

**One Minute to Live By**

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## **001 – The Truth**

Well friends Thank God for another week's journey. My prayer is that all is well with you and you soul today. I've got a question for you this morning... Do you know the whole Truth and nothing but the Truth? I hope your answer is yes because the Truth is Jesus Christ. The Truth is what sets us free from things that try to chain us. God is absolutely, eternally God. Sometimes we know the truth but we fail to live the truth. John 8:32 says "And ye shall know the truth and the truth and the truth shall make you free." Are you a victor or victim this morning? Well God wants you to be victorious and you can be by walking in the Truth. Walking in Truth is a "heart thing", it has nothing to do with your intelligence. So, do you know the whole Truth this morning? If not, it is Sunday and there are church doors open in abundance. Make your way there and find and accept this Truth today. This Truth is waiting to set you free. Go to the house of the Lord today my friends, confess with your mouth that you are a sinner, believe that Jesus was born and died on a cross, that Jesus is the Son of God and He arose on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day and receive your salvation and then walk on in the Truth. God has an overflow of grace waiting for you. You see, God's grace looks at you with all possibilities as what you can be, not what you've done. Thank you God for your grace!

## **002 – Total Praise**

Well it's another Sunday and God has continued to bless us another week and here we are on a day that has been set aside to really praise, worship and thank Him for all He's done for us. Now I don't want you to think that Sundays are the only days we should be praising, thanking and worshipping God. We can do this all day every day if the Spirit hits you. But we usually set aside Sunday s for a day of assembling ourselves with other praise-and-worshippers. So go on this morning, find yourself a true House of God where some sure enough praise and worship is going on and enter into His gates with thanksgiving and unto His courts with praise. The Lord is worthy, yes more worthy to be praised. Psalm 111:1 says "Praise ye the Lord. I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright and in the congregation".

### **003 – God’s Dwelling Place**

The question for today is “Where is God in your home?” 1 John 4:4 says “Ye are of God, little children and have overcome them: because greater is He that is in you, than He that is in the world”. Have you invited God into your home (that means your life) and allowed Him to dwell in the best of rooms without ever allowing Him to enter any other, and all the while Satan comes and he beats up on you, tossing you to and fro, wreaking havoc as much as he wants. You allow it, when you shouldn’t because you have someone dwelling with you that can wipe the enemy out at the snap of a finger. However, He can’t (or won’t) if you don’t allow Him to have access to your complete home. God’s word tells us that we are over comers of whatever the world tries to give us because we have the greater one in us. Remember this as storms come and go in your life and Satan tries to place things upon you that you feel you can’t handle. God is greater than our enemy and He will help us if we only let Him. Let God have complete control of your home today. *Any crosses that we must bear as we travel this road called life is nothing compared to the cross Jesus carried.*

### **004 – Praise Him**

Well friends it’s another Sunday morning and we should all be praising and worshipping the Lord. He’s been too good to us for us not to give some time today to enter into His House to praise and thank Him. He’s a good God friends, a mighty good God. When you sit and think of the goodness of the Lord and all that He’s done for you, does your soul shout Hallelujah, because if it doesn’t, you better check it out. I just want to talk about God’s goodness this morning. Look back over your life, no not your life, look back over this past month, oh not that either, look back over this week, maybe not even that, but look back over a minute ago and think of the goodness of the Lord. Every minute that you take a breath is because of the goodness of the Lord. Now, that’s something to be praising God for. If we spent as much time praising God as we do asking Him for things, we’ll have nothing to worry about because as the song says, when praises go up – God’s blessings come down and this should make our should shout hallelujah. Oh I know you feel like praising Him now; it doesn’t matter where you are, go on ahead and

praise the Lord. He's been too good and done too much for us. Praise Him, Praise Him, And Praise Him.

### **005 – He's a Keeper**

My friends let me encourage you today to make God number one in your life; because if and when you do, good things will begin to happen, because you have kept a commandment. What is your mind set on daily? Are you all that you think about? Some people think more of themselves than others. They think of self in the morning, self in the afternoon and self at night. Some people spend a great deal of time looking at themselves and thinking of themselves when they should be "looking unto Jesus". Isaiah 26:34 says "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the Lord forever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength". If we keep our eyes on the Lord, putting our trust in Him. God will give us strength to go through the many trials and tribulations that come upon us in this life. But we trust God through these situations because we know He'll be there for us. Friends, we must keep our minds stayed on Jesus because without Him we are nothing, but with Him, He makes us something! Thank the Lord today for being that kind of God who we can always and I mean **always** trust. Keep your mind on Him and trust Him today.

### **006 – God is Always There**

My friends, have you ever wondered why God is always with you no matter what situation you are in, even when we know sometimes that we are not doing what God wants us. Well, He'll always be with us because that is a promise in His Word and God's Word says He is not a man that He should lie, so everything He says is true. Psalm 139:1-14

### **007 – Hunger and Thirst for God**

Friends, God's great longing for our lives is for us to be holy. He wants us to have that longing too. In the words of Jesus, God wants us to hunger and thirst for righteousness. Matthew 5:6 says "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled". Very few of us have ever known what it is to be really hungry or

thirsty. We might have missed a meal or two but that's about as far as it's gone. Well Jesus wants us to begin to understand what he means by hunger and thirst. Jesus' hunger and thirst means a way of life that pleases God and reflects His standards: in other words, a life that is holy, a Christ-like life. Yes, we need to have a desire to be more like Christ and in order to be like Christ, we have to have complete dependency on God. Once we have come to Christ, God sends us His Spirit to live within our hearts. We are not on our own. God has sent us His Spirit so that we can grow to be like Christ. Trust God to help you be Christ-like today.

### **008 – God Stays With You**

My friends, what are you putting your trust in today? Do you trust your money, your job, your family, your friends, your doctor or your lawyer? Whatever it may be, I'd like to encourage you to trust in the Lord and all of the other things and people you are trusting in will fall right in place. Sometimes in life, we put our trust more in people and things, even though we know they are fallible. But when we put our trust in God, things can't go wrong. He has all power over everyone and everything. He's a God that can be trusted to come through for you every time. You see, people and things come and go, and yes, they'll fail you too. However, God stays with you and believe me, He'll never fail you. Proverbs 3:5 says "trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not upon thine own understanding. Trust in the Lord".

### **009 – Jesus is All**

My friends, when you've done all you can do, and you've turned to friends and they can't help you. When you've run here and there looking for peace in the midst of your storm. When the doctor has given you some bad news, your finances are as low as they can be, everything seems to be going wrong – Let me personally recommend Jesus. He'll be a friend, a doctor, a lawyer, and your peace when you need peace. He'll be a provider, a way maker, a comforter. He'll be whatever you need Him to be and guess what, He'll never leave you by yourself. Hebrews 13:5 says "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee". That's a promise my friends. It's the Word of God and God stands on His Word. Thank Him for being a God you can trust. Thank Him, Thank Him, and Thank Him.

## **010 – God is Good**

My friends, God is a good God, yes He is. Do you know that – I mean truly know that? When people say, “God is good all the time”, and you respond with “all the time, God is good”, do you really, really in your heart believe and know this? I can tell you today that He is! If you are hearing my voice this morning, no matter where you are, He’s good because He let you live yet another day. If your stomach is not aching from hunger, He’s good because He provided food for you to eat. If you have something on your body in the form of clothing (anything), He’s good because He gave you clothing to wear. If you spent all night somewhere warm, He’s good because He gave you shelter. If you’re sick, He’s still good because He gave knowledge to people we call doctors to help us in times of sickness. I could go on and on telling you how good God is, but I believe if you really sit and think you’ll realize for yourself truly just how good God is. God is good all the time and all the time God is good.

## **011 – Created to Praise (or Born to Praise)**

My friends, did you know that we were created for the Glory of God, we were created to praise Him? Psalm 150:6 says “Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.” If you are longing for a revival of God’s presence in your life, start praising God. Don’t just praise Him in the congregation, praise Him in your own private prayer time and all throughout your day. Learn to have an attitude of praise and thanksgiving. Make praise a part of your everyday life, so much so that it becomes a natural thing to you. God loves, desires and deserves your praise. Even though we were created to praise Him, guess what, He rewards us for praising Him by blessing us – because when praises go up, God’s blessings come down. We were created to praise God everyday so let Him hear your praise today.

## **012 – One More Day**

*One day at a time sweet Jesus, that’s all I’m asking from you. Just give me the strength to do everyday, what I have to do. Yesterday’s gone, sweet Jesus and tomorrow may never be mine. But Lord for my sake, teach me to take one day at a time.* In this world of fast pace my friends, we go day in and day out on what seems to be a fast moving roller coaster. We have so many things we want to accomplish in a day and sometimes

it seems that 24 hours is just not enough, so we leave some things undone only to awaken the next day for another roller coaster ride. My friends, disease and sicknesses come because of the stress we place on ourselves to fill every minute in that 24-hour period of a day and then some. There's only so much you can do in a day's time. Take rest and ask God to give you the strength to take life one day at a time, not worrying about yesterdays and tomorrows but this one day that He has given you. God has already taken care of your yesterdays and He has promised to take care of you tomorrows. Slow down and take it one day at a time.

### **013 – All is Well**

My hope is that all souls are well with the Lord today. It's a good thing when you can say my friends; all is well with my soul. Jesus woke me up this morning; all is well with my soul. I was clothed in my right mind; all is well with my soul. He put food on my table; all is well with my soul. Things may not be going the way I want them to but God knows best and all is well with my soul. My health may not be 100%, but all is well with my soul. Just tell someone today in spite of whatever is going on; all is well with my soul. And because all is well with your soul, take some time now to tell the Lord, "Thank You". Thank You Lord for all that you have done, are doing and will do for me. The Lord is good my friends and He is so worthy to be praised. You see, when we praise Him in spite of what's going on in our lives, we let Him know we truly love Him, and we also make the enemy (which is Satan) angry. So I wouldn't let anything stop me today from praising to Lord. He is so worthy to be praised. Psalm 106:1 says "Praise ye the Lord".

### **014 – The Safest Place**

My friends, the safest place in this whole wide world is in the will of God. The Bible tells us to seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and everything else will be added unto us. Seeking God's kingdom and His righteousness puts us in the will of God; it's the surrendering of our total selves to whatever it is God wants us to do or whatever it is He has for us. In the Bible story of the rich young ruler, he went to Jesus to ask what he must do to receive eternal life and Jesus' answer was to give up all and follow Him. This was too much for the ruler, so he went away unhappy. What about us,

we want eternal life, but are we willing to give up all to receive it (all of our finances, our fancy cars, our fancy homes, our high paying jobs)? Are we willing to give up all and follow God? Are we willing to surrender and be in His perfect will? Think about it, if God came to you today and told you to give up all the follow Him, could you do it willingly? After all, the safest place in this whole wide world is truly in the Will of God.

### **015 – An Awesome, Powerful God**

Our God is an awesome, all-powerful God, yes He is. Friends, let me direct you to someone who has all power in His hands. He's in control of everything, He's a lawyer if you need one, He's a doctor if you're sick, He's a friend if you have no friends, He's a mother if you're mother-less, He's your shelter in the time of a storm, He's everything that you'll ever need and He's God all by himself. God, my friends, wants to be everything to us. He doesn't want us going through life trying to handle things on our own. He wants us to know that if we just trust and let Him, He will be everything to us. He wants us to keep our focus on Him as we go through life never ever taking our eyes off of Him. If we do, we may do as Peter did when he went out on the water to meet Jesus. He was fine as long as he focused on Jesus, but just as soon as he took his eyes off of Jesus and began to look at the waves in the water, he began to sink, and that is what will happen to us if we don't keep our focus on the Lord – we'll sink in this life. Keep your eyes on the Lord. Our God is an awesome, powerful God.

### **016 – Be Patient**

My friends, God gives us what we need to live a victorious life. Sometimes we get impatient with our own life, trying to master a habit or control a sin and in our frustration, we begin to wonder where the power of God is. We must be patient. God is using today's difficulties to strengthen us for tomorrow; He is equipping us. The God who makes things grow will help us bear fruit. Dwell on the fact that God lives within us. Think on the power that gives us life. When we realize that God dwells within us, this should change the places we want to go and the things we want to do today. Do what is right this week, whatever it is, whatever comes down the path, whatever problems and dilemmas we face, we must just do what's right. Be honest, be true, and take a stand today. After all, regardless of what we do, God does what is right; He saves us

with His grace. Psalm 29:11 says “The Lord will give strength unto His people the Lord will bless his people with peace”.

### **017 – Perfection**

Friends, God honors integrity. Proverbs 14:8-9 states, “The wisdom of the prudent is to understand His way, but the folly of fools is deceit. Fools make a mark at sin, but among the righteous there is favor”. In other words, a wise person will understand what to do, but a foolish person is dishonest. Foolish people don’t care if they sin, but honest people work at being right. Only the holy will see God my friends, holiness is something we need to get to Heaven. Perfection is a requirement for eternity. We wish it weren’t so; we act like it isn’t so. We act like those who are decent will see God. We suggest that those who try hard will see God. We act as if we are good and never do anything bad that his goodness will qualify us for Heaven. Not so, Jesus tells us in Matthew 5:48 says, “Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in Heaven is perfect.” You see in God’s plan, God is the standard for perfection. We shouldn’t compare ourselves to others, but our goal is to be like God, anything less is inadequate.

### **018 – God Forgives**

Our God is a forgiving God, 1 John 1:9 says, “If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness”. I know there are times in our lives when we’re afraid that we’ve done something unforgivable and that God is angry with us. We even wonder how God can forgive us – but God’s Word tells us that He is a forgiving God and that no sin is too deep for His hand of forgiveness to reach. When Jesus told us to pray for forgiveness of our debts as we forgive our own debtors, he knew who would be the one to pay the debt. As he would hang on the cross he would say, “It is finished” the debt is paid! Whether sins are great or small, Jesus can forgive them all. Our God is a forgiving God.

### **019 – No Fear in God**

2 Timothy 1:7 says, “For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love and of a sound mind”. Friends, God do not want us to fear anyone or anything. We have power to overcome the grips of fear. Too many people live everyday with the

constant fear of something. Some fear they'll lose their jobs, or their homes; some fear they'll lose their health, and wealth; some fear they'll lose everything. Well my friend, God is in control and does not want this spirit of fear in your life. He wants you to trust and believe in Him and He'll take care of all those things you fear. In Isaiah 41:13 says, "For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, fear not, I will help thee". Just know this my friends; God is always with you. You have nothing to fear. This is a promise from God. If you have any fears today, take them to the Lord and leave them there.

### **020 – Oh What Love**

Jesus paid it all and all to Him we owe. Oh Christian friends, where would we be without Jesus? Where would we be without the Lord Jesus Christ who died on the cross for me and for you, because He loves us and wanted to give us a chance to live eternally with Him in Heaven? What kind of man is this Jesus that He would give up His life for us; we who really don't deserve it, and then He wanted us to truly see the Power that He has so He rose from the dead on the third and appointed day. I'm glad that he did, aren't you? That was love in its most awesome showing. My hope and prayer is that you know Jesus and His Love. If you don't know Him, get to know Him and His Love today, so that your life may be complete. Jesus is alive and well.

### **021 – Let Jesus Lead You**

Matthew 6:33 says, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you". Jesus my friends came into this world to give us life and to give it to us more abundantly. Jesus wants us to have the very best in this life. It is His to give to us; He'll give us nice homes, nice cars, wealth and things of this sort. He'll also give us joy, love, peace of mind, and happiness, but God wants us first to have a right relationship with Him. We can't receive these things from Him unless we are seeking Him first. Jesus wants to be first in our lives. He wants to have a say in everything we think and do. He wants us to come to Him with every decision we need to make. Jesus wants to be involved in our total life and we must let Him. He knows what's best for each one of us. He'll never lead us wrong because He loves us too much. Put your mind on seeking Jesus first today my friends.

## **022 – Holding on to Something?**

I am sure my friends that you have had someone say to you or heard it said to “let go and let God” and so I ask you today what are you hanging on to from the past that is stopping you from living the life that God wants you to. What things is it that you know are no good for you, but you’ve had them so long and you also have this fear of letting them go? What places do you go knowing that it’s not where you should be, but you still go because you’ve been going so long? What people do you associate with, that you know mean you no good, but you’ve associated with them so long, you just can’t let them go? What old ways do you have that you’ve had for so long and you just can’t give them up for fear of leaving your comfort zone? Now, I know that most of the time letting go is hard, very hard, but if we let go of these things and let God do with us what He wants, we won’t worry about the things we let go. You see God wants all of us to be a part of His family. He wants us to put away all of those old things that keep us at a distance from Him and put on the new, which is He. He wants us to discard the sin in our life and our old ways of living and to truly experience a plentiful life in Him. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, “Behold, the old is passed away, the new has come”.

## **023 – Give Him Thanks**

Today and everyday is a good day to just give thanks to the Lord for all that He has done for us. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 says, “In everything give thanks”. This means no matter what circumstances we find ourselves in, we must give God thanks. Yest we will find ourselves in some difficult circumstances in this life but we are to give God thanks because we know we are not in these circumstances alone, but God is there with us every time. This enables us to face our distressing circumstances with a thankful heart. WE know that God is going to work that circumstance out for the good, so we give Him thanks. Not only are we to be thankful in everything, but we must also be thankful for everything. Everything that God gives us comes freely from Him. It is out of love that He blesses us with food, shelter and clothing. Out of love, He blesses us with life, health, and strength. So my friends, in everything, thank Him and for everything thank Him.

### **024 – Your “Reward” is Coming (or “Prize”)**

My friends, have you ever seen people who just win things everywhere they go? You may be at a carnival playing the same game and they win the stuffed animal; you may have both bought a soft drink at the same place and same time and they have a free soft drink cap. You probably think to yourself “I never win anything”! Well hold on, you have a prize coming to you, your day is coming. You just have to keep your eyes fixed on the Lord and give Him your life completely. Live the way the Lord wants you to live. Treat everyone with love and respect. Don’t think too highly of yourself, but think highly of others. Walk by faith and not by sight and when your day comes you will receive a prize much better than anything here on earth – it’s the crown of glory from the Chief Shepard Himself. 1 Peter 5:4 says, “And when the Chief Sheppard shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not”. The Lord knows all about us and we can rest assured that if I never win anything in this life, I have a crown in the next life.

### **025 – God’s Love**

My friends, God loves us just the way we are, but He refuses to leave us that way. He wants us to be just like Jesus. Philippians 2:5 says, “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus”. God loves us just the way we are. If we think His love for us would be stronger if our faith was, we’re wrong. If we think His love would be deeper if our thoughts were, we’re wrong again. Don’t confuse God’s love with the love of people. The love of people most often increases because of what we do and decreases when what we do is done wrong as they would see it. This is not true with God’s love, because He loves us just the way we are. Thank God today for His love.

### **026 – God Listens**

My friends have you ever had something troubling you and you tried to talk to a friend or a loved one and it seemed like they just weren’t listening. Well rest assured today that God listens. You can talk to God anytime of the day or night and He listens. Your vice matters to Him. You don’t have to worry about being ignored. Even if you can’t get your words out correctly, if your verbs and subjects don’t agree, even if you stammer and stumble, God still listens. And guess what, you don’t have to be anybody important He still listens. Psalm 142:1 says, “I cried unto the Lord with my voice and with my

voice unto the Lord did I make my supplication". God listens to His children whether great or small and He listens carefully and intently.

### **027 – God's Perfect Gift**

Friends, James 1:17 says "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and cometh down from the Father of lights". Have you ever felt like you have nothing? Well just look at the gifts God has given you. Max Lucado says: "God has sent His angels to care for you, His Holy Spirit to dwell in you, His church to encourage you and His Word to guide you". Anytime you speak, God listens. If you make a request, God responds and God will never let you be tempted too much or stumble too far. If a tear appears on your cheek, God is there to wipe it. If a love sonnet appears on your lips, He is there to hear it. God has given us so many gifts and we should all be thankful to Him. Most of all let's thank God for His greatest gift of all – Jesus Christ. Thank you God.

### **028 – Hope**

Mark 5:34 says, "And He said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace and be whole of thy plague". Listen at a message entitled *A Hunch and a Hope* by Max Lucado. This woman, my friends went on her hunch that Jesus could and her hope that Jesus would heal her. Her hunch and her hope, which added up to faith caused her to make her way through the crowd and touch the hem of Jesus' garment and at that moment she was healed. Nobody of real importance, just a poor woman who had been bleeding for twelve long years, made whole by the master Himself. Do you have a hunch and a hope about something Jesus can do for you today?

### **029 – Prayer Changes Things**

My friends can your prayer life use a "tune up"? John 9:31 says, "Now we know that God heareth not sinners; but if any man be a worshipper of God and doeth His will, Him He heareth". What is your prayer life like today? Is it lacking consistency, are there periods of dry spells? Does it lack sincerity? Is it just memorized dull lives that are said daily? Does it lack honesty? Do you really believe that praying makes a difference? Well I'm here to tell you that it truly does. When you hear people say prayer changes things, it does, and I'm a living witness. You see it's our attitude about prayer that

causes it to change things. You must believe in the power of the One who hears the prayer and not the one who says it to see that prayer changes things. Prayer makes a difference. Get your prayer life tuned up today.

### **030 – Seek God First**

Friends, do you ever find yourself thinking about what you're going to eat, how you're going to live, how you're going to die, whether you'll always be well or will you be sick, what you're going to drive or where are you going to live? Well, it's all right to be concerned about these things, but when they are constantly on your mind, you leave form being concerned to worrying. Statistics everywhere tell us that worrying is bad for our physical body as well as our mind and our spirits. God has a word for those of us who turn concern into worry. Matthew 6:33 tells us to "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you". Make seeking the Lord your number one priority and He'll take care of you and your concerns.

### **031 – How Excellent**

Psalms 8:9 says, "O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth. There is none like you, no, none like you." My friends, the Lord's name is excellent and so worthy to be praised. It's another praise and worship Sunday and God has kept us another seven days – safe from all harm and dangers of this life. We need to thank Him this morning. Praise and worship our excellent Lord this morning for all that He is doing, has done and will do for us. He is so deserving of four praises. My friends please find yourself a place of God's this morning where you can go and worship and praise the Lord for all He's done for you. God is good, and He's good all of the time. He keeps on doing good things for all of us. Day by day, morning after morning, brand new mercies we receive. Enter into His gates today with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise. Praise the excellent name of the Lord today.

### **032 – Faith**

Hebrews 11:1 says, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen". My friends we need to have faith to make this journey in life. Yest it is a journey because we'll have good days as well as bad days. We'll have some

mountain experiences and some valley experiences. There will be ups and there will be down. Some days will be cold, dark and dreary and others will be filled with sunshine. Yes, there will be sickness, pain and sorrow but look forward to the days of joy and wellness. What helps us on this journey? Faith, Faith, and Faith. Faith helps us not to look at the situations we go through in life but at the one who has all control of every situation, and that person my friend is God – our all powerful God. Faith doesn't allow us to become discouraged as we encounter tough situations but tells us to hold on, brighter days are coming. Faith gives us hope that everything will be all right.

### **033 – The Battle is God's**

Friends, we all spend a lot of time being concerned with protecting our physical beings. We wear seat belts for protection, cars have air bags for protection, we have security systems in our homes for protection and burglar bars on doors and windows for protection. Some of us even have possession of firearms to protect us. We spend loads of money on physical security everyday, but what about our spirits? What do we do to protect our spirits everyday? Well Ephesians 6:11 says, "Put on the whole armor of God, that we may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil". The devil is busy trying my friends to tear down God's people in whatever way he can. It is important that we are covered in the armor of God, which is God. Let God fight our battles with Satan so that our spirit is surely protected. Satan's powers are real and they are strong. We cannot fight Satan by ourselves no matter how knowledgeable we think we are. God is who can defeat the devil for us. We need to move out of God's way and let Him do so.

### **034 – The Battle is Not Yours**

My friends do you know that there is no problem, circumstance or situation that is grater than God. Every battle is in His hands for Him to fight. We don't have to battle with anything or anyone. God already ahs said in His Word, Isaiah 54:17 that no weapon that is formed against us will prosper. We can stand on God's Word all of the time. The things that come against us in this life are not ours to deal with, but we turn them over to the Lord and He fights the battle. One songwriter says the battle is not yours but it's the Lord's. And you know what my friends, He's willing to fight our battles too. No matter what the battle may be in our life or where it is, in our homes, on our jobs, in our

churches, the Lord will fight them. And when the Lord fights our battles, we don't have to worry about who will be the victor because God will be victorious every time – yes my friends, every time. So, we have no need to worry, no need to fear. Just let the Lord fight your battles and then don't you forget to thank Him. God is Victorious!

### **035 – He Desires Our Praise**

My friends, God has been so good to us another seven days and we need to praise and thank Him for this. For when praises go up blessings surely do come down. Well it's another praise and worship Sunday and we praise and worship God not because of the things He does, but because He is so worth to be praised. He deserves our praises, He enjoys our praises, He desires our praises and when we praise Him we put Satan at bay and He can't stay because our praises put us in the presence of our Lord. So my friends, get up if you haven't already, prepare yourself to go to one of God's Houses today and just get your praise on. You'll find that it'll make you feel better than you feel right now. And don't be ashamed to praise the Lord, don't worry about what others around you might say, after all only you know what God has done for you. So go ahead and praise Him as Psalm 106:1 says.

### **036 – The Bible is Our Toolkit**

You know it's always good to have a handy man around when something breaks because he has a toolkit that has a tool for every broken object. Depending on what needs to be fixed this handyman knows the exact tool to use. Well my friends, there are things in our lives that will be broken at times and we are not necessarily handymen, but we do have a spiritual toolkit provided by the Lord and that's the Word of God. The Word of God written by men under the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit. For every broken situation in our lives we can find the right tool to fix it in the Bible. You can't find it though, if you don't open it. A handyman cannot fix anything if he never uses his tools. That's the same for us if we leave our toolkit unopened each day we will miss out on experiencing the deep satisfaction of finding the right tool for each spiritual task we have to do. The Bible is the toolkit that has all we need. We just need to use it.

### **037 – Give as God Gives**

Friends, God is a giving God. God gave everything that we have to us. God gave us life; God gave us His Son Jesus, God is the greatest giver and He wants us to imitate Him and be a good giver too. Ephesians 5:1-2 says, “Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us and hath given Himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savior”. And my friends, since God gives so lovingly to us, we need to give of our best to Him. Give of your best to the Master.

### **038 – (Untitled)**

My friends, sometimes the difficulties that we face in this life are a means of grace to get closer to God. It's God's loving way of drawing us closer to Him. Because you do know that God wants to have a close relationship with all of us.

### **039 – My Best Friend**

Jesus is the best friend that we could ever have. We have friends that come and friends that go, but Jesus is always with us. Jesus is the best friend of all. G.M. Bills wrote it this way... *ref. Pg. 150*

### **040 – In His Presence**

Friends, everyday we need to find ourselves living in God's presence. Ephesians 6:18 says, “Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints”. Max Lucado says... *ref pg. 92*

### **041 – (Untitled)**

It's another praise and worship Sunday my friends and I'm truly glad and thankful about it. God has again seen fit to keep us yet another week – and not because we are worthy, but because He's good! Psalm 95:1-7 says, “...”. Hear His voice today my friends, find you a House of God and go and praise and worship Him with others. Praise the Lord!

### **043 – Trust in the Lord**

Friends, trusting in God gives us comfort. When we trust in God, I mean really trust Him; we let Him work all things out – the good as well as the bad. We do this because His Word tells us in Romans 8:28 that “all things work together for good to them that love God”. And if you love Him you will surely trust Him. It’s like when you were a child, you loved your parents and trusted them to feed, clothe and nurture you. It was just that simple, you loved them and trusted them and because they loved you too, they supplied the things you needed. Well God loves us and we can trust Him to supply all of our needs. Psalm 37:3-5 says, “Trust in the Lord and do good, so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him and He shall bring it to pass. My friends trust God today for everything. He can care for us far better than we can care for ourselves.

### **044 – Have Faith in God**

My friends, what type of faith do you have in God? Is it the kind of faith that believes God can only do the simple things? Is it the type that believes God will only do for certain people? Is it the type that believes that God’s power is only available in certain areas at certain times or do you have the faith that believes that the God we serve can do any and every thing but fail? You see, sometimes our faith limits God. We only believe Him doing certain things; we really don’t actually understand the power that God really has and what having faith (the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen) in Him means. Matthew 11:22-23 says, “And Jesus answering saith unto them, have faith in God. For verily I say unto you that whosoever shall say to this mountain, be thou removed and be thou cast into the sea, and shall not doubt in His heart but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass. He shall have whatever he saith”. So I say to you today my friends, have faith in God.

### **045 – Abundant Life**

My friends, God has given us a Promised Land, a land that flows with milk and honey; a land where all of our needs can be met; a land where we can keep sin underfoot as we rule and reign with Christ. It’s a place where we are seated with Christ in heavenly

places. Isn't it nice to know that we don't have to experience that place in the sweet by and by, but we can experience it right here and right now. You're probably saying to yourself, yes that's nice, but I'm dealing with a lot of opposing issues in reality and this just doesn't seem like a land of promises. But I say it is. Don't let the devil make you think anything else. In fact you can begin to experience your promised land by kicking the devil out. The devil wants you to believe negatively about the things you go through but the Lord has a positive word for you in the Bible. God wants you to know that He's already defeated the devil so you can go on and live prosperously in this land. God wants you to know that whatever you go through in life, He'll never leave you, nor forsake you. In John 10:10, Jesus tells us that "the thief" (which is the devil) "cometh not, but for to steal and to kill and to destroy. I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly." So go on my friends, kick the devil out and live the abundant life God wants you to hear.

#### **046 – His Grace is Sufficient**

2 Corinthians 12:9 says, "And he said unto me, my grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness". My friends, isn't this good news, when we are weak, the Lord's strength is perfected in us. When we run into impossible situations; situations that we simply don't have the strength or ability to handle, we want to just give up and accept the defeat. But Don't! This is the time when we should shout *Glory!* – because God's Word tells us that this is the time when the strength of God is about to be made perfect in us. So, if today you are facing a crisis, if you're sick and it looks like the medicine has failed you, if your finances are out of control, if your family is falling apart, if you are hopelessly bound by bad habits, if you've done all you absolutely know how to do and you still haven't gotten results – Rejoice! For when human strength ends, the power of God excels! Believe this with all your heart and soul. God's grace is sufficient for you!

#### **047 – Victory**

My friends, in this life we must forever see ourselves as victors. The battle is the Lord's and victory is truly ours. WE must do whatever we have to, to get this and keep this in our spirits in the midst of all of the terrible things that are going on in our lives and

around us daily. This means staying in the Word daily, fellowshiping with the Lord with confidence in Him rises up within us and sends every thought of failure and defeat fleeing. Jesus defeated the devil and is sitting on the right hand of the Father confident in His victory. So what do we need to be worried about? We as believers share or should share in that confidence. We need to know and act like Jesus has already won the battle because when we do, Satan will know he has no power here. Is it possible to have this kind of confidence in the midst of the different trials we face in life? Yes it is. God's Word says so. Psalm 112 says that the man who fears the Lord and delights greatly in His commandments "shall not be afraid of evil tidings, his heart is fixed trusting in the Lord. His heart is established, he shall not be afraid, until he see his desire upon his enemies." – that kind of person is locked in. He's sure that the victory is his. Once you have that kind of assurance, nothing will be able to move you.

#### **048 – The Peace of God**

My friends our relationship with God will give us a sense of perfect peace if we but keep our minds stayed on Him. We need to give God our attention. We need to put His Word first everyday in our life and focus on it until it becomes the biggest thing in our life. God has the peace we need; we just need to seek it from Him. We don't have to spend time worrying about things of this world. Our time needs to be spent listening to what God has to say and focusing mainly on Him Isaiah 26:3 says, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee" and a confirmation to this Word comes in John 14:27 where Jesus says "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid". Keep your mind on Jesus and stay in union with Him and you'll experience the peace that only He can give.

#### **049 – Another Day, Another Praise**

Good Sunday morning, I want to first wish all of the fathers a very Happy Father's Day and encourage you this day if you haven't decided already. Do something extra special today and go to church with your children. We all are going to do things today to show our earthly fathers how much we love them but let's not forget our Heavenly Father, He wants to see some love some love also. Well friends you know it's another praise and

worship Sunday and God has again kept us another seven days and I don't know about you but I'm sure glad about it. So many things have gone on this week, so many people didn't make it through the week, if you did God deserves the praise because it's only by Him that we are here. Thank You Lord! Oh praise and bless the name of the Lord. Psalm 34:1 says, "I will bless the Lord at all time; His praise shall continually be in my mouth."