

DAILY WORD

**JESUS
BE
THE
CENTER**

SATURDAY FULLY SURRENDER

I READ: Exodus 33:12-17

Despite being the most soft-hearted person who has ever lived on this earth, Moses was able to lead the great nation of Israel out of the Egyptian slavery. Since three years old, Moses became an adopted son by the Pharaoh's daughter. At the age of 40, Moses killed an Egyptian army and fled to Midian. He tried so hard to avoid his calling until one day he realized it, and accepted God's command to bring the Israelites out of Egypt. 40 years later, when he was 80, Moses returned to Egypt. This time he came not as an important person like he was once back then. He realized that He needed God because he could not do anything without Him, especially leading the Israelites to enter the Promised Land.

I DECLARE: *Psalms 37:23 - The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, and He delights in his way.*

I DO: What action will I take today after meditating on the Word of God?

I PRAY: Pray as guided by the Holy Spirit

ANNUAL BIBLE READING: EZEKIEL 21-24

SUNDAY BE STRONG IN THE LORD

I READ: James 1:3-4, Proverbs 24:10, Hebrews 13:5

Sometimes trouble and distress will come to us in this life. When that time comes, as believers we must be strong in the Lord, seeing Him as our protection, calling on Him and be confident on His promise that "He will not leave us". The one who relies on Him faithfully, is given the strength and sufficient grace to endure during difficult time. David was a worshiper. From childhood, he was good at playing the harp, a mighty warrior and able to defeat lions and bears who attacked his sheep. David had experienced difficult times in his life when he was chased by Saul to be killed. Sometimes he was not strong enough to face life. But in times of fear he always said: "I believe in You". He knew that the source of his strength is the Lord of the universe.

I DECLARE: *Yes 40:29 - He gives power to the weak, And to those who have no might He increases strength.*

I DO: What action will I take today after meditating on the Word of God?

I PRAY: Pray as guided by the Holy Spirit

ANNUAL BIBLE READING: EZEKIEL 25-28

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MONDAY FOCUS ON GOD

I READ: 2 Samuel 6:14-23

King David was a man who loved God deeply in his life, he placed God above all else. Even though he had a very respectable position as a king, he still placed God above all else. When he moved the Ark of The Covenant to the city of David, he danced with all his might because of his love for God. He didn't care that he was king. All he focused on was the presence of the Lord in his life. David was despised and humiliated by his wife, Michal, for what he did for the Lord. His pride was meaningless compared to the presence of God in his life. When we place Jesus first in our lives, our focus is no longer on us. As people who have been made righteous, we do not have to worry about what others say about us because we shouldn't focus on them. Instead, we should focus on God.

I DECLARE: *1 Petrus 5:6 -Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time.*

I DO: What action will I take today after meditating on the Word of God?

I PRAY: Pray as guided by the Holy Spirit

ANNUAL BIBLE READING: EZEKIEL 1-4

TUESDAY REMEMBER GOD'S GRACE**I READ:** Galatians 1:11-16; 2:20

After experiencing a personal encounter with God, Apostle Paul changed from a man who hated Christ to one who made Christ everything in his life. Paul was the apostle who got a revelation about God's grace. Having the understanding of the grace of God will change one's life. Day by day we're going to feel His love. Every time we read the Word of God, He will give us an understanding of His love. The more we feel His love, our lives will change. The focus of our lives will no longer be our own desires but instead the desires of Christ that is in us. If Christ lives in us, just as a branch, we will bear much fruit because the vine (Christ) gives life and fruit.

*I DECLARE: Philippians 1:21 - For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.***I DO:** What action will I take today after meditating on the Word of God?**I PRAY:** Pray as guided by the Holy Spirit**ANNUAL BIBLE READING: EZEKIEL 5-8****WEDNESDAY REST IN THE LORD****I READ:** Psalm 127:1-5

A tired person needs to rest to restore his/her strength which he/she lost due work or exercise or even because of a heavy struggle. Although it would be hard for us to sleep when we are too tired or are carrying a heavy the burden in our life, we need to force ourselves to sleep. When we wake up we are refreshed and are able to work again with new strength. Jesus once said: "Come to me all those who are weary and heavy burdened, I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28. Jesus is the key for us to be able to rest. When Jesus died on the cross, He said: "It is finished". He has endured all that we must suffer: sickness, fear, ridicule, curse, and punishment for human sin. Our part is to believe in the work of the cross, focus on Jesus as the center of our lives and receive his blessings with faith.

*I DECLARE: Matthew 11:28 - Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.***I DO:** What action will I take today after meditating on the Word of God?**I PRAY:** Pray as guided by the Holy Spirit**ANNUAL BIBLE READING: EZEKIEL 9-11****THURSDAY MORE THAN A CONQUEROR****I READ:** 1 Corinthians 15: 54 - 58

Our victory is in the Lord Jesus Christ. As we focus on the victories that our Lord Jesus has achieved over all His enemies and on death, we too will experience victory. The victories that our Lord Jesus did for us in the past, He will do it again in our lives. David was a man full of wonderful experiences with God because God gave him victory after victory. Since he was young, God accompanied David in shepherding his father's sheep, by giving victory in defeating lions and bears. David knew and was very sure that God would give him victory and not defeat. It was with that same attitude that David went against Goliath, the giant from Philistine. Focus always on Jesus and His victory for us.

*I DECLARE: Romans 8:37 - Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.***I DO:** What action will I take today after meditating on the Word of God?**I PRAY:** Pray as guided by the Holy Spirit**ANNUAL BIBLE READING: EZEKIEL 12-16****FRIDAY FAITH****I READ:** Daniel 3:1 – 30

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego was cast into the burning fiery furnace because they refused to worship the gold image of King Nebuchadnezzar. They insisted on only praising and worshipping the Lord Jesus Christ. Their faith and love for God were really amazing. Nowadays, we are also seeing many children of God who are being persecuted and experiencing problems because of what they do for God. Some of them may be fired because they do not want to work on Sundays. Some of them may not be promoted because they refuse to change their beliefs. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego responded to the King, "[...] our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up." From this story we learned that when we truly focus on God, no matter how difficult our problems are, He is going to take care of them all for us.

*I DECLARE: Matthew 6:33 - But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.***I DO:** What action will I take today after meditating on the Word of God?**I PRAY:** Pray as guided by the Holy Spirit**ANNUAL BIBLE READING: EZEKIEL 17-20**