

“God Is On Our Side!”

Psalm 124:1-8 NIV

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

Thank you so much for visiting our website! Here is an excerpt of my notes from Pastor A.J.'s sermon, “God Is On Our Side!”

We pray this Message will bless you the way it blessed us! Please come back again next week for more from “LaKesha’s Pen” with another inspiring message from our Pastor.

Yours in Christ,

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Thinking back over your life, where has God brought you from? When you take time to reflect on what God has done for you this will lead you up to praise. Praising God is taking the time to express thanksgiving, love and respect for who He is and what He has done. This must be something you develop. Like with anything that you learn to do building this confidence in God is no different. It will take time and effort on your part but if you are willing God will be ever present to meet you and help you through!

Step 1: Reflect on how good God has been to you!

Satan uses all of the same tricks. He accuses! He accuses you to God and vice versa God to you. He accuses other people to you such as your spouse, your children, other family members and friends even your co-workers. He takes advantage of unfavorable circumstances and uses it to cause strife in your relationship with others. God is bigger than your circumstances! God has always taken care of you! When you meet the next issues in your life don't get amnesia. There have been

other difficult situations that you have faced and you made it through. God's desire is for you to get to know Him. In every difficulty you face there is the opportunity for God to show you how good God is. He is the God of making the impossible possible! He wants you to grow in your confidence in Him. Your confidence will develop over time as you progressively develop a deeper relationship with God. In all new relationships there is a certain amount of uncertainty. For example in a marriage, when it's new you feel like every little thing is going to cause a break up but overtime those fears subside. Don't allow these small afflictions stop your relationship with Christ. Solomon wrote there is a time for everything (**See Ecclesiastes 3**). Then in the New Testament Paul expresses that he finds contentment in every situation, this is the ability to be satisfied in spite of outward circumstances through an inner knowing the Almighty God is on your side!

Step 2: Rehearse Worship (Practice makes perfect)

I have read that that it takes 10,000 hours to become a master at any skill. When you practice the thing that you are learning it becomes second nature. It becomes natural to you. Who do you call? You should be seeking God every day and all day. Learn and practice calling on God in every situation. Before seeking any outside source such as family and friends, call on God! When you begin to practice this you are learning to be responsive. Being responsive is a way of reacting quickly in a positive way. You will learn how God wants you to respond to situations. God wants you to live beyond how you feel. Begin practicing, do this because it is vital and necessary in your success of being a joyous Christian. Calling on the Lord should be a daily call you make. He should be the first person you make contact with before your feet hit the floor in the mornings. It can be as simple as you saying to yourself while still in bed "Lord, thank you for keeping me safe while I slept and I invite you into this new day. Be my lead and guide throughout this day. Thank you!" What are you rehearsing? Are you rehearsing and meditating on your problems? Do you find yourself saying to others "If it ain't one thing then it's another!" "Every time I take one step forward I get knocked two steps back." Rehearse or meditate on God's word. What does He say in His word about His perfect love for you and the plans that He has laid out and predestined for you to fulfill. (**Jeremiah 1:4-5**) You often find that you have treated God in times past like He was optional. You must learn that He is the only option! Having a deeper relationship with God is the only option

you have. God responds to faith. Though He cares about your circumstance that's not what moves Him. What moves God into action is your faith/confidence and trusting Him to do what He said He will do. Be proactive! Joyce Meyer said it this way..."If you only call on God when you are in desperate situations then you will find yourself in desperate situations all of the time. If you call on God as if you were desperate all of the time then you will find yourself in less desperate situations." God's desire is to be in relationship with you and if touching your circumstances is the only way He can get your attention, He will do just that. It's better to volunteer than to be drafted. Remember where you come from. He has a purpose for your life and it will have an eternal effect impacting generations to come. Remember why you're here. Deal with where you are. What is your plan to make change?
(Romans 12:2)

Step 3: Rejoice (Learn how to enjoy life)

Every day will be new and different. You must learn to enjoy the journey! Learn to live your life daily and look for God's love every day in the simplest tasks. He has created you to make a difference in the lives of those around you. Take ownership! Remove negativity practice being joyful. Live your life to the fullest. Don't wait until you get to Heaven, enjoy NOW! Enjoy today! Jesus will always see about you. He always tends to His sheep. There is a new and fresh powerful anointing available for you every morning. You must be willing to pay the cost. Don't pay a high price to live low. If you begin to make the sacrifices God is asking you to make now you will find that you never lose in God's economy. For everything that He asks you to let go of He returns back to you and then some. He is available and willing to help you accomplish this very thing. Satan may have tried to devise a diabolical plan to destroy you. The great news is God has already prepared you to handle whatever Satan tries to throw at you. In **Acts 16:16-40**, there is told the story of Paul and Silas. They had a choice to make. They could've decided to allow their circumstances to steal their praise and faith in God or they could rejoice knowing God's love and protection for them was greater. They rejoiced in their great God! They saw supernatural deliverance. In this same way you have a choice. Choose His way not your way. Just step out! Peter stepped out of the boat and did the supernatural, he walked on water. He made the commitment and followed through no matter how scary the situation was. Be committed to having a deeper personal relationship with

God. Jesus tells us to seek God first and His right way of doing things and all other things you desire will be added to you. (**Matthew 6:33**) In this life we will have trouble, there will always be issues. The good news is God will always be with you in your issues.