very late at night when they saw a man walking on the water. They thought it was a ghost. But it was Jesus!

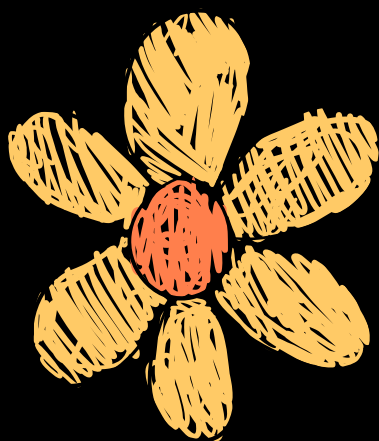
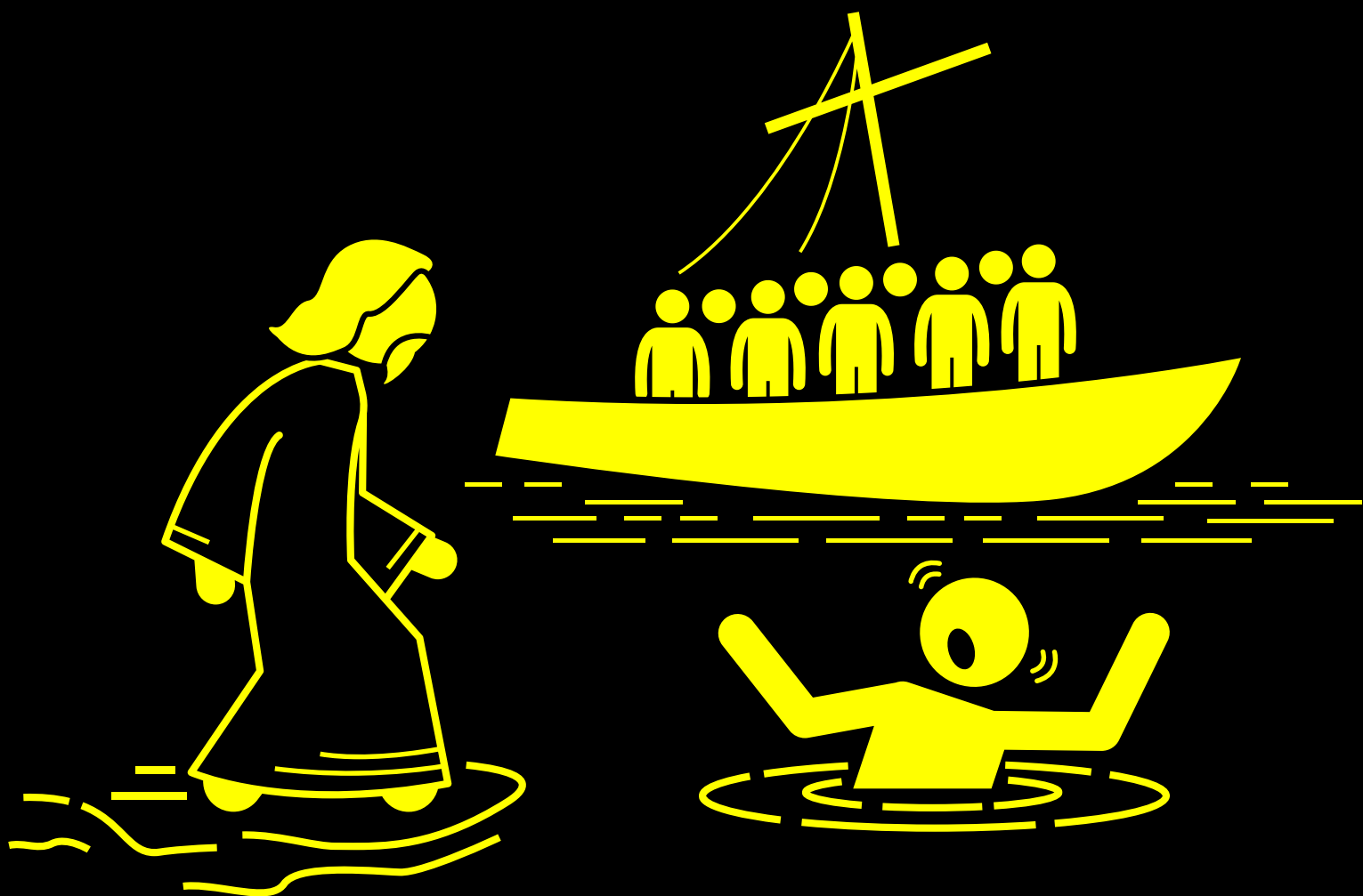
Jesus saw that they were scared. He told them not to be afraid and to be brave. Peter, one of the disciples, asked Jesus if it was really him. He asked Jesus if it was really him he should ask him to walk on water with him. Once Jesus confirmed that it was him, Peter went to the side of the boat and walked on the water towards Jesus. He kept his focus on Jesus taking one step at a time. Peter became scared once he noticed the strong winds and big waves. Once he took his focus away from Jesus, he started to sink.

Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed Peter taking him back safely to the boat.

Sometimes we are like Peter. We lose focus on what Jesus is doing in our life. We cannot see the miracles he does everyday and we start to feel pressured by the circumstances we are in. We "sink" into the darkness.



Luckily for us, Jesus is there immediately, grabbing our hands and taking us back safety. When we keep our focus on Him, we can do anything.



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