

Ruth 1:8 ESV

But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me.

"Be the change that you wish to see in the world." - Mahatma Gandhi

We have been blessed to make it to a new year, but now it is on us to make sure that as we are operating in this year that we have the right attitude, the right drive, and the right love for everybody! This is a time for us all to treat each other right, and if there is somebody that you have hurt or have done wrong apologize to them!

I know we don't always like to do that, but that is what we need to do because if we want the Lord to deal kindly with us, and if we desire for the Lord to bless us the way we want to be blessed then it is on us now to make sure we are doing what is right in His eyes! Not our eyes, but what is right in the eyes of the Lord because the Lord is watching us, and because the Lord is watching us we have to make sure we are giving everybody love, honor, and respect!

The Church will never go forward when we show disrespect, and the Church can never be fully progressive because of how we treat one another! We have to always be about discipling, praying, supporting, encouraging, and advancing for the purpose of Christ! God will bless you when you take care of His work, and we have to always make sure that we are always loving and showing kindness to everybody!

Let's be a Biblical Church, strong Church, firm Church, giving Church, loving Church, kind Church, positive Church, and Holy Spirit filled Church!

Pastor G. Chris Brown



Ruth 1:6 ESV

Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food.

<u>The Late Great Football Coach Vince Lombardi said this: "The greatest accomplishment is</u> <u>not in never falling, but in rising again after you fall."</u>

As we embark on our commitment to following the Lord, there is a reminder to us all that we have to make sure that we understand how important it is in following the Lord, and being thankful that we are still here. We are still here, and that is because the Lord has kept us in our lives in the midst of the things that we are facing and dealing with, it is good to know that the Lord has kept us.

We are followers of the Lord, and because we are followers of the Lord you should always thank the Lord that the Lord has provided for you. The Lord has made ways for you, the Lord has kept you alive, and the Lord is why you are still alive. You are alive and because you are alive, that is a good reason for you to rejoice because of how the Lord has still kept you alive even when times have been hard.

You are the product of hard times, because hard times are a part of our journey's but that doesn't mean we haven't overcome them. Just because you are dealing with hard times, and just because you are living with hard times doesn't mean that is the end of the story! Our hard times make us realize just how much we need God, but that the Lord will always provide for us even in hard times!

Your hard times shouldn't allow you to stop focusing on God! When you have hard times, you also have the right one in your life, who will keep you and because He will keep hard times never quench God's love for you!





Ruth 1:10-11 ESV

And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." [11] But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands?

<u>Author Tony Gaskins said this: "Consistency is the key! If you can't be consistent, then you can't be anything."</u>

You can't replace the value of the right people, and as we think and follow on this map of life we are happy that we are following the Lord. As we follow the Lord, and as we walk with the Lord we realize and we understand that the right people in our lives don't come around every day so when they are, make sure that you take care of them.

Take care of your parents, take care of your children, take care of your health, take care of your academics, take care of everything that God has given you! It is not just people, but also everything else that the Lord has given me and you. We are called to take care of ourselves and be great stewards. We should always be on the road of taking care of ourselves, and being grateful for who is in our lives.

As we continue to live, and as we continue to walk with the Lord we shouldn't walk without being grateful that even in our tough times, tough lives, and tough seasons of life the Lord has never failed us. The Lord has never failed us, and the Lord won't fail us so as we follow the Lord we realize that the Lord is here, the Lord lives, and the Lord will not let us down!

Be glad that the Lord has been consistent in our lives, and treasure the right people in your lives because they don't come around every day! As long as we have the Lord, and as long as God is with us we will always stand and overcome because the Lord is in our lives!





Broadway MBC - Tree Of Life Inspirational Word <u>Psalm 119:35 ESV</u> Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

<u>The Late Theologian Howard Thurman said this: "The movement of the Spirit of God in</u> the hearts of men and women often calls them to act against the spirit of their times or causes them to anticipate a spirit which is yet in the making. In a moment of dedication they are given wisdom and courage to dare a deed that challenges and to kindle a hope that inspires."

You and I have the grace of God in our lives, and because we have been blessed by the Lord and because the Lord has made great things happen for us there is something for us to never forget - God's word is necessary! We need the word of God every day, and when we have the word of God we know we can make it, we can take it, and we know that the Lord will lead us in the right direction!

The Lord will lead us in the right direction, and because the Lord is leading us in the right direction we know that the Lord is in our lives because we know that the Lord always gives us the best options. We always have the best options, and that option is the Lord and because the Lord is the best option we know that the Lord is for us, the Lord is walking with us, the Lord is on time, and the Lord always is kind to us!

God is the one that we can trust and depend on, because when we have the Lord we know that the Lord will give us the words to never fold and to never stop trusting in Him all of the time! We have to always talk to the Lord, and because we talk to the Lord we have a love affair with the Lord, and when you love the Lord you want more of Him!

God always shows us why we can love Him, because He is always on our side and He never abandons us but He is always with us every day of our lives!







Ezekiel 18:21 ESV

"But if a wicked person turns away from all his sins that he has committed and keeps all my statutes and does what is just and right, he shall surely live; he shall not die.

<u>The Late Theologian & Pastor Tim Keller said this: "Sin is not just breaking the rules, it</u> is putting yourself in the place of God as Savior, Lord, and Judge... There are two ways to be your own Savior and Lord. One is by breaking all the moral laws and setting your own course, and one is by keeping all the moral laws and being very, very good."

Living righteous is not an obligation but it nis a mandate! As we follow the Lord, and when we call ourselves followers of Jesus Christ then how we live should resemble what we believe about the Lord. Some stuff isn't as hard as we make it, but there are times that we can make excuses to why we don't desire to live holy!

Of course we all fall, of course we all mess up, and of course we all trip but there is also a responsibility on us to not just continue to make those same excuses. If you fell down on concrete, and you started to bleed, then you would go to the doctors office so that the bleeding would stop and that you would be healed.

Sin makes us bleed, but instead of allowing the doctor (Jesus) to heal us, sometimes we would rather still play in the dirt and we still want to bleed instead of getting well! God wants us to be well, God wants us to be whole, and God wants us to be appropriate with our lives! As we follow the Lord, it is something about being with the Lord in Heaven that makes us want to live the right way all of the time!

Make sure that you live a life that will please God, and that the Lord will welcome you home with open arms and not tell you to leave His presence!

Pastor G. Chris Brown



John 19:18 ESV

There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them.

<u>The Great Theologian N. T. Wright said this: "Jesus' death was seen by Jesus himself ...</u> as the ultimate means by which God's kingdom was established. The crucifixion was the shocking answer to the prayer that God's kingdom would come on earth as in heaven."

As followers of Jesus Christ, the hallmark and standard of our Christian faith, our Christian doctrine, and our Christian belief is that we serve a Savior that indeed died for us. We should never forget that we are the beneficiaries of a suffering day, because of what that day encountered and what that day brought to us.

That day is a day that is mixed with love, grief, suffering, blood, missed opportunities, a disrespected Savior, but a resounding hope! That is something that we should always think about, that we have been given life, we have been given forgiveness, and we have been given grace and that is because of what our Savior endured for us on the Christ!

The Cross is the love of God, the cross is man's guilt being washed away by Jesus's blood, the cross is the symphony that never stops playing, the cross is the sunshine that shines every day, and the cross is the miracle of a new start. Jesus had to take this punishment for us, but we should never forget how blessed we are, and how fortunate we are that He indeed did take this punishment for us on the cross!

We are the beneficiaries of a wiped debt, and we should always thank God that He wiped our debt away and that we can always thank the Lord that we have been saved!





<u>Genesis 39:2 ESV</u> <u>The LORD was with Joseph, and he became a successful man, and he was in the house of</u> <u>his Egyptian master.</u>

<u>The Late Preacher, Theologian, & Leader Of The Civil Rights Movement Rev. Dr.</u> <u>Martin Luther King Jr once said this: "We must learn to live together as brothers or</u> <u>perish together as fools."</u>

When we follow the Lord, and when we continue to walk with the Lord we realize and we understand that it is important to stay with the Lord. Now we do have to understand that when we follow the Lord, and stay with the Lord there will be times that we are placed in some bad areas, some tough situations, and some things that continue to be hurtful to us but it is also how we survive is what we do in trusting in God!

Joseph had to trust in the Lord, and just like Joseph trusted in the Lord it is important for us to make sure that we are trusting in the Lord even in the midst of troubles, in the midst of storms, and in the midst of wounds the Lord is still worthy of our trust and the Lord is still worthy of our commitment! How committed are you to the Lord, when times are not always bright but can be gloomy and dark?

It is about trusting in the Lord, and when we follow the Lord can we follow the Lord in our disappointments, in our failures, and in our stresses? Do we still have that much faith and reliance on the Lord, even when times get that critical as long as we know that the Lord is with us even when people can be toxic and turbulent towards us we always know that the Lord will elevate us!

God has not forgotten about you, and even when you get hurt and despondent the Lord won't forget you but the Lord will keep you and you will be able to always stand because of who He is in your life!

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<u>Matthew 28:19 ESV</u> <u>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father</u> <u>and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,</u>

<u>The Late Preacher & Theologian Charles Spurgeon said this: "Every Christian is either</u> <u>a missionary or an imposter."</u>

As we are followers of Jesus Christ, we need to always make sure that we are following the commandment of Jesus Christ and when we are following the commandment of Jesus Christ it is about us making sure that we are following what Jesus said and making sure that we are giving our all to Jesus Christ!

When we follow Jesus Christ, and when we do what the Lord is saying we understand that as we continue to share the word of the Lord we are able to reach the lost for Christ! We have to reach the lost for Christ, and when we reach the lost for Christ we understand the importance of making sure that we are not missing our chance to be impactful!

The world needs the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and as long as we are alive, and living in this world we have an obligation to make sure that we are always sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and allowing people to understand that the word works, Jesus works, and the Lord lives! God lives, and because God lives what are we doing to make sure that we are reaching the lost for Jesus Christ?

You have an obligation to reach jesus Christ, and because we have an obligation to reach Jesus Christ, we need to always make sure that we are not afraid to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ and tell everybody that Jesus lives, and when we tell the world that Jesus lives the world will be in better shape!

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Psalm 96:1-2 ESV Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! [2] Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

<u>The Late Preacher & Theologian Charles Spurgeon said this: ""Whenever we have to</u> praise God, what do we do? We simply say what He is! 'You are this and You are that.' <u>There is no other praise. We cannot fetch anything from anywhere else and bring it to God;</u> the praises of God are simply the facts about Himself! If you want to praise the Lord Jesus <u>Christ, tell the people about Him."</u>

Worship is what we do, and worship is who we are! We should always remember that worship is our expression to God about our love and appreciation for God! The Lord is worthy to be worshiped, and because the Lord is worthy to be praised we have many reasons to praise Him!

When we are focused on the Lord, let us never allow our focus on God be deteroued but it should always be a focus that is powerful, that is magnificent, and that is marvelous in the sight of the Lord. We always can and should rejoice, because the Lord always does something for us, and because the Lord does things for us and because of who He is we should worship Him!

Don't stop praising Him, and don't allow anything to take away our praise but praise Him always and when we praise the Lord we are strengthened for the journey, and we have the right mindset and outlook because we know that the Lord is right there. Praise is powerful, praise is wonderful, and praise is necessary because we know that the Lord is always seeing us through!

Praise God and don't let anything stop your praise!





Psalm 5:11 ESV

But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you.

<u>The Late Preacher & Theologian A. W. Tozer said this: "If God gives you a few more</u> years, remember, it is not yours. Your time must honor God, your home must honor God, your activity must honor God, and everything you do must honor God."

Everyday we live we are privileged to have been given this time by the Lord, and we should never forget how grateful we are that the Lord has been kind to us. The Lord has been kind to us, the Lord has shown us kindness, and the Lord has shown us love that we should be happy about!

As we walk with the Lord, and as we follow the Lord when we continue to follow the Lord we should always give the Lord praise for what the Lord has done in our lives. Praise is our right, praise is our duty, praise is our hope, praise is our song, and praise is our life and because of that praise should always keep us all of the time.

When we praise the Lord we acknowledge who the Lord is to us, and as we praise the Lord we should always be glad that the Lord is our refuge. The Lord has been so good to us, and the Lord has kept us alive and since the Lord has kept us alive we should always make a joyful noise for what the Lord has done for us, and because the Lord has been good to us, we should always rejoice!

Don't stop praising God, and don't stop loving the Lord and when you love the Lord and when you are thankful for who He is praise is always going to keep you and not having you stop but you have so much to rejoice about!

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Broadway MBC - Tree Of Life Inspirational Word <u>Psalm 119:19 ESV</u> I am a sojourner on the earth; hide not your commandments from me!

<u>The Late Congressman John Lewis said this: "You are a light. You are the light. Never</u> <u>let anyone – any person or any force – dampen, dim or diminish your light. Study the path</u> <u>of others to make your way easier and more abundant."</u>

Being a child of God is not something that we should take lightly, but as we follow the Lord and as we serve the Lord we need to always make sure that we are holding on to the commandments of the Lord. We as believers of Jesus Christ are called to be disciples of Jesus, and we are not called to be like others but we are called to be disciples of Christ and because we are disciples of Christ we are called to please the Lord.

We need to please the Lord, and we need to make sure that we are always following the Lord and when we are following the Lord and when we follow the Lord we follow the word of God we live for the Lord, we serve the Lord, and we make sure to not allow the world to corrupt us.

The world needs Jesus not sin! As followers and believers of Jesus Christ, we should always be impacting the world in a positive way not a negative way! The world should see Christians being positive, and not looking as if Satan has more influence over us than the Lord. We need to follow Him, and when we follow Him and serve Him that is when the Lord will be pleased with us!

God is the one that we need to please, and since we are pleasing God we don't have time to do anything that He isn't pleased with because we want Him to be pleased with our service!

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Matthew 27:30-31 ESV

And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. [31] And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

<u>The Late Preacher & Theologian Clarence W. Hall said this: "The resurrection of Jesus</u> changes the face of death for all His people. Death is no longer a prison, but a passage into God's presence. Easter says you can put truth in a grave, but it won't stay there." "Easter says you can put truth in a grave, but it won't stay there. You can nail it to a cross, wrap it in winding sheets and shut it up in a tomb, but it will rise!"

The death of Jesus Christ is the most brutal death that has ever occurred, but it was the greatest display of love that ever took place! We have been saved, and we have been changed because of what Jesus endured for us to have freedom that we do! We should never forget what our Savior endured for us on the Cross!

Everyday we live... we are living in the love of Jesus Christ. This love that we have has kept us, this love saved us, this love cares for us, and this love has never abandoned us! We should never neglect our Savior, and because of understanding what we have been blessed and fortunate to have we can always rejoice, we can always praise, and we can always celebrate that we know that Jesus Christ did it for us!

Let us never forget what this Easter season, and every Easter season is about, it is about Jesus Christ! Jesus died for us, Jesus has saved us, and Jesus has given us a new life and because we have Jesus we know that we have been changed! Thank God for Jesus, and praise Him for what He has done for us!





Psalm 95:6-7 ESV

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! [7] For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today, if you hear his voice,

Pastor & Author John Ortberg said this: "I need to worship because without it I can forget that I have a big God beside me and live in fear. I need to worship because without it I can forget his calling and begin to live in a spirit of self-preoccupation. I need to worship because without it I lose a sense of wonder and gratitude and plod through life with blinders on. I need worship because my natural tendency is toward self-reliance and stubborn independence."

When we worship the Lord we should always do it with a sense of gratitude, and a sense of thankfulness because of who the Lord is and what the Lord has done. Worship should never be something that we are tired about but it should be something that we are excited to do. We should always be excited to worship God because of who the Lord is!

When you know who the Lord is it will come out in your worship! My worship isn't something that is like a television that you just turn on and off whenever you feel like it. Worship is like a tree that has been planted in a yard for many years, no matter what happens it stays there because the roots are that powerful!

How powerful are your worship roots? Do you possess powerful worship roots, and do you have those values of worship because when you have those values of worship you worship anytime, you don't delay worship, you don't stop worshiping, but you make it point that I will always worship the Lord because of who He is!

Don't put your worship on delay, let it always breathe because we serve a living God!





Psalm 29:2-3 ESV Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness. [3] The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.

<u>The Late Theologian R. C. Sproul said this: "If God is the Creator of the entire universe,</u> then it must follow that He is the Lord of the whole universe. No part of the world is outside of His lordship. That means that no part of my life must be outside of His lordship."

We serve a powerful God! The Lord is very powerful, and the Lord is very good because the Lord has the final say so! The Lord walks with us, and the Lord has a powerful voice that nobody can quench His voice!

Can you imagine the power of the voice of God? The Lord has a voice that never is sore, the Lord doesn't need throat coat or tea, but the voice of the Lord is so powerful that it will speak life, it will refresh us, it will keep us, it will guide us, and it will make us praise Him! The Lord has a voice, that everything has to bow down and stop because of His voice, and because of His voice we are here!

The voice of the Lord is what is keeping you right now, the voice of the Lord will not let you falter, and the voice of the Lord is what will let you know that the Lord hasn't forgotten about you and the Lord isn't against you but for you! We should always worship the Lord because of His voice, and since we know that His voice is real, we can thank Him for His goodness!

Praise God for His voice and presence, and that the Lord is always with us!

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Psalm 106:1 ESV Praise the LORD! Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

<u>The Late Pastor & Theologian Charles Spurgeon said this: "Worship is the highest</u> elevation of the spirit, and yet the lowliest prostration of the soul."

Praising the Lord is not something that we should do when we feel like it, but praising the Lord should be a daily occurrence and a daily action that we take because when we know that the Lord is real, and when we know that the Lord is our God worship never loses power and doesn't lose its significance!

We should always praise the Lord, and when we praise the Lord we are in a position of gratitude and humility when we praise the Lord we acknowledge that the Lord kept us, the Lord has allowed us to survive, the Lord has allowed us to overcome, the Lord has allowed us to make it through so many things. Let us be grateful for how the Lord showed up, and because the Lord showed up for us we should have that spirit of praise!

Praising the Lord is like watering a plant, that when you water a plant you make sure that you are taking care of the plant and when you take care of the plant that is when you show concern for it because you want that plant to live. We need to make sure that we treat our worship and relationship with the Lord the same way, it should be something that we take care of all of the time because of His goodness!

As long as we have the Lord, we should always have worship and we should always make sure that we keep on praising the Lord because the Lord is always good! We have a great God, and since we have a great God why should we never stop praising Him for all His goodness!

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Joshua 2:6-7 ESV

But she had brought them up to the roof and hid them with the stalks of flax that she had laid in order on the roof. [7] So the men pursued after them on the way to the Jordan as far as the fords. And the gate was shut as soon as the pursuers had gone out.

<u>The Late Boxer Muhammad Ali said this: "Friendship is the hardest thing in the world to</u> <u>explain. It's not something you learn in school. But if you haven't learned the meaning of</u> <u>friendship, you really haven't learned anything."</u>

Friendship is powerful, friendship is real, and friendship is something that you can't replace because it is good for us to understand that it is always important for us to understand the value of having people in our lives. We should always look out for people, and we should always be protectors of people and as we think about being Godly we need to be there for each other!

We should always be friendly to each other, and when we are friendly to each other we have to know that the Lord is with us and because the Lord is with us and because the Lord is kind to us we have to be kind to others. We all need friends, and we should want friends that love us, that protect us, and that guide us when we need it.

As we follow the Lord, and as we look out for each other we should always be there for each other, and because we are there for each other then we know that we can follow the Lord, we can serve the Lord, and we can love each other. We can love each other, and we can build up each other because we know the value of friendship and since we know the value of friendship we know that we will always uplift each other with the love of Christ.

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Broadway MBC - Tree Of Life Inspirational Word Psalm 19:1 ESV

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

<u>The Late Great Philosopher Ralph Waldo Emerson said this: "If the stars should appear</u> one night in a thousand years, how would men believe and adore; and preserve for many generations the remembrance of the city of God which had been shown! But every night come out these envoys of beauty, and light the universe with their admonishing smile."

The work of the Lord is something that can't be contained, and it is something that is indescribable! We should always thank God for His work in our lives, and we should always praise the Lord for who the Lord is and what the Lord has given to us. We are the beneficiaries of the grace of God, but also the blessings of the Lord because the world belongs to the Lord and since the Lord is in charge that is when we have to make sure that we always appreciate the work of the Lord.

We can see everything that is around us, and since we can see everything that is around us it should produce a spirit of gratefulness, and also a spirit of knowing that we belong to the Lord and because we belong to the Lord, there is also understanding that we serve a living Lord. No matter what doubters say the Lord is real, no matter what is argued we serve a living and resurrected Savior, and because of that we have to make sure that we praise Him and worship Him because of that!

Just like the heavens declare His glory, we need to also declare His glory as well and when we declare the glory of the Lord we have to make sure that we always share the good news of the Lord, share the good news about God's presence, share the good news of God's love, and share the good news of God's power in our lives!





Broadway MBC - Tree Of Life Inspirational Word Proverbs 20:22 ESV

Do not say, "I will repay evil"; wait for the LORD, and he will deliver you.

<u>The Late Great Nelson Mandela said this: "A moment of hate can devastate a lifetime of work, whereas a moment of love can break barriers that took a lifetime to build."</u>

There is an important factor, and important reality that you have to realize that it is important to make sure that you are always doing what is right and treating people right because as we follow the Lord, and as we walk with the Lord we know that the Lord will take care of us and even those who are against us.

As you follow the Lord, and as you walk with the Lord, that is when you understand and you know that the Lord will fight battles that you don't even know about. Have you noticed and realized that, that the Lord is so real and the Lord is always watching out for you and looking out for you in spaces and places that you don't even know, but the Lord knows how to solve it, the Lord knows how to handle it, and the Lord knows what is going on behind the scenes.

There's that reality that we live with in our lives, we live in a reality that we have to always make sure we are doing what is right and when we do what is right and pleasing in the eyes of the Lord, and following the Lord that is when you always keep the faith. We keep the faith because we are responsible, and you have to be responsible and when you are responsible that is when you continue to walk with the Lord, and in walking with the Lord you realize that you don't need to engage in anything that is not beneficial.

Do what is right...... God is watching!!!

Pastor G. Chris Brown



Broadway MBC - Tree Of Life Inspirational Word Psalm 130:1 ESV

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!

<u>The Late Great Theologian Oswald Thumbers said this: "Never run before God's</u> guidance. If there is the slightest doubt, then He is not guiding. Whenever there is doubt -<u>don't."</u>

We have to seek the Lord, and you know that in seeking the Lord we realize and we see that we all face these difficult times and these moments of feeling like things won't get better because of the things that we are dealing with! We all deal with something in life, and in dealing with something in life we must also understand that even though we face things that are challenging we should always know we can cry out to the Lord!

The Lord is real, the Lord is powerful, and the Lord is prevalent in our lives and when we follow the Lord that is when we know that prayer works and that prayer is key. Prayer is how we survive tough times, prayer is how we overcome challenges, prayer is how we keep trusting in the Lord, prayer is how we overcome the rain, and prayer is how we overcome the midnights in our lives.

Prayer is real, and prayer will never let us down because we are seeking the Lord and since we are seeking the Lord we know that the Lord is right there to get us through. The Lord is there for us, and we can't allow the darkness of life to make us neglect the light of Jesus, and Jesus is our light and because Jesus is our light we can make it through any darkness that we face!

Prayer is our connection to the Lord, and because we are connected to the Lord we know that the Lord won't leave us but will always be with us to keep us every day! There's nothing that will stop us from God's grace keeping us all of the time!





Ruth 2:10 ESV

<u>Then she fell on her face, bowing to the ground, and said to him, "Why have I found favor</u> in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?"

<u>The Late Great Baseball Pitcher Satchel Paige said this: "Don't pray when it rains if you don't pray when the sun shines."</u>

Prayer is something that is vitally important, and when we really look at prayer and when we see that prayer is essential and when we see that prayer is humbling and prayer is powerful because when you see that Ruth was being blessed by Boaz it was Ruth that bowed down with a humble spirit, and with a humble heart!

When the Lord has been good to you, and when the Lord has made ways for you it is because the Lord is the reason that we have made it, and the reason that we have made it is because the Lord has been good to us, and the Lord has allowed us to be alive and since the Lord has allowed us to be alive we should be able to pray every day because we know that the Lord. The Lord is able to keep you, and the Lord is able to set us free but we should always have a grateful heart, and we should have a right spirit because when we pray we know that the Lord is good.

The Lord is good like that, and the Lord is gracious like that because even though we have been blessed and even though God has done so much for us, we need to not always forget that the Lord has blessed us more and more and since we are blessed we should acknowledge the Lord. Acknowledge the Lord always, and praise the Lord for what the Lord has done in your life, but don't forget how the Lord brought you through and always have a spirit of humility because you see that the Lord did it!

Always make sure that you praise the Lord and be grateful for the Lord, and be thankful for how the Lord has kept you!

Pastor G. Chris Brown

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Broadway MBC - Tree Of Life Inspirational Word <u>Psalm 119:30 ESV</u> I have chosen the way of faithfulness; I set your rules before me.

<u>The Late Great Baseball Pitcher Willie Mays said this: "In order to excel, you must be</u> <u>completely dedicated to your chosen sport. You must also be prepared to work hard and be</u> <u>willing to accept constructive criticism. Without one-hundred percent dedication, you won't</u> <u>be able to do this."</u>

The words of the Lord are real and powerful, and when you find yourself in any situation the key for you is to never forget that the Lord is real, the Lord exists, and the Lord won't let you fail! We have to follow the Lord, and when we follow the Lord and when we continue to stand firm then we don't bow down but we stay strong and stay up because we know the Lord won't let us down.

You have to make sure that you continue to trust the Lord, and when you follow the word of the Lord that is when you know that the Lord will continue to guide you, the Lord will continue to keep you, and the Lord will continue to bless you because you have stayed with Him! Make sure that you're staying with the Lord, and when you stay with the Lord that is you when you will always overcome anything that tries to discourage you!

Be glad for the support system that you have, and be glad that you can continue to follow and trust in the Lord and when you walk with the Lord you keep the word of God in you because the word of God gives you guidance, gives you hope, gives you direction, and gives you peace. The more you are in the word of the Lord, and the more you follow the Lord the more power you have to be able to not lose joy, not lose hope, and not lose peace because you know that the word of the Lord is real and will keep you!





1 Samuel 20:14-15 ESV

If I am still alive, show me the steadfast love of the LORD, that I may not die; [15] and do not cut off your steadfast love from my house forever, when the LORD cuts off every one of the enemies of David from the face of the earth."

<u>Oprah Winfrey once said this: "Lots of people want to ride with you in the limo, but what</u> you want is someone who will take the bus with you when the limo breaks down."

This is very true, when we think about where we are in life and when we think about how the Lord has blessed us we should never forget that we have had friends along the way that have been blessings to us! We should never forget those that have treated us well, that have been kind to us, that have been loyal to us, and that have helped us overcome many things by being there with us!

If you have had those kinds of friends you should treasure them, and you should never forget those people that have been loyal to you. Loyalty is a commodity that we should never forget, but we should always treasure those that have been loyal to us especially when we know we have been hurt, we have been wounded, or we have been in crisis but we have had loyal friends show up for us.

That is what matters in our lives that we have those real friends! When we have real friends we know that we have been blessed, we have been helped, and we have been cared for! Think about that prayer partner, think about that person that helped you with finances or medical issues, don't forget those friends that have been there for you every moment!

Real love can't be taken away from us, and as long as we have those real people in our lives we need to treasure them every day! God is good!





<u>Job 27:3-4 ESV</u> <u>As long as my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils, [4] my lips will not</u> <u>speak falsehood, and my tongue will not utter deceit.</u>

<u>The Late Theologian Martin Luther once said this: "Faith is a living, daring confidence</u> in God's grace, so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times."

As long as you are in this world you will face trials and tribulations. When you are facing different trials in your life that is when you have to keep the faith! When you keep the faith, and when you grow in the Lord that is when you realize that the Lord is on your side then you know that the Lord is going to make sure that you are good!

There are times in our walk with the Lord that we will get crushed, we will get hurt, and we will get wounded but it is then that we will see that the Lord is going to make sure that we have our faith strong in Him! It is then that you make sure that you have to stand strong in your faith, and when you stand firm in your faith that is when you know that the Lord has your back!

I know that you get wounded sometimes, and I know that you get hurt sometimes but even through all of that don't forget that the Lord is with you, the Lord got you, and the Lord will be there! Don't leave the Lord just because things have been tough, but make sure that you keep on seeking the Lord and when you seek the Lord your faith in God will get you through the tough times and the challenges that present themselves!

God will never abandon you... don't abandon Him because He never changes His love for you! He loves you and don't you stop loving Him!

Pastor G. Chris Brown



1 Samuel 24:10 ESV

Behold, this day your eyes have seen how the LORD gave you today into my hand in the cave. And some told me to kill you, but I spared you. I said, 'I will not put out my hand against my lord, for he is the LORD's anointed.'

<u>The Late Great Preacher, Theologian, & Civil Rights Activist Martin Luther King Jr</u> once said this: "Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend."

Love is powerful, love is valuable, and love is real because as we look at love it is what we need in order for us to continue to be friends. David showed us that even though he could have killed Saul, he didn't because he knew that Saul was still God's anointed. It was knowing this that prevented David, from becoming a murderer because knowing that Saul was after him, the Lord still protected him.

That was the key of the matter is that David knew God was with him and Saul, and that is the same type of attitude that as believers that we should show as well! We should be loving to one another, we should be friends to one another, we should be kind to one another, and we should not want to hurt each other but we should want to help each other and be there for each other!

As we are focusing on the Lord, and as we are continuing to trust the Lord, we have to understand that the Lord watches our actions and our conducts to Him and to others. It is important for us to make sure that we are lifting each other up, and when we lift each other we will see that love will spread so deeply, and love will spread so firmly that nothing will be able to stop us because as long as you follow the Lord, and trust the Lord then love will always be there!

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<u>2 John 1:10-11 ESV</u>

If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house or give him any greeting, [11] for whoever greets him takes part in his wicked works.

<u>Pastor H. B. Charles Jr once said this: "A desire to preach without a burden to study is a desire to perform."</u>

We need the word of God as much as possible, because as we are following the Lord and as we are staying true to our walk with the Lord it is important to make sure that we are staying with the word of God, and that we have a desire to be fed the word of God. We don't need little word, or we don't need word that is not going to help us grow and change but we need the word of the Lord at all times, and we need to make sure that the word is always going forth!

Without the word we are like a car with no gas.... We aren't going anywhere! We need the full counsel of God, we need word that will keep us when our faith is tested, when we feel confused, and when we have word we don't entertain things that we know are not word. We need word that will give us a strong and stable foundation, and the word of God is to us what water is to grass, it is the substance that we need for nonstop growth!

We can't grow without the word of God, and we don't need word that will entertain but not be installed in us! The word has to be installed in us, and the word of God will always be an update daily that our faith will be updated, our lives will be updated, our prayer lives will be updated, and our worship will be updated and that is because of us being in the word!

Follow the word and you won't have to question the presence of God!

Pastor G. Chris Brown



Broadway MBC - Tree Of Life Inspirational Word Psalm 19:1 ESV

<u>The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.</u>

<u>The Late Great Theologian A. W. Tozer once said this: "If God gives you a few more years, remember, it is not yours. Your time must honor God, your home must honor God, your activity must honor God, and everything you do must honor God."</u>

Worshiping God is something that we are called to do, and we are built in the image of God to worship the Lord. We should never be people who don't worship the Lord, but we should be people who are always in the business of praising God, and one thing that we have to remember is that when we are praising the Lord we are wanting more of Him, we are desiring more of Him, and we want to be in His presence!

If the heavens and the earth can declare the glory of God then what is stopping you? What makes us not want to talk about the Lord or declare His glory, and what makes us not have the desire to share it? Are we nervous, are we afraid, or are timid but it is never a problem to share the good news of Jesus Christ, because we all are the beneficiaries of God's handiwork, because we all have been built by the Lord.

The Lord needs witnesses and are you willing to be a witness for the Lord every day of your life. Every day of your life you need to make sure that you are praising the Lord, and are always acknowledging the Lord because the Lord has been good to you, the Lord has been wonderful to you, the Lord has kept you, and because the Lord has done so much for you that ought to make you always worship and rejoice because God is good all of the time!

Praise the Lord for all of His blessings to you!

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Psalm 25:8-9 ESV Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. [9] He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

<u>The Late Great Theologian Charles Spurgeon once said this: "You will never glory in</u> <u>God till first of all God has killed your glorying in yourself."</u>

Following the Lord is a great thing, following the Lord is a blessing, and following the Lord has great implications. When we follow the Lord, and when we serve the Lord we realize and see that it is good for the Lord to keep us going, to save us, and to make us continue to follow Him because the Lord will always make our lives better and improved.

As you and I follow the Lord, there is something that we should never forget that we have a Savior in the Lord and when you know the Lord is your Savior, you know that the Lord will never lead you anywhere that He won't be in. I want to be led by the Lord, and because the Lord is the one that is doing the leading, I know that I am in good company, I know that I will be fine, and I know that I will be clean because I am following the Lord.

Make sure that you follow the Lord, and make sure that you continue to let the Lord do the leading in your life. The Lord has the best route for your life, and the Lord knows how to surround you with the right people, the right influences, and the right things that will not make your life falter but will make your life have meaning, have purpose, and have a sweet aroma of His love!

Follow the Lord and let the Lord direct you, and you will be the better for it!

Pastor G. Chris Brown



Psalm 18:21-22 ESV

For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God. [22] For all his rules were before me, and his statutes I did not put away from me.

<u>The Late Great Theologian & Preacher Charles Spurgeon once said this: "When your will is God's will, you will have your will."</u>

We should have a spirit of worship as always, and we should have a spirit of following the Lord because when we are following the Lord, we understand and we know that it is good to follow the will of the Lord, and not just following the will of the Lord you understand the importance of not getting on the wrong team.

Don't allow yourself to follow the wrong team, and don't allow yourself to entertain anything that you know isn't going to make us satisfied but will always have you scrambling for the next thing. Have you noticed that sometimes, in our lives that we can be more empty than full when there are times that we entertain things that are like an appetizer, that's all it is but not the full meal!

We need to always make sure that we follow the word of the Lord, and when we follow the word of the Lord and in following the word of the Lord we know that we are on the right level. The best level to be on is the level with the Lord, and as long as we follow the Lord and because we are following the Lord we know that we can be encouraged, that we can be full, and that we can be complete because we know that the power of the Lord will make us have a changed life and a more complete life because we know God is able!

God is able, and since we know that God is able there is always encouragement and there is always hope knowing that the Lord is going to make our lives whole and complete because we follow the Lord all of the time!





Psalm 96:1-2 ESV Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! [2] Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

<u>The Late Great Theologian & Preacher Dr. Martin Luther King Jr once said this: "I may</u> not be the man I want to be; I may not be the man I ought to be; I may not be the man I could be; I may not be the man I truly can be; but praise God, I'm not the man I once was."

Praise should be something that always has a meaning and purpose. When we are praising the Lord, we are doing it with a purpose and a reason, we should never not praise the Lord but we should always praise the Lord, and be thankful for whom the Lord has made and allowed us to be. We all go through various things, but it is always important and something we should never forget that we are where we are because of God's grace.

The grace of the Lord is why we are here, and the grace of the Lord is why we are alive and since we are the beneficiaries of His grace, then every day is another opportunity to sing and make a musical to the Lord because we know that the Lord is why we are here. You and I are alive and meant to praise the Lord the Lord, and we should never give God false praise but we should always give the Lord real and meaningful praise because He is worthy of it.

Is the Lord worthy to you? Where God ranks in your life shows in your praise, and if the Lord doesn't rank that high in your life your praise to Him won't be that meaningful. We need to always have meaningful worship to the Lord, and when we have meaningful worship to the Lord, and when we always acknowledge Him that will always make us complete, whole, and happy because of who we give our attention to!





Broadway MBC - Tree Of Life Inspirational Word Psalm 119:146 ESV I call to you; save me, that I may observe your testimonies.

<u>The Late Theologian A. W. Tozer once said this: "Nothing in or of this world measures up</u> to the simple pleasure of experiencing the presence of God."

It is important for us to not forget to make sure that we are following and calling out to the Lord. It is important for us to always remember that we can call on the Lord, and we should be glad that we have a Father that will save us, and that we have a Father that will keep us. The Lord will always keep us, and because the Lord is keeping us we should never neglect the Lord and we should be glad that the Lord is alive.

We have a living God, and because we have a living God that should make us always be encouraged, and that should always make us know that the Lord is good, the Lord is great, the Lord is grand, the Lord is everything, and the Lord is always for us. We have the Lord with us, and because we have the Lord we ought to be glad that the word of the Lord is with us, and because of the word of the Lord we can always be strong!

The reason we can be strong is because the Lord is with us, and because the Lord is with us we ought to know that we have hope, we have joy, we have peace, we have love, and we have a covering! The Lord is the covering that we need, and because the Lord is the covering that we need we can have hope, and we can always be encouraged because we know that the Lord will always help us, and the Lord will guide us and we have hope, and we have trust in Him that will never go away!





Psalm 119:113 ESV I hate the double-minded, but I love your law.

Former First Lady of the United States Michelle Obama once said this: "We learned about honesty and integrity - that the truth matters... that you don't take shortcuts or play by your own set of rules... and success doesn't count unless you earn it fair and square."

There is something that we need to have in our possession, and that is we need to always make sure that we have integrity, and that we need to always make sure that we are always following the word of the Lord. We need the word of the Lord, and because we have the word of the Lord we have to understand that it is important to not follow the wrong path, but we have to make sure that the path we are on is the path that the Lord is pleased with, and that we are pleasing Him.

When you realize and see that some stuff isn't right, it will make you realize and understand that some stuff I can't follow and some stuff I won't follow because there are some things that aren't good for me, and I also realize that I can't bring the wrong things to my spirit! Everything that looks good, isn't good because of the wrong spirits that can be attached to it.

We all have to decide what road we are going down, the road that we go down is the road that will provide us with the right guidance, the right mentality, the right mindset, and the right attitude! It is on us to be careful of the roads that we go down, and we do have to always understand that the Lord is watching us, but also that we should take our lives seriously, because why follow anything that isn't making me fulfilled but is making me have more unhappiness than happiness?

Watch your step! God will bless you, when you follow the word & His path!





Mark 11:24 ESV

<u>Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it</u> <u>will be yours.</u>

<u>The Late Theologian C. S. Lewis once said this: "An ordinary simple Christian kneels</u> down to say his prayers. He is trying to get into touch with God. But if he is a Christian he knows that what is prompting him to pray is also God: God, so to speak, inside him. But he also knows that all his real knowledge of God comes through Christ, the Man who was God – that Christ is standing beside him, helping him to pray, praying for him."

Prayer is real, and prayer is powerful because when we are praying to the Lord we are acknowledging our need for the Lord. When we follow the Lord, and when we are focused on the Lord, that is us opening our hearts and our minds to the Lord for the right direction for what the Lord is doing in our lives!

Don't neglect the Lord, and when you have the Lord it is good to submit to the Lord and when we are submitting to the Lord it is the Lord guiding me, it is the Lord leading me, and it is the Lord giving me strength to follow His path! Prayer is directing me to the Lord, and when I have the Lord in my life I'm motivated and determined to make sure that I follow the Lord, and in following the Lord I want more of the Lord.

When we are focused on the Lord, that is us making sure that we don't allow anything to get in our way that is going to stop us from living for Him! Prayer is making sure that I have the Lord, and as long as I have the Lord it is going to be joyous and strong because I have decided to follow the Lord, and in following the Lord I am focused on making sure that life is about the Lord!

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Broadway MBC - Tree Of Life Inspirational Word Psalm 66:19 ESV

But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

The Late Pastor, Preacher, & Author Charles Stanley once said this: "I'm convinced that the man who has learned to meditate upon the Lord will be able to run on his feet and walk in his spirit. Although he may be hurried by his vocation, that's not the issue. The issue is how fast his spirit is going. To slow it down takes a period of time."

We have to make sure that we are always in a season of prayer. As we walk with the Lord, and as we follow the Lord it is important to make sure that when we are praying to the Lord that we are having an intimate moment with the Lord. Don't rush the Lord, but make sure you are staying with the Lord, and following the Lord because prayer is not something that is weak but powerful.

Prayer keeps us grounded, prayer keeps us living, and prayer keeps moving with the Lord and not without the Lord. In life you see, that there are times that we make the wrong moves because of not always following the Lord, but when we follow the Lord and when we listen to the Lord that is when we know that we can always count on the Lord to direct us in the right path!

Prayer directs us! We need direction in this life, and when we have the direction from the Lord it is in that direction from the Lord, that we understand and know that with the Lord we have power, with the Lord we have strength, and with the Lord we have the power of knowing that the Lord will always take care of us, and keep us alive. Prayer allows us to follow God, trust God, and live for the Lord and it is great to know that when we have the Lord He will always keep us safe because of His love and grace for us!





Broadway MBC - Tree Of Life Inspirational Word <u>Psalm 119:153 ESV</u> Look on my affliction and deliver me, for I do not forget your law.

"In my deepest, darkest moments, what really got me through was a prayer. Sometimes my prayer was 'Help me.' Sometimes a prayer was 'Thank you.' What I've discovered is that intimate connection and communication with my creator will always get me through because I know my support, my help, is just a prayer away." - Iyanla Vanzant

Prayer is powerful, prayer is strong, and prayer will always be a comfort to us! However there are times that we have had to pray desperation prayers, because when we follow the Lord and when we trust in the Lord we also have those moments in life when we are buried with emotions! Life can be emotional whether it is: "Sickness, death, financial trouble, injuries, or even physical ailments or other problems."

Nobody can avoid problems, and problems do come to us all but that is when we have to understand the power of prayer and the power of turning to the Lord! The power of the Lord is strong, the power of the Lord is resounding, and the power of the Lord is comforting because it reminds us that we are not alone. We are not alone, no matter how it feels and no matter what we experience we are not alone.

That is good news for all of us to remember that we aren't alone! You can feel low, you can feel down, or you can feel hopeless but don't let those feelings keep you down because when we pray and we talk to the Lord that is when the Lord will revive us because we know that the Lord hasn't left us. The Lord hasn't left you, and the Lord won't ignore you but He will always be there to get you over the hump!

We all face some tough hurdles, but don't stop going and focusing on the Lord because the Lord will give you strength to survive and to live!





Psalm 17:1 ESV Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry! Give ear to my prayer from lips free of <u>deceit!</u>

Saint Teresa of Avila once said this: "For prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God."

Prayer can be emotional, and prayer is a reality that we do realize that when we are praying to the Lord, we understand that through prayer it is good that we can always contact the Lord, that we can seek the Lord, and we know that the Lord is attentive to our prayers because we do understand that we need the direction of the Lord.

It is important to have the direction of the Lord in our lives, and when we have the direction of the Lord in our lives the Lord knows how to keep us from walking down some wrong roads, and the Lord will keep us from speaking and saying things that aren't clean. We need the Lord to clean us, and we need the Lord to guide us and when we have the Lord in our hearts, that is when we will be fulfilled, and we will be complete because we prayed to the Lord for His guidance!

Prayer does make us be honest with the Lord, and when we are honest with the Lord and when we know that the Lord is there for us we do realize and understand the importance of making our requests known to God. We do understand that it is important to follow the Lord, and not only that but make sure that you keep the right words in your mouth!

Prayer corrects me, and prayer makes me want the Lord, and because I want the Lord to be the leader of my life I should pray for His guidance and His directions for my life to be whole and to be spirit filled!

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Broadway MBC - Tree Of Life Inspirational Word <u>Psalm 3:4 ESV</u> I cried aloud to the LORD, and he answered me from his holy hill. Selah

<u>The Late Theologian E. M. Bounds once said this: "God shapes the world by prayer. The</u> <u>more praying there is in the world the better the world will be, the mightier the forces</u> <u>against evil."</u>

As we look at the Lord, we should always know that the Lord is the one that will always sustain us and the Lord is the one that will always make us strong. We are strong because we follow the Lord, we are strong because we focus on the Lord, and we are strong because we have chosen to make sure that we are seeking the Lord. Prayer is seeking the Lord when you know you are weak, and being able to humble yourself to admit your weakness but abide in his strength.

A football player that gets strong is because they lift weights, you see a football player that is built with a strong body that is because they have chosen to put the time in the weight room. It can be a linebacker, running back, offensive lineman, or a cornerback, they are strong because they put the time in, and that is making them better at the position that they are in because they have made it known that they want, to be their best selves in order for that to happen.

That is the power of prayer, because when a person is praying and is sincere in their prayers they are making themselves prepared, and they are allowing themselves to say that in order for me to be better I must understand that I need to be prepared. Prayer is me knowing that I know who I can go to, I know who I can trust in, and I know who I can rely on because prayer is the power that connects me to the source that never dies.

Always pray, and watch how the Lord will always take care of you!





<u>Mark 12:30-31 ESV</u>

And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' [31] The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

The Late Great Author Charles Dickens once said this: "A loving heart is the truest wisdom."

Jesus is the reason, and because of Jesus we have to always be full of love. The Lord has never been a God of hate, and because the Lord is not a God of hate that should never be us. We can't love the Lord , and then not love each other because as we are followers of the Lord it is important to make sure that we are always following the Lord, and when we love each other the love of Christ will always go forward.

We have to always trust in the Lord, and we have to always be of good cheer and be friends and neighbors to each other. The Lord doesn't like us to be against each other, the Lord loves it when we are together and it is important for us to be together and it is for us to always show love that doesn't leave us.

Following the Lord we are called to love the Lord which we should, and then not only loving the Lord but we do have to love each other and we should always be kind to each other. We need to show the love of Christ daily, because Jesus is love and since we know that Jesus is love, we need to always show love, because if we aren't loving then we are not being pleasing in the eyes of the Lord!

Make sure that you are showing love to each other, and love will never fail because love always lives and that is because we practice what we profess and love is always real! Love each other!





Broadway MBC - Tree Of Life Inspirational Word <u>Psalm 119:111 ESV</u> Your testimonies are my heritage forever, for they are the joy of my heart.

<u>The Late Great Shawnee Warrior Chief Tecumseh once said this: "When you rise in the</u> <u>morning, give thanks for the light, for your life, for your strength. Give thanks for your</u> <u>food and for the joy of living. If you see no reason to give thanks, the fault lies in yourself."</u>

Let us always give thanks! Giving thanks isn't something that we do because it is something that is forced on us, but rather giving thanks is something that we do because of the heart that resides in us for the Lord! You should always have a heart to rejoice, and you should have a heart that is always about lifting up the name of the Lord because you know that the Lord is there, the Lord is good, the Lord is present, and every day we live is a day to thank the Lord.

Look around you, and when you look around you and see all of the things that the Lord has and continues to do it should make you thankful, it should make you happy, and it should make you always have a spirit of rejoicing. When you have a spirit of rejoicing, it will always make you have a reason to praise the Lord because the Lord continues to bless us, and as we continue to follow the Lord it will make you thankful!

Every day is a day to thank the Lord! Thank you Lord is not hard, but when you thank the Lord it is good to thank the Lord. We should thank the Lord for every blessing, we should thank God for how He has blessed us, and we should thank the Lord for everything that the Lord continues to provide for us!

God is good, and God is worthy to be praised! Let us never neglect the Lord, but let us always worship and praise Him for all of His blessings!





Broadway MBC - Tree Of Life Inspirational Word <u>Psalm 34:1 ESV</u> I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

<u>Preacher & Songwriter Tim Hughes said this: "Worship must be – Christ centered, Holy</u> <u>Spirit led, a Response to the Father, about Intimacy and Service and always lead to</u> <u>Transformation!"</u>

As we continue to live in this life, and as we continue to follow the Lord let us never neglect the power of worship and let us never forget what it means to worship! We worship the Lord because we know that the Lord is good, and we know that the Lord is there with us all of the time, and we know that the Lord will always take care of us but real worship understands that I can worship in the darkness just like I do in the brightness.

Worship to the Lord brings a fire to us that can't be blowed out, worship is like writing in a journal it is personal to you, but it makes you feel complete and at home, and worship is like being in your own personal room in your house it is a personal space that you occupy and nobody else can bother you or get in. When we praise the Lord, and when we worship the Lord, that is us lifting up the name of the Lord, and that is us depending on the Lord and making sure that we are always praising Him for His goodness.

The Lord has our heart, and when the Lord has your heart it will come out in your worship irregardless of what goes on around you, when you know that your heart is in the right hands that will produce unwavering praise. Don't stop praising the Lord, but always lift up His name, and in lifting up His name it gives you rejuvenation, it gives you lasting joy, and it gives unwavering faith because you know that the Lord is mighty, the Lord is precious, and the Lord is always for us! Praise is the key!





Broadway MBC - Tree Of Life Inspirational Word Psalm 105:2 ESV

Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

The Late Great Theologian A. W. Tozer once said this: "I can safely say, on the authority of all that is revealed in the Word of God, that any man or woman on this earth who is bored and turned off by worship is not ready for heaven."

As we are embarking on Thanksgiving and Christmas, there is something that we shouldn't stop doing and that is praising the Lord because we know that the Lord is good to us, and the Lord has and will always keep us going and has kept us alive. Think about your life, and think about how the Lord has blessed you this year, it should make you always have a reason to praise Him, and a reason to rejoice when you know that the Lord has and is good to you.

Are you thankful for the life that the Lord has given you? Are you thankful for how the Lord has blessed you this year? This year has had ups and downs, but you should thank the Lord that the Lord is the one that has never left you this year because you have gone through personal battles, tough battles, and troubles but through all of that the Lord is the one that has still blessed you and kept you!

There should always be a loud voice in you! As much as the Lord has and is doing for you, you should always make a loud noise because when you think about the goodness of the Lord you ought to make a loud noise. You should make a loud noise, having the presence of the Lord with you, and since the presence of the Lord is with you and hasn't departed from you, don't allow your praise to depart from Him!

Praise God all of the time, and don't waste time not praising Him!

Pastor G. Chris Brown



<u>John 3:16 ESV</u> <u>"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him</u> <u>should not perish but have eternal life.</u>

Baseball legend Albert Pujols once said this: "If it weren't for Jesus, I would not be where I am today and my life would be without purpose. I've heard kids say they want to be just like me when they grow up. They should know I want to be just like Jesus."

December is a blessed month for various reasons, when we look at Christmas trees, spending time with family, enjoying holiday treats, and of course the Chrstmas music which is cool. All of those things are enjoyable, but none of those things can replace the best thing about December and every year that we live and this is Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ is the reason why we are here, Jesus Christ is the reason why we are alive, Jesus Christ is the reason why we have been redeemed, Jesus Christ is why we have been able to make it through our sins. Jesus Christ is why we always have something to praise and worship about, and that is something that we don't need to forget this season, because Jesus lives, Jesus is real, and Jesus is our Savior!

This Christmas season I know you will enjoy many things, but whatever you do please don't forget the main thing this season and that is Jesus Christ. Jesus is the main reason, jesus is the main objective, and Jesus is the main purpose, and we should never forget that we are here because of Jesus Christ, and as we continue to follow the Lord and live for the Lord make this season of time of celebrating Jesus, share the Gospel this season, and pray that somebody that doesn't know Jesus Christ will come to know Him!

Jesus is the Message, Song, Praise, & Star!

Pastor G. Chris Brown



Matthew 2:19-20 ESV

But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, [20] saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead."

This is always a great story to always remember during the Christmas season, that even though Herod wanted to kill Jesus it didn't happen. Herod died, and Jesus lived and because Jesus lived look at what we have! We have redemption, we have life, we have love, we have been changed, we have been set free, we have been given another chance, and the Lord continues to allow us to be here!

The Lord always shows us through the actions of Herod, that nothing will stop the Lord from taking care of His child and an enemy can be put to rest when you don't fight the enemy, but when you know you are right the Lord is watching and the Lord knows how to take care of a Herod. Don't ever allow yourself to forget who you are, and when you know who you are it makes it better and calmer for you because you realize and know that I am going to follow the Lord's path, I'm going to do what God says, and I won't forget Him!

Have you ever noticed how the Lord always gives us signs.... Don't ignore the signs that the Lord has given you and has shown you! The Lord indeed gives us all signs to heed to and to follow, and it is on us to follow the signs because the Lord won't ever allow us to be in something that we don't have to be if we listen to Him! It is always about listening to Him, and when we listen to Him, and when we follow His word and His example that is when we know that the Lord indeed won't forget about us, but the Lord will always take care of us and will grant us the right steps because we follow and trust in Him!

Pastor G. Chris Brown



<u>Luke 2:49 ESV</u> And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in <u>my Father's house?"</u>

<u>The Late Great Theologian A. W. Tozer once said this: "The victorious Christian neither</u> <u>exalts nor downgrades himself. His interests have shifted from self to Christ."</u>

Jesus is great, Jesus is Lord, Jesus is wonderful, Jesus is amazing, and Jesus is terrific! We all have so much to be thankful for, and we all have so much to be grateful for especially when we think about Jesus Christ and what He means to us and for us. There is also something that we should never forget, that when you think about Jesus it is great to know that Jesus was committed to the Lord. Being committed to the Lord, is not a small thing but it is a precious thing and something that we should always follow.

How committed are you to the Lord, and as we look at Jesus being our Savior and being our Lord we must never forget that the Church indeed belongs to Jesus and since the Church belongs to Jesus we need to always understand that we have to be serious about the mission of Christ. We have to be serious about ministry, we have to be serious about evangelism, we have to be serious about discipleship, we have to be serious about serving, and we have to be serious about love.

We aren't here to just sit down, but we are here to work and serve and do the work of Christ. Everybody can do something, but you must also know what is your spiritual gift, and before you decide to do something make sure you prayed to the Lord, because the Lord always knows exactly where you fit! The Lord knows what is best for us all, and since the Lord knows what is best for us all, let us never forget that the Lord's Church will always last, and we all have something to give and something to offer because we are following the Lord.



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